

Armina Pilav's research background

Armina Pilav is an architect, artist, independent researcher and educator based on the Brač Island in Croatia. Her practice focuses on the politics of re-presentation and re-production of physical, mediated space, bodily experiences in extreme conditions of war destruction or other disaster conditions. Armina is cultivating experimental spaces using transmedia forms, natural habitats, psycho-spatiality, radical observations, transitional archival practices and feminist theory to expose ecologies of toxic transformation of architectures, rivers, lands and interspecies society. Armina Pilav explores toxic entanglements between human bodies, land, rivers as well as archival documents and other material formations of war and other landscapes of trauma. She publishes in magazines, academic journals and exhibits regularly. At the moment developing digital art and research project 'Archipelago' in collaboration with artist and filmmaker Clarissa Thieme. It connects different archival initiatives of the recent war documents exploring the technology of AR as shared archival practices within the Post-Yugoslav space. She is founder of the Un-War Space Lab, Toxic lands non-curatorial program, Divja plant sanctuary focusing on plants' pedagogy, healing landscapes while being in coexistence with the Brač island ecosystem. Armina is a member of the Association for Culture and Art Crvena in Sarajevo.



(1) Exploding remnants on the Neretva river banks © Armina Pilav; (2): End of the video tape – film still showing the body in the war in the non-sensational imaging form © Armina Pilav; (3) The war archive of the Peace Center in Mostar © Armina Pilav; (4) Fishes and Bullets on the Neretva river bed, flowing and transitional archive of the war © Damir Ugjen.

Links to the research materials, texts and projects

Sarajevo: Material Mediation and Survival Bodies

<https://thefunambulist.net/magazine/11-designed-destructions/sarajevo-material-mediation-survival-bodies-armina-pilav>

Toxic Lands project

<https://toxiclands.eu/>

Drowned in Neretva River

<https://futurearchitectureplatform.org/projects/9c1c4883-c1ce-4ef1-93ed-62bf0aa572ff/?fbclid=IwAR0wJjmtBgxkNbqxQpAqG26C2mjR-qgk5TuWNUzpWGWVJrG3NNXcNPbb3C0>

Interview building Un-war

<https://foam-network.com/podcast/season-3-episode-7-building-un-war-interview-with-armina-pilav-on-non-violent-and-creative-spatial-practices-in-the-state-of-war/>