# **Mark Curran**

## Education

- 1991 BA (Hons) Sociology (minor Psychology), University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 2001 National Diploma in Photography, IADT, Dublin, Ireland
- 2006 MPhil. (practice-led) Media & Visual Anthropology, DIT/TU Dublin, Ireland Title: 'Final Build? Imaging the Local-Global Landscape of Hewlett-Packard, Ireland'. Centre for Transcultural Research and Media Practice, DIT/TU Dublin, Ireland

2011 *PhD* (practice-led) *Media & Visual Anthropology* Title: 'A Globalised Vulnerability: Re-representing the Labouring Body of *Ireland's Newly Industrialised Landscape'*. Centre for Transcultural Research and Media Practice, DIT/TU Dublin, Ireland

#### Area of Expertise

Photography; Multimedia; Visual & Media Anthropology; Ethnography; Moving Image; Installation; Publication; Web-based Re-narration

#### **Research Interests/Activities**

Globalisation; Financial Capital; Labour; Globalised Industrial Space; Algorithmic Infrastructures; Abstraction; Community; Functioning & Condition of Global Markets; Precarity; Vulnerability; Representation; Technology; Assemblage; Multivocality & Montage

#### **One Person Exhibitions**

2022	THE MARKET – Villa Heike, Berlin, Germany
2017	THE MARKET – Le Bleu du Ciel, Lyon, France
2015	The Economy of Appearances, Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA), Ireland
2014	THE MARKET – Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris, France
	Ausschnitte aus EDEN/Extracts from EDEN – Thomas J. Walsh Gallery, Fairfield University, Connecticut, USA
2013	THE MARKET – Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
	THE MARKET – Belfast Exposed Gallery, Belfast, N. Ireland
	<i>The Breathing Factory</i> – (in progamme of) FORMAT 2013, Derby, England
2012	Ausschnitte aus EDEN/Extracts from EDEN – PhotoIreland, Dublin, Ireland
2011	Ausschnitte aus EDEN/Extracts from EDEN – ENCONTROS DA IMAGEM, Braga, Portugal
2010	The Breathing Factory – DePaul University Art Museum (DPAM), Chicago, USA
2008	The Breathing Factory – Le Bleu du Ciel, Lyon, France
2006	The Breathing Factory – Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
	The Breathing Factory – Belfast Exposed Gallery, Belfast, N. Ireland

	<i>The Breathing Factory</i> – The Butler Gallery, The Castle, Kilkenny, Ireland
	The Breathing Factory – Dazibao, Montreal, Canada
2005	The Breathing Factory – Galeria Nuova Icona, Venice, Italy
	SOUTHERN CROSS – Osborne/Clarke Foundation, Köln/Cologne, Germany
2004	SOUTHERN CROSS – Septembre de la Photographie, Lyon, France
2003	SOUTHERN CROSS – Galerie van der Grinten, Köln/Cologne, Germany
2002	SOUTHERN CROSS – Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
2000	Owners – Büro für Fotos, Köln/Cologne, Germany
1998	Across the Counter – The Winding Stair, Dublin, Ireland
Group Exhibitions	
2023	National Photography Collection Tour – Glór, Ennis, Ireland
2022	In Our Own Image: The Politics of Place – Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin, Ireland
	Selected Works: National Photography Collection – Draíocht, Ireland
	The Institutional – PhotoIreland, Dublin Castle, Ireland
	Collection Bleu du Ciel – Le Bleu du Ciel, Lyon, France
2021	National Photography Collection – Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin, Ireland
2019	MUSEUM OF CAPITALISM – New School/Parsons, New York City USA
	Taxed To The Max - NOORDERLICHT, Groningen, The Netherlands
	CAPITAL – National Centre for Photography, Ballarat Biennale, Australia
2018	Space of Flows: KRAKOW PHOTOMONTH (Invited - Main Programme) Krakow, Poland
	We Only Want The Earth: Contemporary Irish Artists Adobe, San Francisco, USA
2017	Spectacle & Scaffold: Contemporary Photography & Mapping Networks, Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, North Carolina, USA
	Athens Biennale, Athens, Greece
	MUSEUM OF CAPITALISM, Oakland, California, USA
2016	I Stood Before The Source, Blackwood Gallery, University of Toronto, Canada
2015	Periodical Review #5, Pallas Projects & NCAD Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
	#DataRush, NOORDERLICHT 2015, Groningen, the Netherlands

	Photoville, New York City, USA
2013	Neither Here Nor There (Contemporary Irish Artits), Galway Arts Centre, Galway, Ireland
	A Letter to Lucy, Pallas Projects, Dublin, Ireland
	LABOUR & LOCKOUT, Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA), Limerick, Ireland
	Neither Here Nor There (Contemporary Irish Artists), Grimmuseum, Berlin, Germany
	Exile, The LAB (Dublin City Council), Dublin, Ireland
	Sonntag, Berlin, Germany
2012	postSCRIPT, Camden Palace Hotel, Cork, Ireland
2011	Nature/Human/Nature: Landscape Photography from the State Collection, Office of Public Works, Farmleigh House, Dublin, Ireland
	A Picture From Home, Schaden.Com, Paris Photo, France
	Long Way To Paradise, Belfast Photo Festival 2011, Belfast, N. Ireland
	Long Way To Paradise, PhotoIreland 2011, Dublin, Ireland
2010	'Postcards from the Celtic Tiger': Contemporary Photography and Video from Ireland, Xuhui Art Museum, Shanghai, China
2009	6x6 Fragments of European Photography: Ireland, Yours Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
	6x6 Fragments of European Photography: Ireland, Fotofestiwal, Lodz, Poland
	The Christmas Photo Album, OST Gallery, Moscow, Russia
2008	30 Exhibition, Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
	China International Photography Festival, Pingyao, China
	CEDEFOP PhotoMuseum Award, PhotoBiennale 08 Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki, Greece
2007	Pass the Picture: Out of Berlin, Goethe Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	Short Stories: Photographs 1890-2006, Macy Art Gallery, New York City, USA
	Cead China, 411 Gallery, Shanghai, China
2006	Seconds: the imperfect artwork, Wexford Arts Centre, Ireland
	European Month of Photography, Embassy of Ireland, Berlin, Germany
	Vevey-Ville d'Image, Vevey, Switzerland
2005	Paris Photo, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France
	6x6xTri Showcase 2005, Hangzhou/Shanghai/Beijing, China
	Artist as Publisher, the Workroom, Dublin, Ireland

	Urban Condition, night projection, Temple Bar, Dublin, Ireland
2004	Justus Lipsius EU Presidency Building, Brussels, Belgium ( <i>Cultural Programme 2004</i> to mark Ireland's Presidency of EU)
	Contact, 1 <sup>st</sup> International Photography Festival, Damascus, Syria RHA 174 <sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA), Dublin, Ireland
	artists-books, Workroom, Dublin/Model Arts and Niland Gallery, Sligo, Ireland
2003	Perspective 2003 – Ormeau Baths Gallery, Belfast, N. Ireland (Selector: Enrique Juncosa, Director, Irish Museum of Modern Art)
	Seventh International Photography Gathering, Aleppo, Syria
2002	VIA – site-specific installation, Camden Street, Dublin, Ireland
	Paris Photo, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France
2001	AIB Visual Art Prize 2001 (shortlist) – Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA), Dublin, Ireland
	Les Rencontres du Jour (Selected), Voies Off, Night Projection, Rencontres Internationales de la Photographie 2001, Arles, France
	The John Kobal Award – National Portrait Gallery, London, England

## Monographs

*The Breathing Factory*, Curran, M. (EDITION BRAUS, Heidelberg, Germany/Belfast Exposed Photography/Gallery of Photography, Ireland 2006)

SOUTHERN CROSS, Curran M. (Cornerhouse (UK)/Gallery of Photography, Dublin 2002)

#### Journals

- Ausschnitte aus EDEN/Extracts from EDEN (2003-2009): An audio-visual ethnography of a globalized present (Lausitz, Eastern Germany) by Mark Curran, in Irish-German Studies, Holfter, G., Byrnes, D., Conacher, J. (eds) Vol. 11, 185–202 (WVT Verlag, Triers 2020)
- 'SOUTHERN CROSS: Documentary Photography, the Celtic Tiger and a Future yet to Come' in E. Smith, E. & Workman, S. (eds.), <u>Imagining Irish Suburbia in Literature</u> and Culture, New Directions in Irish and Irish American Literature (Palgrave MacMillan 2019)
- *Artist's Project: The Market Has a History, But No Memory by Mark Curran'*, in <u>In the Mind but Not from There: Real Abstraction and Contemporary Art,</u> Moreno, G. (ed.) (Verso 2019)
- 'In conversation with Mark Curran on Multivocality as a Representational Strategy' in <u>Why</u> <u>Exhibit? Positions on Exhibiting Photographies</u>, Sikking, I & Rastenberger, A-K. (eds) (Fw:Books, The Netherlands 2018)
- 'Ausschnitte aus EDEN/Extracts from EDEN: Re-representing the 'wounded' landscape of the Lausitz, Eastern Germany`by Mark Curran, in Photographies, Wells, L. & Bright, D. (eds.)(Routledge, London, UK 2013)

- *Capital at Work: Methodology in THE MARKET'by Mark Curran* in Anthology of IADT Research, Kirwan, G. (ed.), (IADT, Dublin, Ireland 2013)
- *The Breathing Factory: Locating the Global Labouring Body*`, *Journal of Media Practice* 9(2)(London, England 2008)

#### Publications

- La Région Humaine: 20 ans de Photographie Documentaire (Éditions Loco/ Bleu du Ciel/ Ministère de la Culture, France, 2021)
- Space of Flows: Krakow Photomonth 2018 (Krakow, Poland 2018)
- MUSEUM OF CAPITALISM (Project Projects, New York 2017)
- I Stood Before The Source (Blackwood Gallery/University of Toronto 2016)
- #DataRush/Pulse, NOORDERLICHT 2015 (NOORDERLICHT, Groningen, Netherlands 2015)
- FACTORY: Mass Production (FORMAT 2013, Derby, UK 2013)
- PhotoIreland 2012 (PhotoIreland Festival, Dublin, Ireland 2012)
- Photography and Ireland (Carville, J. (ed.), Reaktion, London, UK 2011)
- Pictures From Home (Schaden.Com, Köln/Cologne, Germany, 2011)
- *Human/Nature: Landscape Photography from the State Collection* (Office of Public Works (OPW) Dublin, Ireland 2011)
- New Visions on Social Documentary Photography (Encontros Da Imagem, Braga, Portugal 2011)
- PhotoIreland 2011 (PhotoIreland Festival, Dublin, Ireland 2011)
- Brute Neighbors, (Green, C & Heneghan, L., DePaul University Press, Chicago, USA 2011)
- Le Bleu du Ciel 1999-2009, (Edition Bleu du Ciel, Lyon, France 2010)
- MARGINS: Photographing Labour on the Margins, (IPRN/Dom Fotografie, Slovakia 2008)
- *'Historical Oblivion: the photographs of Kai-Olaf Hesse'*, 3<sup>rd</sup> European Month of Photography Berlin, (Kulturprojekte Berlin, Germany 2008)
- *Identité(s)/Identity(ies)*, (Septembre de la Photographie, Lyon, France/ Silvana Editoriale, Milan, Italy 2008)
- China International Photography Festival, (PIP, Pingyao, China 2008)
- Vevey-Ville d'Image (IMAGES 08, Vevey, Switzerland 2008)
- Next Level Art/Photography/Ideas (Portfolio), Creative Scape, Issue 13, London, England 2008)
- CEDEFOP PhotoMuseum Award 07, (Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki, Greece 2008)
- Pass the Picture: Out of Berlin (Goethe Institute/Alex Moh, Malaysia 2007)

Cead China, (411 Gallery, Shanghai, China 2007)

- Short Stories: Photographs 1890-2006 (Macy Gallery/Maurizio Pellegrin, New York, USA, 2007)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> European Month of Photography Berlin, (Kulturprojekte Berlin, Germany 2006)
- SHIFTS 2, (International Photography Research Network (IPRN) in association with the Centre for Creative Photography, University of Jyväskylä, Finland 2006)

*Building Material* (Journal of the Architectural Association of Ireland (AAI) Dublin, Autumn 2005)

*Europa – L'Esprit des Villes* (Edition Lieux Dits, Lyon 2004)

Seventh International Photography Gathering (LePont Gallery, Aleppo, Syria 2003)

Plan 03 – Month of Architecture and the Arts (Plan 03, Cologne 2003)

Workshop for emerging Photographers (Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Singapore 2002)

Source – Photographic Review (Portfolio, Photoworks North, Belfast, Summer 2002)

Repetition (bel epok, Köln/Cologne, Germany 2002)

The John Kobal Award 2001 (National Portrait Gallery, London 2001)

#### **Awards/Selections**

2022	Berlin/Bezirkskulturfonds, Bezirksamt Lichtenberg
	Visual Arts Bursary, Arts Council of Ireland
2019	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland
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2015	Commission, North East Photography Network (University of Sunderland) & NOORDERLICHT 2015 (Groningen, Netherlands)
2013	Deutsche Börse Photography Award 2014 nomination for THE MARKET from Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
	Visual Arts Bursary, Arts Council of Ireland
	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland
	<i>Prix Pictet</i> (International Award for Photography) nomination for THE MARKET from Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
2012	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland
2011	Visual Arts Projects Award (2011-2013) Arts Council of Ireland marking centenary of the 1913 Dublin Lockout, curated by Helen Carey & supported by Dublin City Council and Department of Foreign Affairs, Government of Ireland
	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland
2010	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland
2009	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland
2008	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland Art.Fair 21 Award, KunstMesse Köln, Nomination, Cologne, Germany
2007	The Breathing Factory, CEDEFOP PhotoMuseum Award, Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki, Greece
2006	New Work Visual Arts Bursary, The Arts Council, Ireland
	Government of Ireland Bursary, Culture Ireland

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2006 – 2008Core Faculty, Steinhardt School, New York University (NYU)<br/>Postgraduate Study Abroad Programme (Led by Prof. Allen Feldman<br/>& Prof. Nicholas Mirzoeff) American University Paris (AUP) (2008)<br/>& DIT, Ireland (2006 & 2007)

## Visiting Lectureships (selected)

MA in Photography, Northern Centre for Photography, University of Sunderland, England

ARC MA, IADT, The Lab, Dublin, Ireland

MFA Photography, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, Connecticut, USA

BA (Hons) Photography, New York University, Florence, Italy

- BA (Hons) American Studies, Department for American Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- Faculty of Fine Art, Visiting Artist Lecture Series, National College of Art & Design (NCAD), Dublin, Ireland
- MFA, California College of the Arts (CCA), Oakland, California, USA (Study Abroad Programme)
- MFA Photography, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, Connecticut, USA
- BA (Hons) Art, Design and Transmedia, Syracuse University, NY, USA (Study Abroad Programme)
- MA in Media, Culture and Communication, University of Washington State, USA

MA in Photography, University of Helsinki, Finland

MA in Photography, University of Wales, Newport, Wales

- BA (Hons) Photography, School of Photography, (HFF), University of Göteborg, Sweden
- BA (Hons) Fine Art, Erasmus Lecturer, Academy for the Fine Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland

BA (Hons) Photography, University of Wales, Newport, Wales

MA in Communications and Cultural Studies, Dublin City University (DCU), Ireland

BA (Hons) Art, Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT) Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

BA (Hons) Fine Art, National College of Art and Design (NCAD), Dublin, Ireland

BA Photography, Griffith College, Dublin, Ireland

Certificate in Photography, Stillorgan, CDVEC, Dublin, Ireland

## **Conferences/Symposia**

- 'Abstraction, Studying Up and the Re-Representation of Financial Capital', Invited Speaker, *Documentary Futures: New Ecologies, Science and Aesthetics*, University of South Wales (UK) & Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Switzerland) (2021)
- *Normalising Deviance and the construction of THE MARKET (2010-', Panel, Encountering the City, Anthropology & Geography: Dialogues Past, Present & Future, Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) Annual Conference, London, UK (2020)*
- 'Normalising Deviance & the construction of THE MARKET', Panel, The Role of Art in the Age of Financial Crisis, College Arts Association (CAA) Annual Conference, New York, USA (2017)
- 'Normalising Deviance and the construction of THE MARKET', Panel, Post-Society and Financial Exsanguination, THE SOCIAL - 4th International Association for Visual Culture Biennial Conference (#IAVC2016), Boston University, USA (2016)
- *Normalising Deviance and the construction of THE MARKET'*, Panel (invited), Global Capitalism & The Challenge of Well-being In The World, Annual Conference of the Swiss Anthropological Society, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland (2015)
- #Data Rush: When Art Meets Science', Panel (invited), Stichting WAMS & Nooderlicht, Groningen, The Netherlands (2015)
- *Normalising Deviance and the construction of THE MARKET'*, Panel (invited), INFINITI, University of Ljubljana & Trinity College Dublin, Ljubljana, Slovenia (2015)

- *Slap, Bang in the Middle: Re-representing THE MARKET'*, Keynote, Mapping the Frontiers of Financial Capital: Art, Anthropology & High Finance, Royal Anthropological Institute & University of Sussex, London, England (2015)
- 'The Normalisation of Deviance: Constructing THE MARKET', Keynote, SOUND VISION ACTION 2014 McGill University, Montreal, Canada (2014)
- *'The Normalisation of Deviance : Constructing THE MARKET',* Keynote, The Theatre of Memory, Abbey Theatre, Dublin, Ireland (2014)
- *Capital at Work'*, MOMENTOUS TIMES (FORUM), Centre for Contemporary Art (CCA) Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland (2013)
- *Capital at Work : Studying Up and the Construction of THE MARKET'*, Keynote, LAND-LABOUR-CAPITAL, Limerick City Gallery of Art/Future State/Goldsmiths, University of London, Limerick, Ireland (2013)
- *Framing THE MARKET', Uncertain State: Temple Bar Photography Summer School,* Project Arts Centre, Dublin, Ireland (2013)
- Marxism, Critical Theory and Contemporary Art Practice, Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), Dublin, Ireland (2013)
- *Between Nature and Culture: Photography as Mediation and Method'*, Keynote, The Photographers Gallery, London, England (2012)
- *Ausschnitte aus EDEN/Extracts from EDEN:* Multivocality/Montage and the Framing of Utopia', *Helsinki Photomedia 2012 Images in Circulation*, First International Helsinki Photography Research Conference, Aalto University, School of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland (2012)
- *Eden Emerging*: Re-presenting the 'wounded' landscape of the Lausitz', *Emerging Landscapes*, University of Westminster, London, England (2010)
- *The Breathing Factory: Montaged Gesture and the Global Labouring Body'*, The Photographic Act: Encounter, Event, Configuration Network, College Arts Association (CAA), 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, USA (2010)
- 'Montaged Re-Imaginings: extracts from EDEN (a work in progress)', keynote, Cities Re Imagined: 1, Bergen National Academy of the Arts (KHIB), Oslo, Norway (2009)
- *'The Breathing Factory: Practice-led Possibilities'*, keynote, conference on postgraduate practice-led research in art & design, Icelandic Academy for the Fine Arts, Reykjavik, Iceland (2008)
- *The Breathing Factory: A globalised evocation'*, ReThinking Labour, Clinton Institute for American Studies, University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland (2008)
- *The Breathing Factory: Evoking the Global'*, MARGINS: Photographing Labour on the Margins, 3rd Changing Faces Conference, IPRN and Dom Fotografie, Liptovsky Mikulás, Slovakia (2007)
- *The Breathing Factory: Evoking the Global'*, Global Photographies: Histories/Theories/Practices, Conference, IADT, Dublin, Ireland (2007)
- 'A Globalised Evocation', Invited, Symposium on Lens-Based Research Practice Training: New Directions, Centre for Transcultural Research and Media Practice (CTRMP), DIT (TU Dublin), AVPhD Network (Goldsmiths College, London & Media Research Institute, University of Ulster), Dublin, Ireland (2007)
- *The Breathing Factory Evoked*', SHIFTS 2: Archives in Dialogue and New Identities in Documentarism, Conference, International Photography Research Network (IPRN), University of Jyväskylä, Finland (2006)

## **Collections\***

Arts Council of Ireland National Photography Collection, Ireland DePaul Art Museum (DPAM), Chicago, USA Collection Contemporain, Bibliothèque Municipal de Lyon, France Van der Grinten Galerie, Cologne, Germany Le Bleu du Ciel, Lyon, France Office Of Public Works (OPW), Dublin City Council, Ireland Magahy & Company, Dublin, Ireland Private collections in Ireland, England, Germany, France, Canada & Belgium

\*Since 2008, work has been only available for acquisition for public/national collections or public fundraising campaigns to support emergency causes.