

## LIA NALBANTIDOU

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Independent Photographer, Practicing Artist & Photography Educator based in Thessaloniki - Greece

- Postgraduate Program *Project Area Body*, Internationale Frauenuniversität, University of Hannover, Germany (2000)
- Internship at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC (1992)
- Internship at the Leo Castelli Gallery (578 Broadway), NYC (1991)
- Internship at the Baron / Boisanté Editions, NYC (1991)
- Internship at the Cheryl Pelavin Editions, NYC (1991)
- BFA in Photography, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, Ohio, USA (1991)

## GRANTS / SHORTLISTS / RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Artists' Residency Crete Photo Experience, Thalori Traditional Village, Crete  
2016 Shortlist: Encontros da Imagem Photobook Market, Braga, Portugal  
2015 Artists' Residency (Photography Edition), Eagles Palace Hotel, Chalkidiki  
2014 Research Grant: C-So-Seen Educational Platform, J.F.Costopoulos Foundation & Alpha Bank, Athens  
2013 Shortlist: Fotobookfestival Kassel Dummy Award - 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Germany  
2001 Book Publication Grant, J.F. Costopoulos Foundation & Alpha Bank, Athens  
2000 Artists' Residency, Stiftelsen Kulturhuset USF, Bergen (European City of Culture), Norway  
2000 Scholarship, Internationale Frauenuniversität, Hannover, Germany  
1997 DB Architekturbild Distinction, Stuttgart, Germany  
1991-87 Grant-in-Aid (Student financial aid), The Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus – Ohio, USA

## COMMISSIONS

- 2010 *Inauguration Ceremony*, Onassis Cultural Centre, Athens [For the Onassis Cultural Centre's inauguration in Athens]  
- Original Photography Production & Photography Exhibition by Lia Nalbantidou & Stratos Kalafatis  
- Concept & Design by Michael Marmarinos <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSn6GuUleRs>>
- 2007 *Gruppenporträt Einer Stadt: Deutsch-Griechische Zusammenarbeit im Heutigen Thessaloniki (Vertraute Fremde)*, Goethe-Institut, Thessaloniki  
[Original Photography Production & Photography Exhibition for the Goethe-Institut, Thessaloniki, on the occasion of the German Presidency of the EU]
- 2006 *Vie Commune, Salonique! ÇaVa? One Century, One School, One Mission*, Institut Français de Thessalonique & Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki  
[Original Photography Production & Photography Exhibition for the 100 Years of the French Institute in Thessaloniki]

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Urban Secret Garden – A Reading*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens < <https://vimeo.com/422506179> >
- 2019 *Urban Secret Garden – A Reading*, National Bank of Greece Cultural Foundation - Villa Kapandji, Thessaloniki  
< [http://360viewer.gr/Artist/Lia\\_Nalbantidou/Urban\\_Secret\\_Garden.html?fbclid=IwAR28rR0z9EKJ-4togyLneFajztjd7WWuk6mOPZ72IEYhC0jHqzaQA0dqA4s](http://360viewer.gr/Artist/Lia_Nalbantidou/Urban_Secret_Garden.html?fbclid=IwAR28rR0z9EKJ-4togyLneFajztjd7WWuk6mOPZ72IEYhC0jHqzaQA0dqA4s) >
- 2003 *The Secure, Private Domain of My Home (1996-2001) - Zero to Five*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens  
1999 *The Secure Private Domain of My Home*, Artissima - 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Palazzo Nervi, Turin, Italy  
1996 *New Images*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens  
1995 *New Images*, Photosynkyria - 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, Alli Poli Gallery, Thessaloniki

- 1993 *Recordings: The Train as a Metaphor*, Photosynkryria - 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, OASTH Bus Stops, Thessaloniki  
1993 *Studies 1-7*, Alli Poli Gallery, Thessaloniki

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *All Together Now*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens < <http://art-tounta.gr/info/all-together-now/> >  
2020 *Layers / Επιπεδα / Schichten*, Kunstmuseum, Bochum < <https://www.kunstmuseumbochum.de/ausstellung-veranstaltung/details/layers-επιπεδα-schichten/?fbclid=IwAR3hrDD76E7JjB7fP6CYSgmBNqhjcanLOoZJjwDgo3KR3lvOEoeO4ySgpmE> >  
2018 *Aspects of Balkan Artists' books*, Art Thessaloniki – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, HELEXPO, Thessaloniki  
2018 *Photographe, between the Visual and the Literary*, Benaki Museum, Athens  
2017 *Local Stories*, DL Gallery, Piraeus  
2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Athens Photo Festival - 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Benaki Museum Pireos Annexe, Athens  
2017 *Artists's books for everything*, Weserburg Museum of Modern Art - Zentrum für Künstlerpublikationen, Bremen  
2014 *Ano Poli: A stroll in the city*, Municipal Art Gallery, Thessaloniki  
2014 *LogosV - City Narratives*, Photobiennale - Museum of Photography / Museum of Byzantine Culture, Thessaloniki  
2014 *Tempus Ritualis*, Contemporary Art Center, Thessaloniki // Galerie am Körnerpark, Berlin  
2012 *Spiti*, Kethea Diavasi, Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki  
2011 *Spiti*, Kethea Diavasi, Technopolis (Gazi), Athens  
2009 *Face to Faces*, Thessaloniki Biennale of Contemporary Art - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki  
2005 *Circum(de)scribed Worlds*, International Month of Photography - 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, Athens  
2004 *Circum(de)scribed Worlds*, Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin//Galerie der Stadt Sindelfinden, Stuttgart//Stadtgalerie, Kiel//Hallescher Kunstverein, Halle, Germany  
2004 *Self Aboutness: Contemporary Greek Photography*, ARCO Madrid, Canal Isabel II, Madrid  
2003 *Brave New World*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens  
2003 *Repositories of Time*, Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki  
2003 *Free Transit (?)*, [for the European Summit], Zappeion Megaron, Athens//Porto Carras Grand Resort, Chalkidiki  
2003 *Art Athina - 11<sup>th</sup> Edition*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens  
2003 *Acquisitions 2001-2002 - Photography and Video*, EMST National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens  
2002 *The Spirit of Family: Photographic Approaches*, Photographic Centre of Skopelos, Skopelos Island  
2001 *Territoires/Communautés*, Rethymnon Center of Contemporary Art, Crete Island  
2001 *Image and Icon: The New Greek Photography 1975-1995*, Marché Bonsecours, Montreal  
2000 *Image and Icon: The New Greek Photography 1975-1995*, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto//Karsh-Masson Gallery, Ottawa  
2000 *Image and Icon: The New Greek Photography 1975-1995*, X-Centrum, Pilzen//Moravian Gallery, Brno  
2000 *BIG Torino: Biennale Internationale Arte Giovane*, Cavalerizza, Turin  
2000 *Art Athina - 8<sup>th</sup> Edition*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens  
2000 *Territoires/Communautés*, Galerie du Chateau d'Eau, Toulouse  
2000 *Territoires/Communautés*, Photographic Center of Skopelos, Skopelos Island//Municipal Art Gallery - G.I.Katsigras Museum, Larissa  
2000 *Got You under my Skin*, Forum of Keen Art Gallery, Thessaloniki  
1999 *Inside/Outside*, Robert Mann Gallery, NYC  
1998 *Aspects De La Photographie Hellenique*, Septembre de la Photo, Atelier D'Art Contemporain, Nice, France  
1998 *Image and Icon: The New Greek Photography 1975-1995*, Rethymnon Centre for Contemporary Art, Crete//Royal Photographic Society, Bath, UK  
1997 *Image and Icon: The New Greek Photography 1975-1995*, Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki  
1997 *Image and Icon: The New Greek Photography 1975-1995*, Mesiac Fotografie, Bratislava, Slovakia  
1997 *Architektur schwarzweiß | Architecture in Black-and-White*, Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, Germany  
1997 *Art Athina - 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens

## PHOTOBOOK EVENTS

- 2020 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Athens Art Book Fair / 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (*The Local Edition*): Kypseli Municipal Market
- 2019 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Athens Art Book Fair / 1<sup>st</sup> Edition: Stoa Kairi
- 2019 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Miss Read, The Berlin Art Book Fair - 11<sup>th</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Platforms Project 2018 – 5<sup>th</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
Athens School of Fine Arts
- 2018 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs, European Culture Days: Thessaloniki | The Facets of a City Finissage (cur. Dr. I.Siehe): a photobook presentation, Museum Europäischer Kulturen SMB, Berlin, Germany [solo]***
- 2018 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Thessaloniki Contemporary Art Fair/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
HELEXPO, Thessaloniki
- 2018 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Miss Read, The Berlin Art Book Fair - 10<sup>th</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Istanbul Photobook Festival - 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Thessaloniki International Book Fair - 15<sup>th</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
HELEXPO, Thessaloniki
- 2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, 8<sup>a</sup> Feira do Livro de Fotografia de Lisboa, Portugal
- 2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Thessaloniki Contemporary Art Fair/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
HELEXPO, Thessaloniki
- 2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Artists' Books Mini Market, Weserburg Museum of Modern Art - Zentrum für Künstlerpublikationen, Bremen
- 2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Miss Read, The Berlin Art Book Fair - 9<sup>th</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs, Miss Read Offstage public platform: a photobook presentation, HKW Berlin Germany [solo]***
- 2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Thessaloniki International Book Fair - 14<sup>th</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens  
HELEXPO, Thessaloniki
- 2017 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Foto Gang - 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Fondazione Studio Marangoni Gallery, Florence, Italy
- 2016 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Fiebre Photobook - 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Matadero - Casa Del Lector, Madrid, Spain
- 2016 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Encontros da Imagem Festival/25<sup>th</sup> Edition - Photobook Market (Shortlisted), Braga - Portugal
- 2016 *Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, Art Athina - 21<sup>st</sup> Edition: represented by Cube Art Editions Athens
- 2013 *Urban Secret Garden – why the night (photobook dummy)*, Book Storage & The Tokyo Art Book Fair, Kyoto University of Art & Design /  
Tohoku University of Art & Design Exhibition Halls, Hagiso, Tokyo
- 2013 *Urban Secret Garden – why the night (photobook dummy)*, Milan Image Art Fair, Superstudio Più, Milan
- 2013 *Urban Secret Garden – why the night (photobook dummy)*, Photoireland, Moxie Studios, Dublin

- 2013 *Urban Secret Garden – why the night* (photobook dummy), Le Bal, Paris  
 2013 *Urban Secret Garden – why the night* (photobook dummy), 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Fotobookfestival Kassel Dummy Award (Shortlisted), Documenta Halle, Kassel

#### CONTEMPORARY ART & PHOTOBOOK COLLECTIONS

- 2019 J.F.Costopoulos Foundation Art Library Collection, Athens  
 2018 Gulbenkian Art Library, Lisbon, Portugal  
 < [https://www.bibliartepac.gulbenkian.pt/ipac20/ipac.jsp?aspect=basic\\_search&index=.GW&ipp=20&menu=search&npp=20&profile=baen&ri=1&spp=20&term=urban+secret+garden](https://www.bibliartepac.gulbenkian.pt/ipac20/ipac.jsp?aspect=basic_search&index=.GW&ipp=20&menu=search&npp=20&profile=baen&ri=1&spp=20&term=urban+secret+garden) >  
 2017 Benaki Museum, Photographic Archives, Athens  
 2017 Zentrum für Künstlerpublikationen, Weserburg Museum of Modern Art, Bremen  
 2017 Fondazione Studio Marangoni Library, Florence, Italy  
 2016 Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University, New Haven, USA < <https://orbis.library.yale.edu/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=13408566> >  
 2016 National Superior School of Photography Library, Arles, France  
 2016 Encontros da Imagem Photobook Library, Braga, Portugal  
 2016 Aperture Library, NYC, USA  
 2016 Turma's Library, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 2013 Photolreland Foundation Collection, Dublin, Ireland < <http://collection.photoireland.org/?s=LIA+NALBANTIDOU> >  
 2003 Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki  
 2001 National Museum of Contemporary Art - EMST, Athens < <http://collection.emst.gr/?s=αλμπαντίδου> >  
 1997 Architekturbild EV, Stuttgart < <http://demo.six.de/kunden/archbild/sixcms/detail.php?id=1704> >

#### PUBLICATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2019 *Artists' books for everything*, ed. Dr. Anne Thurmann-Jajes, Bremen: Centre for Artists' Publications, Weserburg Museum of Modern Art  
 ISBN: 978-3-946059-14-1 < <https://weserburg.de/produkt/artists-books-for-everything/> >  
 2019 *A city of Female Gender: 60 years anniversary publication*, eds. H.Papaioannou & E.Radi, Thessaloniki: Tzimas Cosmetics  
 2018 *Aspects of Balkan Photography*, ed. T.Raptis, Photography Center of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki: Eneken  
 2017 *Maps – A contemporary view on the Mediterranean area: Urban Secret Garden – a trilogy book of photographs*, ed. T.Malavenda & I.Crosta  
 Editorial on line #13 / June 2017 < <https://www.maps-magazine.com/editorials/> >  
 2016 **Lia Nalbantidou, *Urban Secret Garden: a trilogy book of photographs*, self-publication, 2013, 162 pages [Photo-Book: text & photos by the artist]**  
 2015 Eagles Palace Artists in Residence: H as in Hotel – *an effort of reinstating the personal archive*, ed. T. Karafyllidou, Thessaloniki  
 2014 *Ano Poli: A stroll in the city*, Municipal Art Gallery, ed. H.Papaioannou, Thessaloniki: University Studio Press  
 2014 *Hypergraphia, the writings of David Sylvian 1980 -2014*, ed. David Sylvian, Brighton,UK: Modo Design  
 2013 **Lia Nalbantidou, *Urban Secret Garden: Why the Night*, self-publication, 2013, 76 pages [Photo-Book: text & photos by the artist] (Shortlisted)**

for the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Kassel Dummy Award, Germany) < <http://issuu.com/monochrom/docs/4c839515ay075873m?e=2097834/4196196> >

- 2011 *Spiti*, ed. D. Zacharopoulos, Athens: Kethea Diavasi
- 2009 *Face to Faces*, Thessaloniki Biennale of Contemporary Art - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, ed. A. Grammatikopoulou, Thessaloniki: Museum of Photography
- 2008 *Contemporary Greek Photography: A Century in Thirty Years*, ed. K. Ioannidis. Athens: Futura
- 2006 *Salonique!ÇaVa?*, eds. A. Grammatikopoulou & V. Ioakimidis, Thessaloniki: Museum of Photography & Zitros Publications
- 2006 Lia Nalbantidou, "Time interrupted," in *Positive Charges: MRI Project*, eds. T. Misiriloglou & V. Amanatidis, Thessaloniki: Contemporary Art Center of Thessaloniki
- 2004 *Zeitgenössische Fotokunst Aus Griechenland*, eds. A. Tolnay & H. Papaioannou, Berlin: Neuer Berliner Kunstverein
- 2004 Lia Nalbantidou, "The Secure, Private Domain of My Home (1996-2001) – As Mother, As Daughter: The Toddler Years and into Childhood," in *Corporealities: In(ter)ventions in an omnipresent topic*, eds. "Body Project," Königstein/Taunus: Ulrike Helmer Verlag,
- 2004 *Self-Aboutness: Fotografia Griega Contemporanea*, ARCO Madrid, ed. M. Karra, Madrid: Comunidad de Madrid & Athens: Hellenic Ministry of Culture
- 2003 *Free Transit (?)*, ed. N. Argyropoulou, Athens: Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Greek EU Presidency
- 2003 *Repositories of Time*, ed. K. Antoniadis, Thessaloniki: Museum of Photography
- 2003 *The Power of Visual Logos: Greek Women Artists 1990-2000*, ed. Dr. Z. Kosmidou. Athens: International Center for the Arts and Nature
- 2002 *The Spirit of Family: Photographic Approaches*, ed. V. Ioakimidis, Skopelos: Municipality of Skopelos & Hellenic Ministry of Culture
- 2002 **Lia Nalbantidou, *The Secure, Private Domain of My Home (1996-2001) - Zero to Five*, Athens: Cube Art Editions, 2002, 64 pages [Photo-Book: text & photos by the artist] <[http://www.cubearteditions.com/\\_books/Lia\\_Nalbantidou\\_1.html](http://www.cubearteditions.com/_books/Lia_Nalbantidou_1.html)>**
- 2000 *BIG Torino*, ed. Denis Curti, Turin: Edizioni Lindau
- 2000 *Got You under My Skin*, Thessaloniki: Forum of Keen Art Gallery
- 1999 *Territoires/Communautés*, ed. V. Ioakimidis, Toulouse: Galerie Municipal du Chateau d' Eau
- 1998 *Inside/Outside*, Blind Spot no.12, ed. Kim Zorn Caputo, NYC < <https://www.blindspot.com/> >
- 1998 *Aspects de la Photographie Hellénique*, Septembre de la Photo, ed. V. Ioakimidis. Nice: Municipality of Nice & Hellenic Ministry of Culture
- 1997 *Architektur Schwarzweiss: Europäischer Architekturfotografie – Preis 1997, DB Architekturbild*, ed. W. Dechau, Stuttgart: Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt
- 1997 *Image and Icon: The New Greek Photography 1975-1995*, ed. J. Stathatos, Thessaloniki: Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art
- 1996 **Lia Nalbantidou, *New Images 2: Of Self and Space*, self-publication, 1996, 32 pages [Exhibition Catalogue: text by C. Cafopoulos]**
- 1995 Lia Nalbantidou, [untitled text and photos], in *New Images*, Photosynkyria - 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, ed. A. Georgiou, Thessaloniki: Camera Obscura
- 1993 Lia Nalbantidou, [untitled text and photos], in *Recordings: The Train as a Metaphor*, Photosynkyria - 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, ed. A. Georgiou, Thessaloniki: Camera Obscura

## REVIEWS & ARTICLES

- Papadimitropoulos, Panayotis. "In widening the boundaries" *Photographos Magazine* 07/2019
- Dimitriadis, Andrea. "Vertraute Fremde: Deutsch- griechische Zusammenarbeit." *Griechenland Zeitung* 31/01/2007
- Kuleli, Berna. " Evimizin Güvenli Özel Alanından: fotoğraf dünyasına bir aylasım." *Genis Aci Photography Magazine* (Istanbul) no.37 15/09-15/11/2004
- Nalbantidou, Lia. "The Secure, Private Domain of My Home (1996-2001) – As Mother, As Daughter: The Toddler Years and into Childhood." In *Corporealities: In(ter)ventions in an omnipresent topic*, eds. "Body Project," Königstein/Taunus: Ulrike Helmer Verlag, 2004

Koukos, Stelios. "The Secure, Private Domain of my Home (1996-2001) - Zero to Five." *Panselinos, Makedonia newspaper* (Thessaloniki) 11/01/2004

Xydakis, Nikos Y. "From the Intimate to the Metaphysic." *Fotografos Photography Magazine* (Athens) March 2003

Xydakis, Nikos Y. "In the Time of Books." *Fotografos Photography Magazine* (Athens) February 2003

Nalbantidou, Lia. "Die Sichere Privätsphäre meines Heimes (1996-2001) – als Mutter, als Tochter: Laufen lernen und Aufbruch in die Kindheit." In *KorpoRealitäten: In(ter)ventionen zu einem Omnipräsenten Thema*, eds. "Body Project," Königstein/Taunus: Ulrike Helmer Verlag, 2002

Mihail, Katia. "Indoor Landscapes." *Difono Art Magazine* (Athens) March 2001

Regios, Tasos. "Greek Light in Turin." *Agelioforos newspaper* (Thessaloniki) 10 Apr 2000

Stathatos, John. "It's all Greek to them." *Independent Saturday Magazine* (London) 23 May 1998

Kallitsis, Christos. "Zoom on Nice." *Close Up Magazine* (Thessaloniki) October 1998

Romano, Gianni. "Lia Nalbantidou." *Zoom Fine Art & Professional Photography Magazine* (Milan) September 1997

"New Greek Artists: A Selective Panorama" *Arti Art Today Review* (Athens) October-December 1996

"Lia Nalbantidou talks about her work." *Publicus Magazine* (Thessaloniki) January 1994

Tsingou, Emily. "Lia Nalbantidou: Stations: Buses and Landscapes." *Ta Nea Tis Technis newspaper* (Athens) December 1994

"Lia Nalbantidou in Alli Poli of Thessaloniki." *Sema Art Magazine* (Athens) March-April 1993