

## CV

### Jussi Koitela

Curator - Visual Artist

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## Bio

Jussi Koitela (b.1981) is a curator and visual artist based in Helsinki, Finland. As a curator he is currently focused to artist's reactions to economical discourses in the context of Skills of Economy project. Recent curatorial work include To Use As a Capital exhibition at One Night Only Gallery/Kunstnernes Hus, Oslo, Skills of Economy – Post Models: Ore.e Refineries exhibition at SIC Space,Helsinki and Dissolving Frontiers exhibition at Hiap/Gallery Augusta, Helsinki, Performative program for Manifesta 10 On Board, Not a Another Public Process exhibition at Upper Art, Bergamo, Skills of Economy Sessions at Finnish Theatre Academy, Baltic Circle Festival and Kiasma Theatre, Helsinki. During spring 2015 Koitela edited Finnish Art Policy Handbook, published by Checkpoint Helsinki and Baltic Circle Festival.

### Studies

- 2015-2016 De Appel Curatorial Program, De Appel Art Center, Amsterdam
- 2012-(2016) Praxis, MA, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts  
Graduating spring 2015
- 2006-2010 Tampere University of Applied Sciences, BA, Fine Art Degree Program
- 2003-2004 Film Studies, Lahti Folk High School

### Currently working and future activities

- 2015 – 2016 Encounters  
Encounters is an on-going research and exchange platform concerned with institutions and their way of thinking – initiated by the participants of de Appel Curatorial Programme 15/16.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1517573015219725/>
- 2016 Taidetta ja politiikkaa tekemässä  
*Editing with Minna Herikkson and Terike Haapoja publication containing 7 texts by Finnish artists on their practice and it's relation to politics.*
- 2016 Work It Out – Imperfect Guide to Exhibiting and Performing the Exhibition  
*Editing with Miina Hujala, Saara Hannus and Satu Herrala publication based on the Work It Out workshops. Contributors: Clare Butcher, Märten Spånberg, Kimmo Modig, Diego Agulló, Megan Snowe, Laura Jantunen. Published by Finnish Academy of Fine Arts.*
- 2015-16 Skills of Economy Sessions  
*Curating Series of events produced in collaboration with Baltic Circle festival, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art and HIAP Helsinki International Artist Program.*
- 2016 Bucharest Biennale 7  
*Contributing o Bucharest Biennale 7 in the context of Skills of Economy project. BB7 is curated by Niels van Tomme.*  
<http://www.bucharestbiennale.org>



Exhibition at HIAP/Gallery Augusta curated with Jenni Nurmeniemi. Artists: Khaled Ramadan, Hanna Husberg & Laura McLean, Nestori Syrjälä, Tonka Maleković, Tue Greenfort, Fernando Garcia-Dory, Mari Keski-Korsu and Brett Bloom & Bonnie Fortune  
<http://www.hiap.fi/event/dissolving-frontiers>

- 2014 Skills of Economy – Post Models: Ore.e Refineries  
Exhibition at SIC Space, Helsinki, part of the Skills of Economy project. Artist: Ore.e Refineries.  
<http://www.sicspace.net/past/skills-of-economy---post-models-oree-refineries/>
- 2014 To Use as Capital  
Exhibition at One Night Only/Kunstners Hus, Oslo, part of the Skills of Economy project. Artists: Alma Heikkilä, Saara-Maria Kariranta and Iain Griffin.  
[http://www.onogallery.com/work\\_pages/20140505\\_jussi.html](http://www.onogallery.com/work_pages/20140505_jussi.html)
- 2014 For Your Health Only!  
Exhibition at Kuva/Tila, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki curated with Miina Hujala, Saara Hannus, Liina Kuusimäki, Katriina Rosavaara, Mikael Kinanen and Maija Kasvinen. Artists: Art & Process, Veera Jalava, Tellervo Kalleinen & Oliver Kochta-Kalleinen, Kaisa Salmi, Timo Tähkänen, Océane Bruel, Iiris Kaarlehto, Josefina Nelimarkka, Mikko Tapio and Joakim Pusenius  
<http://www2.kuva.fi/fi/nayttelyt/kalenteri/tyonimi-terveydeksi>
- 2013 Work It Out  
Workshop about exhibiting and performing the exhibition at Space for Free Art, Helsinki organized and curated with Miina Hujala, Saara Hannus and Satu Herrala. Speakers: Clare Butcher, Diego Agulló, One Night Only Gallery and Maija Hirvanen. Supported by Finnish Academy of Fine Arts and Art University of Helsinki.  
<http://www.jussikoitela.com/curatorial/work-it-out/>
- 2013 Skills of Economy Event  
Seminar and Scening at Finnish Academy of Fine Arts. Part of the Skills of Economy project. Participants: Jenna Sutela, Oliver Ressler, Ore.e Ref. (Eero Yli-Vakkuri and Jesse Sipola), Ruby van der Wekken, Société Réaliste, Syrago Tsiara, Teemu Takatalo, Ville-Pekka Sorsa, Visible Solutions LLC, Zachary Formwalt.  
<http://www.skillsforeconomy.com/skills-of-economy-event/>
- 2013 - 2015 XL Art Space  
Art Space in Helsinki organized with: Toni Ledentsa, Christine Langinauer, Helena Björk and Saara Hannus  
<http://xlartspace.tumblr.com>
- 2011 - 2012 Media Art Evenings  
Series of art and media events at Media Museum Rupriikki, Tampere.
- 2012 Artists-build-time  
Animation Screening and Lecture at Oulu Art Museum, Oulu. Artists: Jussi Matilainen Karoliina Paappa Laura Rytönen Heidi Saramäki Jukka Silokunnas.
- 2011 Circle - New Painting from Tampere  
Exhibition at Tampere Museum of Modern Art/TR1 Kunstahalle curated with Jenni Nurmeniemi. Artists: Jaana Laakkonen, Mia Saharla, Kati Roover, Teemu Kangas, Saara Piispa and Juhani Tuomi.  
<http://tr1keha.wordpress.com>
- 2011 Ars Kärsämäki 2011"Experimental Life"  
Artists: Lotta Ingman, Jouna Karsi, Pia Sirén, Maija Kovari, Jaana Laakkonen, Kaisa Luukkonen, Noomi Ljungdell, Antti Nyyssölä, Antti Raatikainen, Route Couture, Jukka Silokunnas
- MediaPyhät  
Series of art and media exhibitions and events curated with Kaisa Luukkonen.  
<http://mediapyhat.rajataide.fi>

2011 - 2012 MediaPyhät - Featherweight Portable Museum, Catalyst Arts, Belfast,  
Northern Ireland and Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2011 MediaPyhät - Tits, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2011 Landing Points, -Art Projects in Public Place, Tampere, Finland  
2010 Beautiful Citizen, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2010 Sermon and Creation, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2010 Show for Constructed Time, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2010 Johnny Amore - Some Like it Screened, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2010 Open Doors, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2010 MediaPyhät - Cars & Chicks, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2009 MediaPyhät, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland

### **Producing and Other Work**

2013 – 2014 Checkpoint Helsinki,  
*Member of the Curator Selection Group*

2013 – 2014 Manifesta Foundation, Amsterdam  
*During internship at summer 2013 I mapped out Nordic-Baltic art scene for Manifesta organisation and developed Manifesta 10 On board project. 2014 continued coordination of the project.*

2013 Aalto University, Biofilia Department  
*Producer of Opening Event of Bio Art Department*

2010 – 2011 Photographic Centre Nyky aika/ Backlight Photo Festival 2011  
*Festival producer*

### **Projects, Art Fairs, Talks, Lectures, Residencies, Workshops...**

2015 Lecture, Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2015 Curatorial Visit, Copenhagen, Danish Agency for Culture, Denmark  
2015 Moderator, Discussion on Art, Magic and Finance, Checkpoint Helsinki, Finland  
2015 Panelist, Artivism Discussion, Finish Theatre Academy, Helsinki, Finland  
2015 Lecture, Art and Society Course, Finish Theatre Academy, Helsinki, Finland  
2015 Panelist, Future of Art Discussion, Loft Talks, Finnish, National Broadcasting Company, Helsinki, Finland  
2015 Lecture, Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki, Finland  
2015 Lecture, Art School Maa, Helsinki, Finland  
2015 Panelist, Populism and Art Politics, Finish Critics Association, Helsinki University, Helsinki, Finland  
2015 Talk, Contemporary Art Center of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece  
2014 Moderator, Event Handlers, OOO & AH Ai ja AHA Discussion, Free Art Space, Helsinki, Finland  
2014 Moderator, Art and Ideology Seminar, Baltic Circle Festival, Helsinki, Finland  
2014 Talk, Foxhole, Minibar Artist Space, Stockholm, Sweden  
2014 Lecture, Money Money Money Art & Economy Seminar, Nordic Art School, Kokkola, Finland  
2014 Discussion, Artist and Power, Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland  
2014 Talk, Peer to Peer on Curating, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland  
2014 Panelist, Ihme Festival, National Art - Discussion, Helsinki, Finland  
2014 Residency, Finish Academy of Fine Arts, Berlin, Germany  
2014 Talk, Kuratointi – häiriötä vai välittämistä? Discussion, Frame, Helsinki, Finland  
2014 Residency, CEC ArtsLink, St. Petersburg, Russia  
2013 Talk, POGON – Zagreb Center for Independent Culture and Youth, Zagreb, Croatia  
2013 Participant, Manifesta 10 Coffee Break, St. Petersburg, Russia  
2013 Lecture, Art and Society Course, Finish Theatre Academy, Helsinki  
2013 Panelist, Economy Activism Through Art, Finnish Attac Seminar, Raasepori, Finland  
2013 Panelist, Institutional Melancholy Debat, Today Project, Titanik Gallery, Turku, Finland  
2013 Talk, Skills of Economy Presentation, PS2 Project Space/Culture Shop, Belfast  
2013 Art and Money Debate, Antagon, Sorbus Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
2013 Perpentuum Lab – Curating the Political, Baltic Art Center, Visby  
2013 Kuno Summer School Venice, Venice, Italy

2013 Panelist, Critical Culture Debat – From New Liberalism to Keynes, Social Forum, Helsinki, Finland  
 2012 Panelist, Public Critique, Souds Like Work Festival, Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland  
 2012 Curators/Artist Talk, Designer's Breakfast, Muotohuoltamo, Lahti, Finland  
 2012 Residency, Haihatus, Joutsa, Finland  
 2012 Residency, Art Council of Pirkanmaa, Berlin, Germany  
 2012 Live Blog, Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland  
 2010 Live Blog, Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland

**Published Texts and books:**

2016 Art Institutions Must Offer Alternative To Nationalism, Finnish Benelux Institute Blog, 2016  
 2015 Between a Mouth and a Ear and Air Between, text for Tonya McNullan's exhibition Sit Down Cross Legs  
 Link Arms, Center of Contemporary Art, Derry-Londonderry, 2015  
 2015 Näyttelytilat ja instituutiot arvontuottajina ja vallankäyttäjinä, Taiteilijalehti.fi, 2015  
 2015 Gate, text about artist group Anna Breu, Turku Biennale Catalog, 2015  
 2015 Conversation about Bitu Razavi's work with Helena Björk, Checkpoint Helsinki Publication, 2015  
 2015 Taiteilijat demokratiaa kehittämään!, Taiteilijalehti.fi, 2015  
 2015 Finnish Art Policy Handbook, Baltic Circle/Checkpoint Helsinki, 2015 (editor)  
 2014 Med fantasin som verktyg mot kapitalismen, Astra 5/5 2014  
 2014 Beyond Politicized Economy, KUNSTforum, 3/2014  
 2014 Text about artist Otto Karvonen, Alkovi Gallery Anthology  
 2014 To Be Able To Do Ethics, Node Gallery Publication  
 2014 Vetäytyä, sitoutua vai asettua vastakkain: taiteilijan suhde instituutioihin, Alaston totuus t  
 taiteesta, Into Publication, 2014  
 2014 Taiteilija maksaa? Kuratointi ja muut pelot. Mustekala.info, 17.1.2014  
 2013 Institutionaalista melankoliasta eettisiin vaatimuksiin, Mustekala.info, 2.6.2013  
 2013 Aviisi, Vaarallinen argumentti, 7/15 2013  
 2013 Puolilehti, Filosofian ja tuotannollisuuden välissä, 1/3 2012  
 2013 Kuvalehti, Eiköhän mun teokset toimi Venetsiassa ihan samalla tavalla kuin muuallakin, 1/2 2013  
 2012 Puolilehti, Huutoja pimeydestä, 2/3 2012  
 2012 Mustekala.info, Taidetyöläisen monet roolit - jälkipuhetta Tampereen One Love -  
 teoksen ympärillä, 25.7.2012  
 2012 Liikutus Titanik-gallerian julkaisu, Työelämään liittyviä normaaleja tarpeita, 4 / 2012  
 2011 Puolilehti, Kolme kuvaa puheesta 2/3 2011  
 2011 Puolilehti, Kuvanveisto ja toiset, 1/3 2011  
 2011 Taidemaalaus, Vertainen, syrjäytynyt ja kuvataiteilija, 1/4 2011  
 2010 Puolilehti, Kriittikiuniversumissa, 2/2 2010  
 2010 Puolilehti, Tule sellaiseksi kuin minä, niin minä kunnioitan eroasi - eli kenttä,  
 persereikä ja media, 1/2 2010  
 2009 Puolilehti, Kohtaaminen teoksen kanssa, 2/2 2009

**Grants:**

2016 Kone Foundation, grant for independent curatorial practice and research  
 2015 Avek, project grant  
 2015 Palkansaajasäätiö, project grant  
 2015 Oskar Öflund Foundation, project grant  
 2015 Finnish Benelux Institute, grant for De Appel Curatorial Programme  
 2015 Paulo Foundation, working grant  
 2015 City of Helsinki, project grant  
 2015 Finnish Cultural Foundation, project grant  
 2014 Nordic Culture Point, mobility grant  
 2014 Kulturfondet, project grant  
 2014 Uudenmaa Art Council  
 2013 Nordic Culture Point, mobility grant  
 2013 Finnish-Swedish Cultural Foundation  
 2013 Frame – Visual Art Finland  
 2013 Finnish Academy of Fine Arts  
 2013 Frame – Visual Art Finland  
 2013 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Public Display Grant

2013 Finnish Academy of Fine Arts  
2012 Nordic Culture Point, mobility grant  
2012 Nordic Culture Point, mobility grant  
2012 City of Tampere, working grant  
2012 Art Council of Finland, project grant  
2012 Art Council of Finland (media art), project grant  
2011 Art Council of Finland, travel grant  
2011 Puplic Education Fund, project grant  
2010 Pirkanmaa Art Council, project grant  
2010 TAMK Scholarship

**Memberships:**

2014- Checkpoint Helsinki (member of board)  
2013- The Finnish Society for Curators  
2013- M-Cult (member of board)  
2008- Rajataide Association (Press person and Member of board 2009, Vice Member of board 2010, Member of board 2010)