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‘A visual artist trained in photography, Ilanit Illouz takes the approach of a research artist, surveying territories in search of clues and traces. The organic and mineral debris collected during her walks is photographed and reinvented in the studio using specific image processing techniques, providing the basis for narratives that dramatise the memory of the spaces she has travelled through and alerting us to the cultural, geopolitical and environmental issues that run through them. Ilanit Illouz’s research focuses on the depletion of natural resources, the matrix of an artistic project that is destined to last.

In 2016, thanks to a grant from the Fondation des artistes, she explored the Judean desert and the shores of the Dead Sea.

These are territories shaped by an immemorial history and located in a zone of political and economic conflict. The scene of an ongoing ecological disaster caused by the infrastructures (dam, large canal) built by two of the riparian states (Israel and Jordan) to fertilise the desert or make better use of the salts from the Dead Sea, which are used in the cosmetics we consume. In fifty years, this great salt lake has lost a third of its surface area and is now threatened with extinction. Drought has had the effect of multiplying the number of craters that pierce the land, which is riddled with pockets of salt. These «dolines», sometimes several kilometres in diameter, are the most obvious symptom of the drying-out process.

The history of this place, known in ancient times as Lake Asphaltite, was long marked by the extraction of the famous Judean bitumen.

This waterproofing material had a multitude of applications and is linked to the original history of photography. In the 1820s, Niépce invented a photomechanical process that made it possible to reproduce drawings by bringing them into contact with supports (glass, tin or copper plates) coated with bitumen of Judea, which had amazing photosensitive properties. The images thus revealed were etched with acid and printed on paper using the principle of photogravure, undoubtedly the most beautiful way of printing photographic images.

Ilanit Illouz renoue for the series of dolines with this source by inspiring this approach experimentalized in pigmentary prints, degraded to the same salt of the sea Morte to register in the materialphotographic the physical element the most representative identity of the place. Its images highlight the mineral phantasmagoria of saline concretions and stony aggregatesapparatus in a quasi lunar landscape redesigned by human activity. Their formal beauty, verging on the abstract, does not obscure the fact that the most serious threats are hanging over an ecosystem that is unique in the world.’

Muriel Enjalran

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Lives and works in Paris.

Ilanit Illouz's work on images is permeated by the question of narrative, always through the use of off-screen and ellipsis. Her work develops sometimes unprecedented processes of photographic and mechanical reproduction, like so many temporal operations.

She relies on processes that respond to the repeated work of surveying, investigating and observing, revealing as much as they erase, where memory is physically put to the test. Her reflections unfold in a plastic and formal language that is open to the interdisciplinarity of media. She is currently experimenting with new technical processes that seek to degrade the image as much as to reveal it.

By combining these theoretical, geographical and visual approaches, she is developing and economic history, and on traces and disappearances.

A graduate of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Arts de Paris-Cergy (2005), Ilanit Illouz obtained the Prix du Public Découverte Louis Roederer at the Rencontres d'Arles in 2020. Her work has been exhibited in a number of institutions, including the Centre Photographique d'Île-de-France, the CRP/ Centre Régional de la Photographie Hauts-de-France, the Institut photographique de Lille and recently at the Jimei Arles festival in China, the Jeu de Paume in Paris and the BNF.

2023

Frac Grand Large, **HORIZON(S)**  
Galerie Commune, Roubaix, *Les imaginaires du gris*  
Galerie Binome, *Contre-culture dans la photographie contemporaine*  
Frac Franche Comté, *Métamorphoses*  
Mondes Nouveaux, *Dunes*  
Art Paris, Fisheye Gallery, Paris, *Les alchimistes du sensible*  
Musée d'art et d'archéologie, Aurillac, *Dolines (2016-2023)*  
HDM Gallery, Pantin, *Territoires Sensoriels*  
Centre International d'Art et du Paysage de l'Île de Vassivière (CIAP),  
*Diplomatie terrestres*  
Hasy, Pouliguen, Soda Salicornia  
25e Rencontres Photographiques Lorient, *Quand les nuages se taisent*  
Paris photo, Section Curiosa, Parcours ELLES X, Fisheye Gallery  
BNF, Paris, *Épreuves de la matière*

## CV

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### EXPOSITIONS PERSONNELLES

- 2022 *Les pierres bleues*, Hasy  
2021 *Wadi Qelt dans la clarté des pierres*, Jimei Arles, Chine  
2020 *Les Dolines*, Institut de la photographie de Lille  
2018 *IDEA-Z*, Mabel Tapia  
2017 *Poser, Chez sauvage*  
2015 *Le Goudron et la Rivière*, Parc Culturel de Rennilly  
2008 *Séquence 1/25*, Kiosque/Images  
2006 *À visiter, 11 rue Oberkampf 75001 Paris*, pièce in-situ

### EDITIONS

- 2022 *Collections croisées*, photographies du Frac Auvergne, du Cnap et du Musée d'art et d'archéologie d'Aurillac  
*Contre-culture dans la photographie contemporaine*  
Michel Poivert  
2021 *Wadi Qelt*, texte d'Émilie Notérus, Éditions EYD  
2020 *Flux, une société en mouvement*, texte de Léa Bismuth, Éditions Poursuite  
2017 Livre d'artiste Document I, Document II, Document III

### EXPOSITIONS COLLECTIVES

- 2022 *Horizon(s)*, FRAC Grand Large - Hauts-de-France  
*Fata Morgana*, Jeu de Paume, cur.  
Béatrice Gross & Katinka Bock  
*Une collection particulière*, Musée d'art et d'archéologie, Aurillac  
*Les territoires et la carte*, Centre Culturel Jean Cocteau, Paris  
*Ailleurs, une quête, des regards*  
EROA, Institut pour la photographie de Lille  
2021 Prix Découverte Louis Roederer, cur. Sonia Voss  
Jeu de Paume Lab, commissaire Justinien Tribillon  
Salon Approche, galerie Fontana Amsterdam  
Unseen, galerie Fontana Amsterdam  
2020 *Flux*, CRP/Centre Régional de la Photographie cur. Muriel Enjalran  
*Flux*, Les Photoumnales, Le Quadrilatère  
2019 *La vérité n'est pas la vérité*, MaBa  
cur. Caroline Cournède  
*Lignes de vies – Une exposition de légendes*, MAC-VAL, commissaire Frank Lamy  
*Some of us*, Kunstwerk Carlshütte, Büdelsdorf, Allemagne commissaires Jérôme Cotinet-Alphaize et Marianne Derrien  
2018 *Tél un lys parmi les épines*, commissaire Violette Gillet  
Festival d'Art vidéo, Beaux Arts de Carcassonne  
2017 *Invisible*, Juliana Góngora, MAC-VAL  
2016 *Instant-Image*, Centre photographique de Marseille, Réseau diagonales, Marseille expos  
*Invisible*, Kyungwoo Chun, MAC-VAL  
2015 *Soudain... la neige*, Maison Bernard Anthonioz  
2014 *The Last Artists Exhibition*, Centre d'art Taidehalli, Helsinki  
2013 *21/12*, La Ruche  
Nuit Blanche, *Les centres d'art font leur cinéma*  
iki curatorialgroup, Italie  
*Quel Travail ?! Manières de faire, manières de voir*, CPIF, commissaire Nathalie Giraudeau

- 2012 *Tour de France*, Public fiction, Lost in LA, Los Angeles, cur.Julien Prévieux

- 2010-21 Collaboration artistique sur les projets (théâtre, danse) de Vincent Thomasset  
2009 *Reprise*, Visite ma tente, Berlin kom.post, Centre Culturel Français, Berlin, Allemagne Festival care of/docva/la fabbrica del vapore, Milan *Le chaînon manquant*, curator Martine Michard, Kiriat Ata Centre d'art contemporain, Cajarc  
2008 *Regard-caméra : portrait de l'artiste en spectateur*, Centre d'art contemporain de la Ferme du Buisson, Commissaire Julie Pellegrin *Hospitalités*, programmation itinérante

### PRIX — BOURSE

- 2022 CNAP Soutien à la photographie documentaire Nommée au prix Shpilman  
2021 Prix du public Découverte Louis Roederer 2021 Sur mesure+ de l'Institut Français  
2018 Lauréate de la commande photographique nationale « flux, une société en mouvement » Finalistes, Fondation François Schneider Finaliststes, Lewis Baltz Research Fund  
2016 Aide individuelle à la création, DRAC Île-de-France  
2016 FNAGP, Aide au projet

### COLLECTIONS

- 2022 Musée Mac Val  
FRAC Grand Franche Comté  
Banque Neuflize OBC  
2020 FRAC Grand Large - Hauts-de-France  
2018 CNAP, Centre national des arts plastiques Collections privées

### RÉSIDENCES

- 2022 Résidence Hasy, Pouliguen  
2010 Atelier de recherche et de postproduction CPIF, Centre Photographique d'Île de France  
2009 Projet kom.post\_Berlin, Allemagne  
2005 Ecole d'art Kaiwon, Corée du Sud

### INTERVENTIONS

- 2021 Jury DNSEP, Beaux-Arts de Poitier, invitée par Virginie Yassef Workshop, Ecole e|m|a|fructidor, Chalon/Saône  
2020 Workshop, Ecole d'art de Condé, Paris Workshop, Ecole d'art de Tours, TALM  
2019 Workshop, Ecole d'art de Tours, TALM  
2018 Lycée Pablo Picasso, MABA  
2014 Les portes du temps, Mac-Val  
2012 Lisières, Béton Salon  
2010 Centre de détention pour mineurs, CEF, France

### FORMATION

- 2000-2005 École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-arts de Paris-Cergy DNAP, DNSEP

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**Ilanit Illouz**, *Végétal, détail : Les Dolines (2016-2023)*, 2018  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

10 x 15 cm.  
4 x 6 in.

EUR €1,000.00

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**Ilanit Illouz**, *Les roseaux et le vent : Les Dolines* (2016-2023), 2023  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

66 x 100 cm.  
26 x 39.5 in.

EUR €8,500.00

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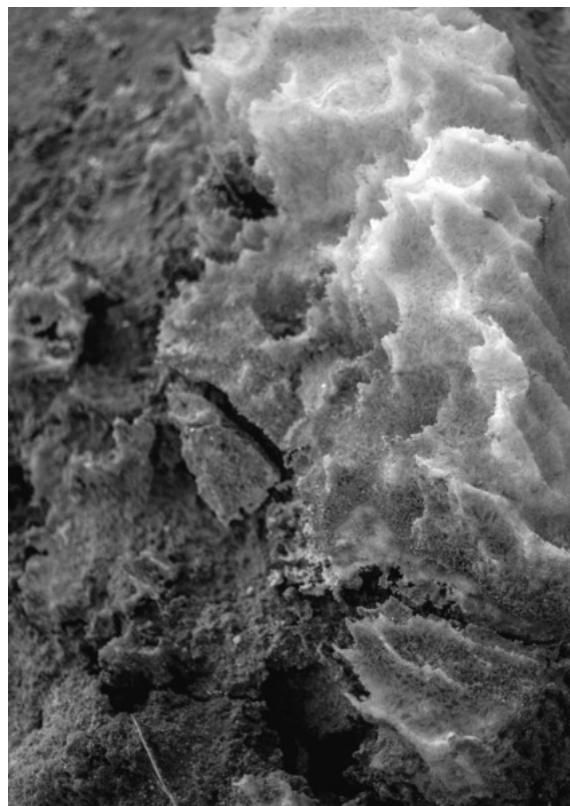
**Ilanit Illouz**, *Saline VII : Les Dolines* (2016-2023), 2023  
Black frame, museum glass

66 x 100 cm.  
26 x 39.5 in.

EUR €8,500.00

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**Ilanit Illouz**, *Croûte, détail : Les Dolines* (2016-2023), 2022  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

42 x 30 cm.  
16.5 x 12 in.

EUR €3,500.00

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**Ilanit Illouz, *Phragmites australis : Les Dolines* (2016-2023), 2023**  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

42 x 30 cm.  
16.5 x 12 in.

EUR €3,500.00

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**Ilanit Illouz**, *Vague cristallisée : Les Dolines (2016-2023)*, 2018  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

10 x 15 cm.  
4 x 6 in.

EUR €1,000.00

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**Ilanit Illouz**, *Croûte saline, détail : Les Dolines* (2016-2023), 2018  
Fossilized salt print, To be framed

10 x 15 cm.  
4 x 6 in.

EUR €1,000.00

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**Ilanit Illouz**, *Sédiment III : Les Dolines* (2016-2023), 2018  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

10 x 15 cm.  
4 x 6 in.

EUR €1,000.00

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**Ilanit Illouz, Lac d'Asphalte : Les Dolines (2016-2023), 2023**  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

157 x 105 cm.  
62 x 41.5 in.

EUR €16,500.00

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**Ilanit Illouz**, *Sebkha : Les Dolines* (2016-2023), 2022  
Fossilized salt print, Black frame, museum glass

42 x 30 cm.  
16.5 x 12 in.

EUR €3,500.00

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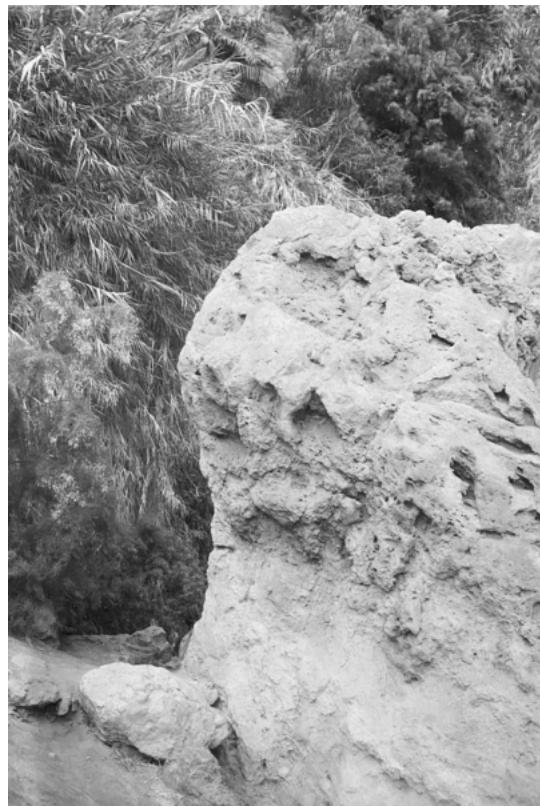
**Ilanit Illouz, Oued II, 2022**  
Tirage fossilisé au sel, Black frame, museum glass

100 x 66 cm.

EUR €8,500.00

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**Ilanit Illouz, Roche crayeuse II, 2021**  
Tirage fossilisé au sel, Black frame, museum glass

100 x 66 cm.

EUR €8,500.00