

NERİMAN POLAT

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Lives and works in Istanbul, Turkey

EDUCATION

1990 BFA, Painting Mimar Sinan University of Fine Art, İstanbul, Turkey

SOLO EXHIBITONS

- 2023 Roofless, Zilberman İstanbul, Turkey
- 2019 Breaking the Seal, A Selection / 1996 – 2019, curators: Derya Yücel, Mahmut Wenda Koyuncu, Depo Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 Merciless, Merdiven Art Space, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 Threshold, Disambigua Art Space, Viterbo, Italy
Home Watch, Nilüfer Municipality, Nazım Hikmet Cultural Center, Bursa, Turkey
- 2013 Home Watch, Depo, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 Modest View, C.A.M Gallery, Asmalımescit, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 Father's Home Apartment, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 Foto – Grave, Apartman Project, Istanbul, Turkey

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 IN BETWEEN (1997-2003): Fooling Around With Documents, curated by Nergis Abıyeva, Depo İstanbul, Turkey
- 2024 Vasiyetimdir (It is my last will and testament), curated by Beral Madra, Mine Sanat Galerisi Deneysel, İstanbul, Turkey
Guest, curated by Nazlı Pektaş, Meyman Mardin Sanatevi, Turkey
- 2023 Everything will be just like now – just a little different, curated by Derya Yücel, Künstlerhaus Palais Thurn und Taxis, Austria
1st Turkish Textile Biennial, İzmir, Turkey
Resurrection, Elgiz Museum, İstanbul, Turkey
Collective “Healing”, curated by Ayça Okay, İBB Kültür, Metrohan, İstanbul, Turkey
Vision, Mission, Values, curated by Melis Golar, Zilberman Selected, İstanbul, Turkey
Art, Body And Resistance, Karşı Sanat Çalışmaları, İstanbul, Turkey
Böyle Şeyler Romanlarda Olur, curated by Jale Öner, Feshane Umut Buluşması, in cooperation with İBB & Karşı Sanat, Feshane, İstanbul, Turkey

- 2022 Settling into the Abyss, curated by Naz Kocadere, Zilberman İstanbul, Turkey
Who she, she Who, Merkür galeri, Piyalepaşa, İstanbul, Turkey
The Insanity Of Normality, Kun Art Space, curated by Derya Yücel, Adana, Turkey
- 2021 Ak-sayanlar, concept : Merve Akar Akgün & Çınar Eslek, collaborative work by Sema Kaygusuz & Neriman Polat, X-ist, İstanbul, Turkey
Affirmative World, curator: Mahmut Wenda Koyuncu, Summart, Istanbul, Turkey
Senkron / Lens'21: Personal Narratives in Video Art, Mixer, Istanbul, Turkey
Arkasia, curator: Ayça Okay, 16. İstanbul Contemporary Art Fair, Turkey
- 2020 Sensitive Intervention, curator: Ahmet Ergenç, Literature House, Istanbul, Turkey
Billboard Istanbul, curator: Lise Grüner Bertelsen, Istanbul, Turkey
Horses Fluent in the Wind, curators: Bahar Güneş, Öykü Demirci, Halka Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 Flower Wound, curator: Derya Yücel, Kasa Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Shores, curators: Victor Loukin, Mikhail Pogarsky, İpek Duben, Open Club Gallery, Moscow, Russia
- 2018 The Big Picture, Amnesty International, curator: Zeynep Ozatalay, Depo, Istanbul, Turkey
Face Blindless, curators: Firdevs Kayhan, Ece Balcıoğlu, Bayan Yanı Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey
The First Round, Selection from Banu-Hakan Çarmıklı's Collection, Galata Greek Primary School, Istanbul
Plant, curator: Öznur Güzel Karasu, Cumhuriyet Museum Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Metaphorical Space, curators: Pınar Öğrenci, Minou Norouzi, MARSİstanbul, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 Artist 27th International Istanbul Art Fair, Utopia, Now/Here, curator: Mahmut Wenda Koyuncu, Istanbul, Turkey
A Room of Our Own, curator: Arzu Yayıntaş, Concept Development and Design: Sevil Tunaboğlu, Güneş Terkol, Ark Kültür, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 Artist 26th International Istanbul Art Fair, Unexpected Territories, Partes extra Partes, curator: Ezgi Bakçay, Istanbul, Turkey
Past, In Each of its Moments, be Citable, An exhibition project on Walter Benjamin's Concept of History in the City of Istanbul", Depo Istanbul, Turkey
Impenitent, Exhibition Concept and Design, Neriman Polat, Arzu Yayıntaş, Ark Kültür, Istanbul, Turkey
Impenitent, Exhibition Concept and Design, Neriman Polat, Arzu Yayıntaş, Nazım Hikmet Cultural Center, Bursa, Turkey
Atlas of the Sleepless, Halka Art Project, Istanbul Hidden in Loss, Karşı Art Group, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 25th Tüyap International Art Fair, Amarcord, I remember, curator: Ali Şimşek, Istanbul Stay with Me!, Apartment Project, Depo, Istanbul, Turkey

- 2014 Small Faces, Large Sizes, Proje 4L, Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul Stay with Me, Apartment Project, Berlin, Germany
24th Tüyap International Art Fair, Get Rid of Possession, curator: Ali Şimşek, Istanbul, Turkey
ODTÜ Sanat 15, Middle East, ODTU Culture and Convention Center, Ankara, Turkey
- 2013 Akbank Sanat Print Studio Exhibition, curator: Hasan Bülent Kahraman, Aksanat, Istanbul, Turkey
23th Tüyap International Art Fair, Is There Any Intervetion?, curator: Ali Şimşek, Istanbul Zemberek, curator: ASK, Nazım Hikmet Cultural Center, Istanbul, Turkey
Bitter Coffe, collaboration with Arzu Yayıntaş, V.I.P Café, Tophane-Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 Treibsand, Contemporary Art Space on Dvd, Keep On Keeping On, curators: Susann Wintsch, Necla Rüzgar
3rd International Çanakkale Biennial, Fictions and Dissentions, curators; Beral Madra, Seyhan Boztepe, Deniz Erbaş, Fırat Arapoğlu, Çanakkale, Turkey
- 2011 Antepima, curators: Beral Madra, Maria Rosa Sossai, Italian Institute of Culture, Istanbul, Turkey
Dream and Reality, Modern and Contemporary Artists from Turkey, curators: Levent Çalıkoğlu, Burcu Pehlivanoglu, Fatmagül Berktaş, Zeynep İnankur, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey
Uncanny Games, curator: Öznur Güzel Karasu, PG Art Gallery, Tahtakale Hamamı, Istanbul, Turkey
Soft City, curator: Nihan Çetinkaya, Alan İstanbul, Manzara Perspectives, Istanbul, Turkey
Where Fire Has Struck, Human Right Foundation of Turkey, Depo, Istanbul, Turkey
Sleep and Shadow, curators: T.Melih Görgün, Mürteza Fidan, Siemens Sanat, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 Collective Privacy, C.A.M Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Safe Zone, PG Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 Contemporary Art, curator: Gabriele Oswald, Zeitraumexit, Mannheim, Germany
Creative Rooms, Certosa Hotel, curator: Lucrezia De Domizio Durini, Venice, Italy
Dirty Story, BM Suma, Istanbul, Turkey
Under My Feet I Want to World, Not Heaven, curators: Beral Madra, Çetin Güzelhan, Akademie Der Künste, Berlin, Germany
Backwards, C.A.M Gallery, Istanbul Suspicious Mirror, Mine Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Unfair Provocation, curator: Canan Şenol, Hafriyat Karaköy, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 International Forum of Contemporary Art, Artisterium, Modus Operandi, curators: Magda Guruli, Lika Mamatsashvili, Nino Tchogoshvili, Modus Operandi, Tbilisi, Georgia
Istanbul Diptychs, Contemporary Visual and Verbal, curator: Beral Madra, Brussels İstanbul Center, Brussels, Belgium
Becoming Istanbul, curators: Pelin Derviş, Bülent Tanju, Uğur Tanyeli, Deutsches Architekturmuseum, Garanti Galery, Frankfurt, Germany

- Coincidences, Intuitions, Fictions on Istanbul, curator: Deniz Erbaş, Atlas Passage 2010 Office, Istanbul, Turkey
- Save As..., Contemporary Art from Turkey, curator: Derya Yücel, Triennale Bovisa, Milan, Italy
- Stadtverbindungen, Kunstmuseum, Erlangen, Germany
- 2007 10th International Istanbul Biennial, Not Only Possible, But Also Necessary, Optimism, In The Age of the Global War, curator: Hou Hanru, 2 +1, Apartment Project, Santral Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey
- 10th International Istanbul Biennial, Not Only Possible, But Also Necessary, Optimism, In The Age of the Global War, curator: Hou Hanru, Special Projects, “Your eyes bigger than your stomach” Hafriyat Art Group, Hafriyat Karaköy, Istanbul, Turkey
- On the Outside, ACC Gallery, Weimar, Germany
- From owner with view, curator: Derya Yücel, Istanbul Videoist, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey
- Election posters, Hafriyat Karaköy, Istanbul, Turkey
- Hafriyat Karaköy, Hafriyat Art Group, Hafriyat Karaköy, Istanbul, Turkey
- Kurye, Kargaart Video
- Festival, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 Lokal Paradise, Hafriyat Art Group, Diyarbakır Contemporary Art Center, Diyarbakır, Turkey
- All about lies, Apartment Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- Distilled, curator: Philippine Hoegen, Sylvia Kouvalis, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey
- Strangers with Angelic faces, curator: Levent Çalikoğlu, Aksanat, Istanbul, Turkey
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- Everything gonna be alright, Apartment Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- Naturmort, Açık Radyo 94.9, Galerist, Istanbul, Turkey
- Book - keeper, Hafriyat Art Group, Karşı Art Group, İstanbul, Turkey
- Exhibition Store, Flying University, Halikarnas Culture Center, Muğla, Turkey
- 2005 Contemporary Art Show ,Visions, Kappatos Gallery, Athens, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 9th International Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul curators: Charles Esche, Vasif Kortun, Hospitality Zone, Production Fault, Hafriyat Art Group, Antrepo, Istanbul, Turkey
- Between two sides, curator: Derya Yücel, Aykut Barka Ferry, Istanbul, Turkey
- 7th International Triennial Ecology and Art, Continental Breakfast Maribor, Umenostna Galerija, Slovenia
- Art-actually, Contemporary Art Exhibition, curators: Fatoş Üstek, Michele Thursz Galata Mevlevihanesi, Istanbul, Turkey
- Istanbul, Çağla Cabaloğlu Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- Strasbourg Film days, Cinéma Odyssée, Strasbourg, France
- 2004 Art For...1, Platform Garanti Contemporary Art Center,Istanbul, Turkey

- Vice-Versa, curator: Christoph Tannert, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
The Sphinx Will Devour You, curator: Beral Madra, Karşı Art Group, Istanbul, Turkey
IFSAK Photography Days, Metamorphosis, Darphane-i Amire, Istanbul, Turkey
Venezuela Video Festival, Karakas, Venezuela
Midia Tatica, Video Festival, Brasilia
Artventure, Contemporary Art Exhibition, Antalya, Turkey
- 2003 50th Venice Biennial, Dreams and Conflicts. The dictatorship of the Viewer, curator: Francesco Bonami, Turkish Pavilion, In Limbo, curator: Beral Madra, Venice, Italy
Families Only, Karşı Art Group, Istanbul, Turkey
Good, Bad, Ugly, Bilgi University, Istanbul Videoist, GaleriX, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2002 Between the Waterfronts, curators: Fulya Erdemci, Ron Mandos, Las Palmas, Rotterdam, Holland
60 years, 60 artists, curators: Levent Çalıkoğlu, Hasim Nur Gürel, Eczacıbaşı Virtual Museum, Tüyap, İstanbul, Turkey
Dangerous Things, curator: Levent Çalıkoğlu, Karşı Art Group, Istanbul, Turkey
Uncertain Signs, TrueStroies, Curator: Angelika Stephken, Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe, Germany
Sheshow, curator: Beral Madra, Ata Contemporary Center, Sofia, Bulgaria
Video- pool, curator: Beral Madra, International Contemporary Art Center, Istanbul, Turkey
Cologne- Istanbul- Cologne, Kunstwerk e.V., Köln, Germany
Videozone, Trieste Film Festival, Italy
- 2001 Asian Art Biennale, curators: Melih Görgün, Shilpalka Academy, Bangladesh
Look Again, curator: Vasıf Kortun, Proje4L, Istanbul Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul, Turkey
Voices from This Country, Karşı Sanat Art Group, Istanbul, Turkey
Divine Comedy, curator: Ali Akay, Uart Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2000 Local Produce, Elhamra Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Out of Nowhere, Centrum Belden de Kunst, Dordrecht, Leiden, Artotheek, Schiedam, Holland
Traacherous Nights, Hafriyat Art Group, Nur Apartment, Istanbul, Turkey
P.O. Box Project, Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts, Turkey, Switzerland
- 1999 Stils, Cuts& Fragments, İFA, Stuttgart, Germany
6th Istanbul Biennial, Passion and Waves, curator: Paolo Colombo, Dolmabahçe Cultural Center, Istanbul, Turkey
Iskorpit, curators: Fulya Erdemci, Rene Block, Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe, Germany
Between, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey
Group Exhibition, curator: Vasıf Kortun, Galetta Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1998 Iskorpit, curators: Fulya Erdemci, René Block, Haus Der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
Between, Atatürk Cultural Center, Istanbul Youth Action, UPSD, Tüyap, Istanbul, Turkey

- 1997 Kazlıçeşme, Derimod Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Youth Action, Kaos, UPSD, Tüyap, İstanbul, Turkey
Between, Atatürk Cultural Center, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1996 Logos(Aphasia), Non(Signification), (Non)Communication, Europe Passage, Istanbul, Turkey
Esbank XIII. Yunus Emre Art Exhibition, Istanbul, Turkey
Other, First Contemporary Art Exhibition, UPSD, Antrepo, Istanbul, Turkey

PRESENTATIONS / PANELS

- 2025 Studio Art Talks: Neriman Polat, moderated by Can Memiş, Studio Varoluşçu Akademi
Eco Art Lab: Collage Workshop from Recycled Fabrics with Neriman Polat, İstanbul
Modern, Türkiye
- 2020 IFSAK, Thinking with Photography, City / Violence / Body , Istanbul Exhibition Talk
(Breaking Seal) Esra Aliçavuşoğlu, Neriman Polat, Derya Yücel, Mahmut Koyuncu, Depo
İstanbul, Turkey
- 2019 Art conversations between the generations, Eda Gecikmez, Neriman Polat, Esra Ali “
Çavuşoğlu, Base Talks, Istanbul, Turkey
Crossing Subjects; Body, Belonging, Identity, The Faculty of Architecture, Art and Design,
Sakarya University, Sakarya, Turkey
- 2018 Who is the Merciless , Mahmut Wenda Koyuncu, Neriman Polat, Merdiven Art Space,
Istanbul, Turkey
Practice of Feminist Art, within The First Round Exhibition, Esra Ali Çavuşoğlu, İpek
Duben, Neriman Polat, Sena, Galata Greek Primary School, Istanbul, Turkey
There Is Another Possibility, Hafriyat Art Group, Kasa Gallery, Istanbul Presentation of
Photographic Works; Galata Fotoğrafhanesi, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 Identity, Belonging, Body/Alternative Approaches: Istanbul Aydın University, Faculty of
Fine Arts, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 Sisterhood Exhibitions as a Form of Protest; Ahu Antmen, Arzu Yayıntaş, Neriman Polat,
Nazım Hikmet Cultural Centre, Bursa, Turkey
Artist 26. International Art Fair, Making Feminist Art, Neriman Polat, Arzu Yayıntaş, Esra
Ali Çavuşoğlu, Tüyap, Istanbul, Turkey
Artist’s presentation; Boğaziçi University, Art and Design Class, Istanbul, Turkey
Past, in Each of its Moments, be Citable – on Walter Benjamin’s Concept of History in the
City of Istanbul; Artists’ Talk, Lara Ögel, Neriman Polat, Patrizia Bach, Caroline Adler,
Depo, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 Artist’s presentation; The Young Art Movement, Döğenciler High School, Lüleburgaz,
Turkey
The Personal Is Political; Artist’s presentation, Kocaeli University, Faculty of Fine Arts,

Kocaeli, Turkey

Violence Targeting Women, Violence Targeting Art, Neriman Polat, Canan, Şükran Moral, Seyr-i Mesel, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 Exhibition Talk (Home Watch / Unknown Zone); Ahu Antmen, Mürüvvet Türkyılmaz, Neriman Polat, Depo, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 Where Have We Been Cast Away, The Arranged Marriage of Art and Gentrification, Open Table: Neriman Polat, Arzu Yayıntaş, Depo, Istanbul, Turkey

2011 Siyah Bant: Censorship in Contemporary Art, Moderator: Banu Karaca, Participants: Erden Kosova, Hale Tenger, Murat Altındere, Neriman Polat, Okan Urun, Sevilay Demirci, Cezayir Salon, Istanbul, Turkey

