



Joana Amora

2026 - Selected works

Joana Amora (Rio de Janeiro, BR) develops living installations, images and participatory works through cultivation processes, organic matter and socio-ecological engagement. Since 2017, her practice has intertwined agroecology, sculpture and social research, investigating food systems, migration, ecological transformation, care and the relationships between human and non-human forms of life within territories shaped by colonial and extractive histories.

Working through walking, collecting, planting and long-term collaborations with natural processes, she creates situations where plants, fungi, bodies and social structures continuously transform one another over time.

Amora holds a BA in Visual Arts (Sculpture), graduated *summa cum laude* from the School of Fine Arts of Rio de Janeiro, and completed an international exchange in Arts Plastiques at Aix-Marseille Université. She also holds an MA in Information and Communication from Université de Haute-Alsace (FR). Her work has been presented in Brasil, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Turkey, including projects at the Venice Biennale, Municipal Centre of Art Hélio Oiticica, Parque Lage and FABRIKculture. She has participated in residency programmes including Revoada (Italy), Echangeur22 (France), Terra UNA (Brasil), and K2 Urla Nefes Alanı (Turkey). She is currently involved in the Creative Europe programmes *MATCH – The Mediterranean as the Climate Hotspot* and *CLIMART-D*, and is a recipient of a *Culture Moves Europe* mobility grant.

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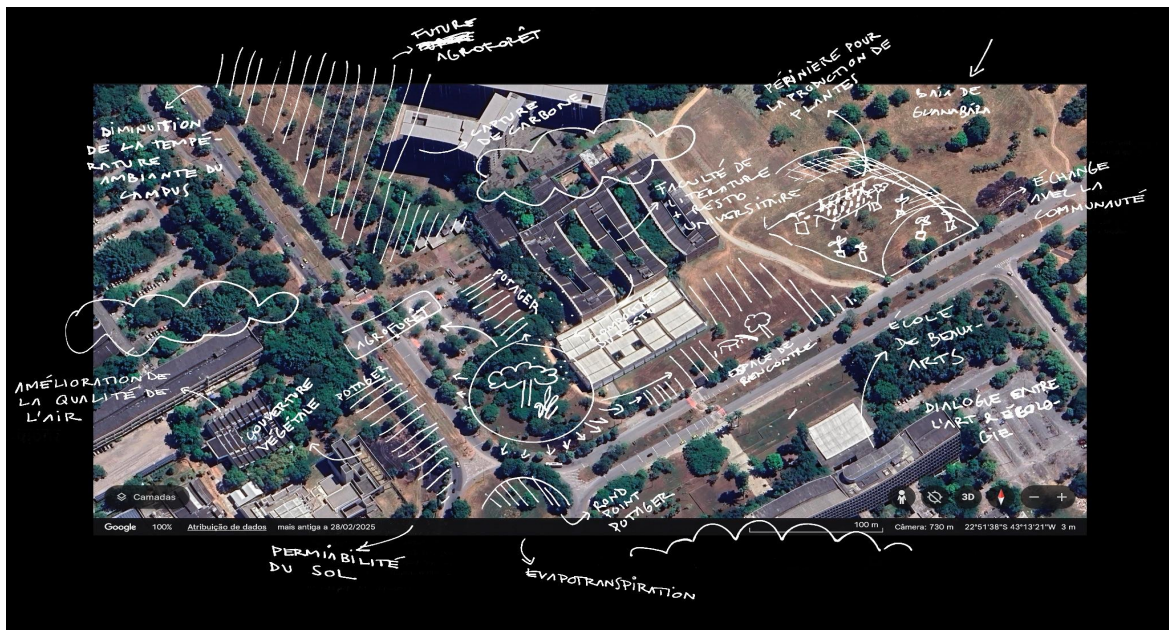
Gıda Toplulukları (Food Communities), 2026 — Photography series, videoart documentary — Variable dimensions — K2 Urla Nefes Alanı residency, Urla, İzmir, Turkey

Developed during the [MATCH EU](#) (The Mediterranean as the Climate Hotspot) European Creative residency programme, *Gıda Toplulukları* (Food Communities) investigates ecological food circulation, agricultural systems and endemic edible species in the İzmir region. Through visits to farms, ecological markets and community-supported agriculture networks, the project explores how local agriculture and food practices shape landscapes, ecosystems and collective ways of nourishing society.





Trepantes (Climbers), 2025 — Beans, soil, clay pots, water, leds, wire and time — Living Installation 2,3 x 2 m x 3m x 3 months— Abri Mémoire, Uffholtz, France



Planting Water, 2025-(ongoing) — Urban agroforest, impact documentary, XR environment, participatory workshops, online platform — UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

Planting Water Project is a multidisciplinary and ecosystemic artwork proposing the expansion of an urban agroforestry system initiated by students in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. It aims to regenerate microclimates, restore freshwater cycles, and reimagine urban landscapes through collective ecological practices.

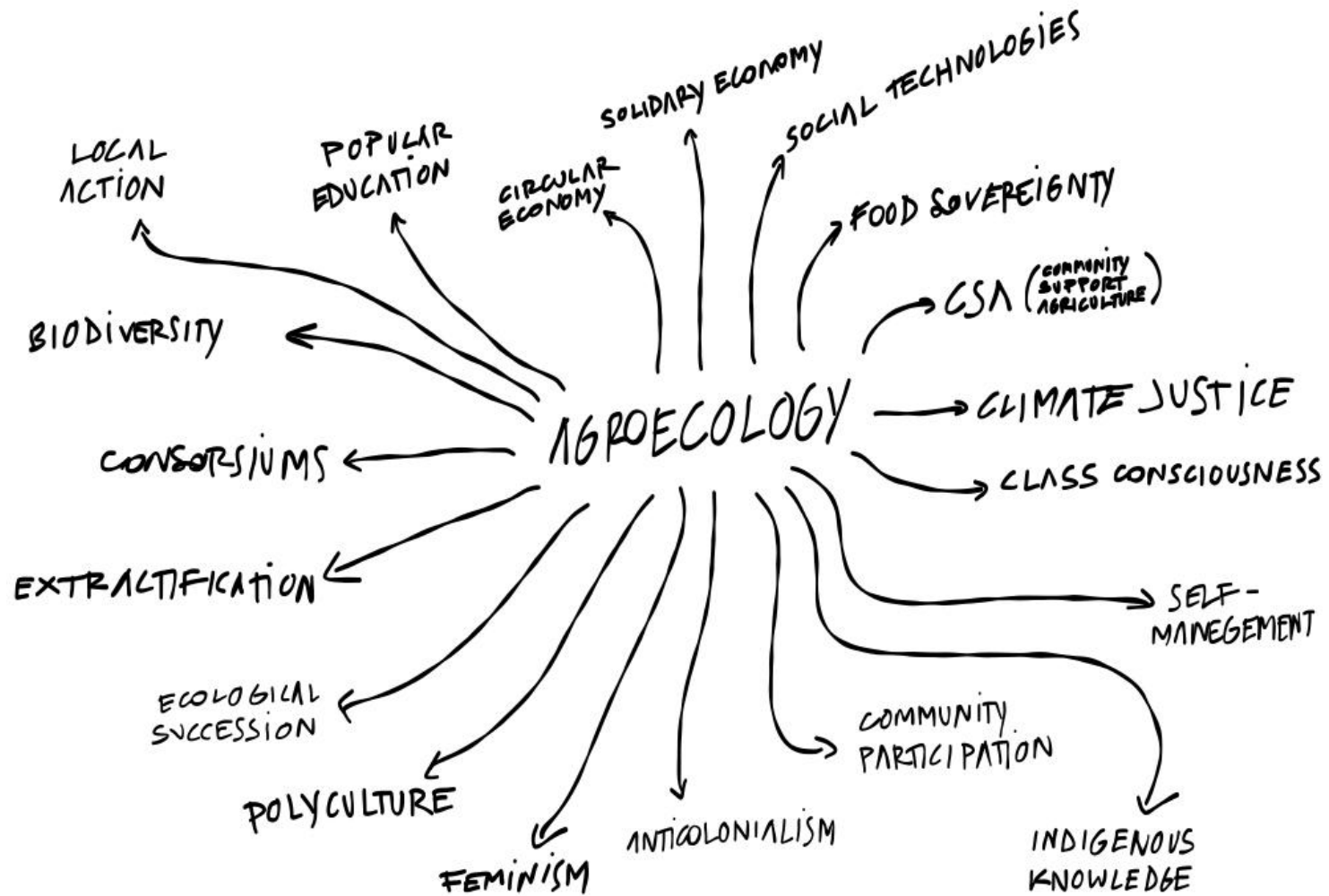
The ongoing project combines artistic practice, agroecology, and information science through the development of audiovisual, photographic, data and sound-based documentation, including portraying participants involved in the creation and maintenance of the agroforest.

It explores, under construction, the creation of an extended reality environment, a platform for collective memory, including the mapping of plant species and the development of a database tracing how the local microclimate has been transformed through human intervention and agroecological processes.

Planting Water, 2026. 2-channel video and sound installation version, 24'46" : [\[LINK\]](#) (Password: water)
Preliminary project platform (temporary research interface, in development): [\[LINK\]](#)



Detail: Self Portrait of the Agroforest 'Govz ao Pé da Letras' - 2019





Carrapixações, 2020/2021 — Sticky seeds (*Desmodium adscendens*) on fabric.

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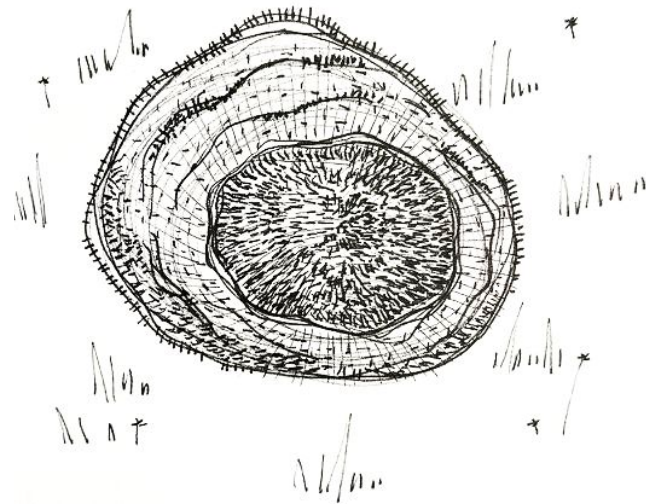


Niño (Child/Nest), 2025 — From *Niños* series — Nest installation (penetrable): willow branches & sisal rope — $2 \times 2 \times 1.6$ m — Lahnstein, DE — Commissioned by Forestival, an art festival in nature.

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Niño - Learning how to build a home, 2026 — Film 25'59", in progress — [LINK](#) [Available]



Niño - Sketch, 2025 — Ink pen on paper — 15×15 cm [Available]



Grafite-Musgo (Moss Graffiti), 2020 — Documentation of a land art intervention using moss on an urban wall. Pigment print mounted on Plexi (collage technique), 120 × 90 cm. Edition of 5 + 1 A.P. — Realised at Parque Lage, Rio de Janeiro, BR. [Left]

Carrapixações, 2022 — Sticky seeds (*Desmodium adscendens*) on fabric — 20 × 20 cm each — Seeds collected at Sítio Santa Fé, Areal, RJ, BR. [Right]

View from *Unbound Realms* exhibition, FABRIKculture, Hégenheim, FR.

Grafite-Musgo is a living painting made by an earth-and-flour-based glue and collected moss from Tijuca Forest. Created at the border of the world's largest urban forest and the city, it invites Nature to break into the urban territory.



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Deixe/Leave, 2025 — Beeswax leaf molds; snake plant, swamp cane, and anamu leaves — 65 × 30 × 8 cm



Asas (Wings), 2026 — Winged seeds, beeswax, damar resin and wood — 20 x 10 cm



Raizes (Roots), 2025 — *Aloe Vera* roots, underplate clay and beeswax — 28 x 28 x 2 cm



Casquinhas (Little Shells), 2024 — Pistachio shells, parafin, jute net, recycled paper and framing. — 20 × 15 × 4 cm



Monotipia de esporos (Monotype of Spores), 2025 — Spores and ink from *Coprinus atramentarius* mushrooms on paper — 35 x 24 cm



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The Secret Pavilion is a decolonial impact documentary initiated during the 2024 Venice Art Biennale, in collaboration with indigenous artists from Colombia and Brasil. The film follows collective rituals and actions for the restitution of sacred objects held in European museums, invited by Célia Tupinambá. It is part of the REVOADA project, held in collaboration with 'Plan D', 'Minga Decolonial' and Ministry of Culture of Colombia, and expands across cities such as Venice, Basel, Berlin, Madrid, and Bogotá.

Documentary in collaboration with Carolina Leal.

[\[Teaser Link\]](#)

The Secret Pavilion – Revoada, 2024 [\[Link\]](#) — Impact documentary (HD video, color, sound) — Work-in-progress short film, 3'28' — Documentary produced on the Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy



Jardim I (Garden I), 2018–2020 — Garden-installation with native plants, compost, bamboo, bricks, pebbles, seeds, millipedes, natural materials and time — $5 \times 5 \times 3$ m — UFRJ Technology Park, BR. Photo by: Jady Louise.



Jardim I (Garden I), 2018–2020 — Garden-installation with native and edible plants, compost, bamboo, bricks, pebbles, seeds, millipedes, natural materials and time — $5 \times 5 \times 3$ m — UFRJ Technology Park, BR. Photo by: Jady Louise.
This 'Agroecological-Sensory Experimentation' proposes that art goes beyond the visual, and that gardens go beyond the aesthetic and the monocultural. It invites passers-by to plant, harvest, eat, smell, listen, touch.



 *Chez la Magicienne*, 2023 — Tent-workshop-installation (touchable): tent, found and symbolic objects, plants, books, salt, cigarette butts, amulets, hair & time — $1.3 \times 2.3 \times 1$ m — *RÉVERB* exhibition, Turbulence Building, Aix-Marseille University, Marseille, FR — Curated by Sara Alonso Gomez & Vincent Bonnet [Top]

A Casa da Maga (The Home of the Magician), 2020 — Tent-workshop-installation (touchable): seeds, terrariums, wild herbs, pendulums, books, fossils, clay vases & time — $3 \times 2 \times 2$ m — Produced at Terra UNA artist residency — *Conjunção* exhibition, Hélio Oiticica Municipal Art Center, Rio de Janeiro, BR — Curated by Keyna Eleison & Nadam Guerra — Photo: Pedro Urano [Bottom]



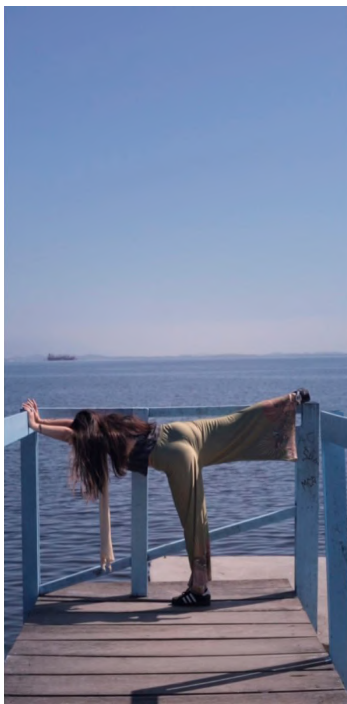
This protocol installation was developed during my first artistic residency at the Terra UNA Ecovillage in Brasil, the project recreates my living environment through a tent filled with objects, plants, and memories.

First presented as *A Casa da Maga* in 2020 and later in France expanded in *Chez la Magicienne* (2023), the work invites visitors to enter an intimate, ever-changing world — a personal mythology made of natural elements, human traces, and collective imagination. Each installation becomes an open space for encounters, sharing, and play.



Nouvelles Façons d'Habiter la Société Humaine is a series of video and photographic self-portraits reflecting on the experience of migration from a autofictional perspective. In these works, the human body attempts to integrate into human landscapes.

When I first landed alone on a new planet in 2022, in Europe, I encountered its natives and began to understand the social rules in place. My first instinct: to adapt. With time and space, I learned to play with the strangeness of relations and explore new ways of inhabiting human society. Emerging through experiences of stereotyping, judgment and hypersexualization, the work reflects tensions surrounding migration between the Global South and North.



Nouvelles Façons d'Habiter la Société Humaine, 2024 — Video performance triptych [\[LINK\]](#): HD color videos, stereo sound, 1080 × 1920p, continuous loop — Filmed in Berlin (DE) and Rio de Janeiro (BR)

Nouvelles Façons d'Habiter la Société Humaine, 2022 — Photoperformance series: printed on Hahnemühle Hemp 290g — 75 × 50 cm — Aix-en-Provence, FR — Edition 1/7 + 2 A.P.



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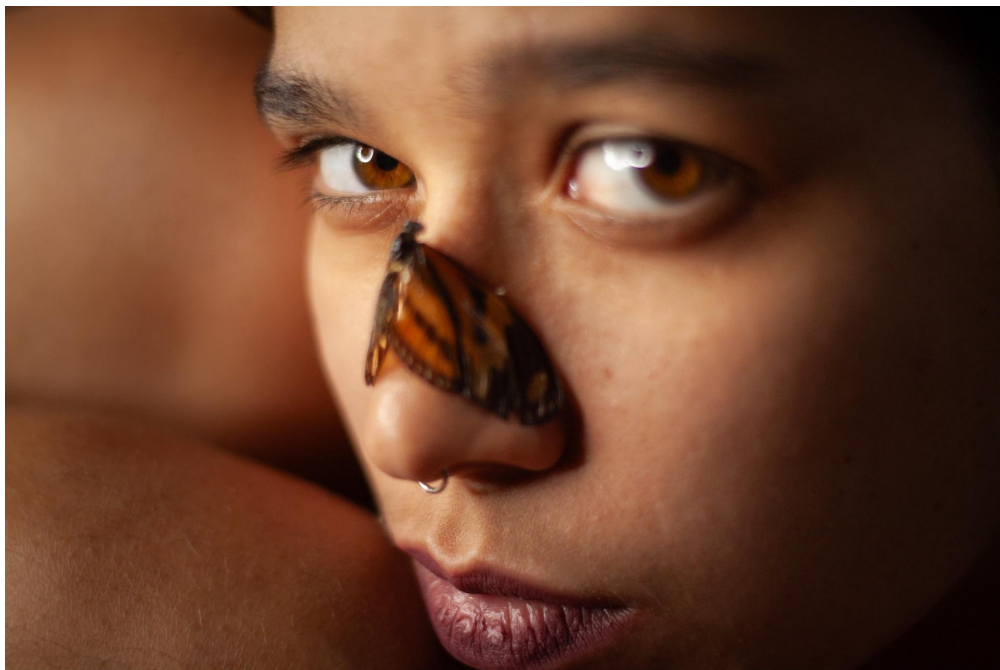
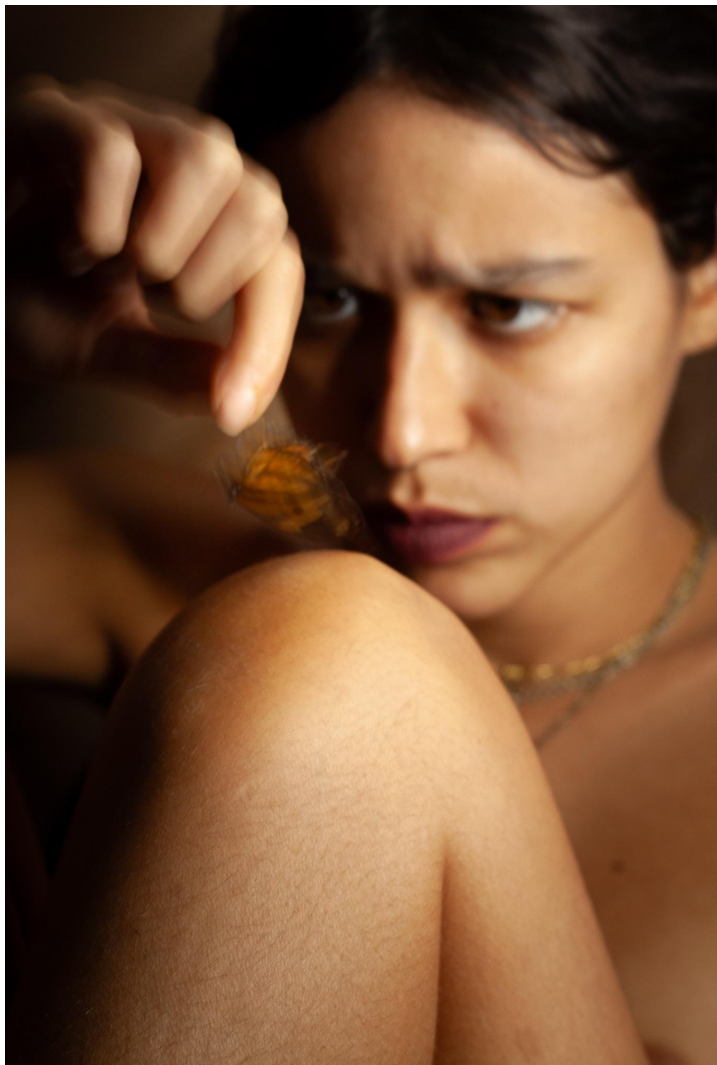
This series begins with the insecurities of a young girl in 2021. It develops from my experience of immigrating to Europe, living in France and Germany

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Ninhão (Big Nest), 2022 — From *Niños* series — Sapucaia bowl and artist's hair — 18 × 18 × 24 cm — Rio de Janeiro, Brasil



Ninho (Nest), 2021 — Installation and photoperformance: straw in the environment — Fine art on Hahnemühle Photo Rag 308g, 59,4 x 42 cm — 1/8 (+ 2 EA) — Areal, RJ, Brasil



*Transformation series, 2023 — Inkjet on Hahnemühle Photo Luster — 59.4 × 42 cm ;
42 × 59.4 cm — Edition of 7 + 3 A.P. each — Rio de Janeiro, Brasil*



Potes Sensoriais (Sensorial Pots), 2022–ongoing — Interactive protocol objects (touchable): glass pots filled with ipe seeds ($18 \times 18 \times 14$ cm), kapok cotton ($20 \times 20 \times 20$ cm), and small flowers ($27 \times 27 \times 22$ cm) — Materials collected in Miguel Pereira and Xerém (RJ, Brasil)



Brinquedinhos (Little Toys), 2020–ongoing — Interactive protocol object (to touch): found organiser box with seeds and natural elements ('frog's mouth', 'monkey's ear', pineapple crown, root, bulb, nut shells, air potato) — 29 × 20 × 5 cm — Rio de Janeiro, Brasil



Part of the ongoing series *Trepantes*.

Originating from a clandestine gesture, planting a passion fruit vine on a building's protective iron grid, this living and social sculpture emerged from tensions between private and collective space, fear and permeability. Installed as a security barrier separating the building from the street, the grid gradually became a bridge between inside and outside through the vine's growth. Over three years, the plant produced more than 20 fruits, many harvested prematurely by passersby, eaten by caterpillars, and eventually removed by the building's official gardener. Continuously transforming and interacting with its surroundings, the work became part of the social and ecological ecosystem of the site.



Maracujá sobre grade (Passion Fruit on a Grid), 2019-2022 — From the *Trepantes* series — Passion fruit on a grid and time, documented in photographs — Variable dimensions — Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.



Vaso é pra plantar (The Vase is Intended for Planting), 2020 — Seed bomb-vase: seeds, red earth, clay, straw, water & time — 10 × 10 × 10 cm — Terra UNA, MG, BR — Photo: Pedro Urano // On the right: vases created during the "Seed bomb-vase" workshop, part of the residency's educational program at Terra UNA Ecovillage.





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EDUCATION

2026. **MA in 'Information and Communication - Digital Edition'** at Université de Haute-Alsace, Mulhouse, FR.

2019 - 2023. **BA in 'Visual Arts - Sculpture', *summa cum laude***, at Fine Arts School of UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR. With jury's recommendation for publication of the Final work.

2023. One year **international exchange in 'Arts Plastiques'**, at Aix-Marseille Université, Aix-Marseille, FR.

2017 - 2019. **Undergraduate studies in Painting**, Fine Arts School of UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2017 - 2018. **Undergraduate studies in Physics**, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), BR

2018. 'PDC/Permaculture Design **Certificate**' at *Escola de Permacultura Fazenda da Serra*, Itatiaia, RJ, BR.

2018 - 2022. **University extension** project 'MUDA' and 'Govz ao Pé da Letra', of UFRJ Agroecology Network, Environmental Engineering program, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2018 - 2022. **Member** of 'Carioca Urban Agriculture Network', Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2018 - 2022. **Researcher** PIBIAC, Artistic and Cultural Initiation Scholarship, at 'Group: Art and Ecology' oriented by Marina Fraga and Paula Scamparini, Fine Arts School of UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

RESIDENCIES / GRANTS

Upcoming, 2026. **Grant** Culture Moves Europe, FABRIKculture, Hégenheim, FR.

Ongoing, 2025 - 2027. The Mediterranean as the Climate Hotspot, **Creative Europe Programme** [MATCH EU](#).

2026. **Residency** at K2 Urla Nefes Alani, Urla, Izmir, TR. As part of MATCH Programme.

2026. **Grant** Schnellgesuch, GGG Kulturkick, Basel, CH.

2025. **Residency** 'Forestival', Lahnstein, DE.

2024. **Residency** 'Revoada', Venice Biennale, island La Certosa, Venice, IT.

2023. '**Résidence** Ressources' at Echangeur22, St Laurent des Arbres, FR.

2023. **Occupation/residency** 'IN VIVO', Pont St Esprit, FR.

2020. **Residency** 'Art and Magic 2020' at Terra UNA Ecovillage. Liberdade, MG, BR.

2019. 'IHUB' **Acceleration Program** with 'Coletivo Pé na Jaca'. Benfeitoria, Instituto HUB, Oi Futuro, Casa Firjan and Fine Art School of UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

MENTORSHIPS/LECTURES/TEACHING

Ongoing. 2026-2027. **Climate Action Mentor**, '[CLIMART-D](#) - Art for Democracy in Climate Action', Creative Europe Programme. DE, IT, PT.

2026. **Lecture** 'Agroforestry gardens as living and social sculptures', Universidade do Minho, Braga, PT.

2025. **Lecture** 'Agroforestry gardens as living and social sculptures', Kunstraum Kreuzlingen, Kreuzlingen, CH. [\[Link\]](#)

2021. **Interview** 'Episode 3: Joana Amora, Artist-Gardener' in the documentary 'Art-Nature Intersections: Sketching Possible Futures', RJ, BR.

2021. **Workshop** of seed-bombs 'SENSORY EXPERIENCE: Agent Humus' with 'Group: Art Ecology' at Goethe Institut-Rio and Museu do Pontal, Rio de Janeiro/RJ, BR.

2021. **Lecture** 'Intersections Art & Nature', Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niterói, RJ, BR.

2021. **Lecture** 'Graffiti-Moss: living organisms as art' at the Jornada Giulio Massarani de Iniciação Científica, Tecnológica, Artística e Cultural UFRJ, RJ, BR.

2021. **Workshop** of seed-bombs vases as part of the artist residency's educational program at Terra UNA Ecovillage. Liberdade, MG, BR.

2021 - 2022. **Teaching assistant** at the Parque Lage School of Visual Arts in the courses: 'Ao Sentir cheiro de Floresta'; 'Fios para Labirintos'; 'Objeto-Poema/Poética Visual e Escrita'. Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2020. **Lecture** 'Gardening as an Artistic Practice', Fine Arts School of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2020. **Teaching assistant** at the Fine Arts School of Rio de Janeiro in the 'Human Figure' course. Rio, RJ, BR.

COLLECTIONS

2019. **Exhibition/ Commissioned Installation** - '3o Ciclo', Galeria Curto Circuito de Arte Pública, Technological Park of UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR. (Artwork acquired by Galeria Curto Circuito).

2018. **Exhibition/ Commissioned Installation** - 'Arte e Turbulência' at the 9th International Symposium of Turbulence, Heat and Mass Transfer, CBAE, Rio de Janeiro/RJ, BR. (Artwork acquired by Interdisciplinary Center for Fluid Dynamics of UFRJ).

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Upcoming. 2026. **Solo Exhibition**, K2 Urla Nefes Alani, Izmir, TR.

Upcoming. 2027. **Solo Exhibition**, FABRIKculture, Hégenheim, FR.

PUBLICATIONS

2021. **Publication** 'Moss-graffiti' at Boletim Kultrun. Vol. 3 'Plant Revolution'. Univ. Federal da Integração Latino-Americana, Foz do Iguaçu, PR, BR.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS/PROJECTS

Upcoming. 2026. **Exhibition** 'Kunst Salon Basel', Annahme Basel, Basel, CH.

Upcoming. 2026. **Exhibition** 'Circuito Expositivo EAV Parque Lage: Arte, Paisagem e Circulação', Parque Lage, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2026. **Exhibition** 'Haus am Rhein', Basel, CH.

2025. **Exhibition** 'Bienal do Sertão', Diamantina, MG, BR.

2025. **Exhibition** 'Unbound Realms', FABRIKculture, Hégenheim, FR.

2025. **Exhibition** 'Empreintes de la Terre', Abri mémoire, Uffholtz, FR.

2025. 'Being Born Mandioka'. Co-**performer** in collaboration with Jorge Raka. Project supported by Pro Helvetia South America. Espaço OASIS, Rio de Janeiro, BR.

2025. **Commissioned installation** for 'Forestal', Lahnstein, DE.

2024. **Commissioned documentary** 'The Secret Pavilion', project 'Revoada' at the Venice Biennale. Venice, IT. [\[Link\]](#).

2023. **Exhibition** 'Objeto-Poema', Parque Lage, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2023. **Exhibition** 'Réverb', Turbulence building, Site Saint Charles AMU, Marseille, FR.

2022. **Exhibition** 'Avec ou sans Titre', Biennale Une 5ème Saison, Aix-en-Provence, FR.

2022. **Exhibition** 'Um dia a gente viveu juntos', Xow Rumi Espace, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2020. **Exhibition** 'Conjunção', Centro Hélio Oiticica, curated by Keyna Eleison and Nadam Guerra, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2020. **Exhibition** 'Patifaria', Espaço Poético Ticoar. Itapuaçu, Maricá, RJ, BR.

2019. **Exhibition** 'Mostra CEM', Lanchonete < > Lanchonete, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

2019. Cine-Concert **Performance** 'A Trip to the Moon' with Soundpainting Rio group, MAM-Rio, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR.

SHORTLISTED

2026. Résidence de création en territoire Château de Pange, Pange, FR.

2025. Résidence Triangle-Astérides, Marseille, FR.

2025. Les Rencontres Artistiques Carré sur Seine, Paris, FR.