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This series represents a response to a number of challenges. Firstly, the inherent problems and contradictions that arise when attempting to outline or summarise the wide-ranging, constantly changing and contested spheres of both art theory and practice, and secondly, the use of summary terms to describe a range of practices, many of which emerged in opposition to such totalising tendencies.

Taking these challenges into account, this talks series offers a range of perspectives, drawing on expertise and experience from lecturers, artists, curators and critical writers, and is neither definitive nor exhaustive. The intention is to provide background and contextual information about the art and artists featured in IMMA’s Exhibitions and collection in particular, and about Contemporary Art in general, to promote information sharing, and to encourage critical thinking, debate and discussion about art and artists.

The talks series addresses aspects of Modern and Contemporary Art spanning the period from the 1940s to the present.

Each talk will be supported by an information guide which includes a summary, the presenter’s essay, a reading list, a glossary of terms and a resources list. This information can also be found on IMMA’s website along with more detailed information about artworks and artists featured in IMMA’s Collection at www.imma.ie

There is a growing interest in contemporary art, yet the ideas and theoretical frameworks which inform its practice can be complex and difficult to access. By focusing on a number of key headings, such as conceptual art, installation art and performance art, this series of talks is intended to provide a broad overview of some of the central themes and directions in modern and contemporary art.
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As the national cultural institution responsible for the collection and presentation of Modern and Contemporary Art, the Irish Museum of Modern Art exhibits artworks by established and emerging artists who use media ranging from painting and sculpture to installation, photography, video and performance. IMMA’s Collection comprises artworks by Irish and international artists acquired through purchase, donations, loans and commissions, many in association with IMMA’s Temporary Exhibitions Programme and on occasion, IMMA’s Artists’ Residency Programme. There is no limitation with regard to the media acquired; consequently, IMMA’s Collection is well represented by contemporary artists who use new media, such as film, video, photography and digital technology.

In this introductory text, we provide a brief overview of the context in which this evolving category of New Media Art has developed. Terms associated with New Media Art are indicated in CAPITALS and are elaborated on in the glossary on p.17. We invited Maeve Connolly to write an essay on New Media Art, titled Art and (New) Media, Through the Lens of the IMMA Collection, which focuses on artists and artworks in IMMA’s Collection as a means of describing and contextualising this complex and contested area of contemporary art practice. By focusing on IMMA’s Collection we hope to draw attention to the body of artworks in the Collection by artists who use a range of media including new media, such as film, video, photography, sound and digital technology. Some examples include James Coleman, Jaki Irvine, Pierre Huyghe, Brian Duggan, Gerard Byrne, Isaac Julien, Philippe Parreno, Clare Langan, Phil Collins, Candida Höfer, Willie Doherty, Thomas Ruff, Grace Weir and Caroline McCarthy. We also hope to highlight the potential of IMMA’s Collection as a growing resource for further exploration and consideration of this subject.

In general usage, MEDIA, which is the plural of medium, refers to forms of mass communication, such as newspapers, magazines, television, radio and the Internet. In the arts, MEDIA refers to the materials, methodologies, mechanisms, technologies or devices by which an artwork is realised, a substance through which an effect is transmitted. Traditional or old media include PAINTING, SCULPTURE and DRAWING. The specific materials used, such as paint, charcoal or marble, can also be referred to as media. ‘New’ is a relative term in that something is new when it is first created, discovered or used, and its status as ‘new’ diminishes both over time and as it is replaced by something newer. In CONTEMPORARY ART, NEW MEDIA refers to a range of materials and technologies developed relatively recently and utilised in the creation, presentation and dissemination of NEW MEDIA ART. These new media are drawn from a range of sources both within the arts and the wider field of communications, entertainment and information technologies. Informed by the rapid pace of technological development, New Media Art is a constantly changing category encompassing FILM, VIDEO, PHOTOGRAPHY, LENS-BASED MEDIA, DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, HYPERTEXT, CYBERSPACE, AUDIO TECHNOLOGY, CD-ROMS, WEBCAMS, SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY, WIRELESS TELEPHONES, COMPUTER AND VIDEO GAMES, GPS SYSTEMS and BIOTECHNOLOGY.
The exploration of new media is central to the development of Contemporary Art. Many colleges and art institutions have New Media departments and most museums and galleries of Contemporary Art collect and present the work of artists who use new media in their practice. Some venues, such as the Walker Art Centre in Minnesota and the New Museum in New York, have New Media programmes and there are also dedicated centres for new media, such as the Centre for Art and Media in Karlsruhe and FACT (Foundation for Art and Creative Technology) in Liverpool.

One of the consequences of accelerating technological development is the potential that the media used to create, display or store artworks has to become obsolete. OBSOLESCENCE presents considerable challenges for the production, presentation and preservation of New Media Art. For some artists, obsolescence has become a mode of artistic production. Formats for the presentation and display of New Media Art also need to address audience expectations shaped by exposure to new media through entertainment and mass distribution formats, such as cinema, television and game consoles. As technology evolves and more artists engage with new media and emerging technologies, Contemporary Art museums and galleries, such as IMMA, are adapting their approach to address these challenges so that the artwork remains in the public domain.

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Talks and Lectures Programme

Innovative artists have always been interested in new media and materials. During the RENAISSANCE, artists’ practice was transformed by the use of the new medium of OIL PAINT which provided artists with greater flexibility and versatility than FRESCOS. The introduction of the CAMERA OBSCURA contributed to new developments in perspective, and PRINTMAKING radicalised the notion of the unique or one-off artwork, establishing an early precedent for mass media communication.

The scale of technological development during the INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, which gave form to the modern era, has had a considerable influence on the course of Modern and Contemporary Art, particularly the development of photography and film. In the early twentieth century, AVANT-GARDE and experimental artists embraced these technological developments, challenging the dominant artistic media of painting and sculpture. Photography displaced painting as the primary mode of pictorial representation, giving artists the freedom to experiment with new media and methodologies. CUBIST artists focused on the medium and structure of the painting itself, challenging the illusory nature of painting and prompting the development of ABSTRACTION. Embracing all things new and modern, FUTURIST artists applied technological advances to their work. Experimentation with new media also prompted collaboration across art forms, such as music, literature and dance. FLUXUS artists, including visual artists, writers, filmmakers and musicians, embraced technological advances in film and video to create MULTI-MEDIA artworks encompassing film, video and PERFORMANCE. In their exploration of new media such as SOUND, TEXT, LANGUAGE and performance, CONCEPTUAL artists emphasised the importance of the concept or idea over the material art object.

The pace of technological development has accelerated considerably over the course of the twentieth century. Advances in military defence technology during the Second World War and throughout the Cold War contributed to the development of DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, the COMPUTER and the WORLD WIDE WEB. Some technological advances also occurred when artists migrated from one medium to another, such as from painting to photography or video, bringing their medium-specific concerns to bear on their exploration and interrogation of new media.

The availability of technology has also influenced artists’ use of new media. For example, 16-MILLIMETRE FILM was developed in the early twentieth century but only became widely available in the 1960s when increased use and improvements in manufacturing and distribution reduced costs. Similarly, the development of the low-cost SONY PORTAPAK VIDEO CAMERA made video making accessible and affordable for many artists. These emerging technologies contributed to the growth of experimental Film and Video Art in the 1960s and 1970s. More recently, the accessibility and ubiquity of digital technology and the INTERNET have resulted in a proliferation of contemporary artists employing and interrogating these media.
The term ‘New Media Art’ is frequently applied to artworks, or art practices, involving media not traditionally or conventionally associated with the Fine Arts. Paintings, drawings and sculptures are routinely (although sometimes erroneously) regarded as original and unique works of art authored by a single individual, but the emergence of photography, film, video, audio and other technologies enabling reproduction through mechanical or digital means, radically alters the relationship between art and originality.\(^1\) This is one of the reasons why artists associated with the historical Avant-Garde, seeking to radicalise the relationship between art and society, often rejected painting or sculpture in favour of photography or cinema. Inevitably, however, media that are initially perceived by the art world as ‘new’ (such as video in the 1960s) soon become familiar and even conventional.

Artists have also been drawn towards non-traditional media because they are specifically interested in exploring the (rapidly changing) relationship between media, technology and society. These concerns were often evident in the work of artists associated with the Kinetic Art and Fluxus movements during the 1960s, such as Nam June Paik, whose installations and sculptures involving audiovisual technologies explore and contest the power of the mass media.\(^2\) More recently, it is possible to trace a continuation of this critical tradition in the work of a younger generation of artists working with even newer media, from locative technologies, like GPS systems, to gaming software, bio-technologies and beyond.

While many contemporary art practitioners reject media-based classifications altogether, categories such as ‘Lens-Based Media’ can be valuable, emphasising the parallels and tensions between art practice and a much wider history and culture of media use and production. Thinking about lens-based practice opens up points of connection between a contemporary artwork and such diverse cultural forms as a television news broadcast, a holiday snapshot taken with a mobile phone, or even a seventeenth-century painting in which the illusion of perspective was produced with the aid of optical technologies.

Several works in the IMMA Collection that might be classified as ‘New Media Art’ allude directly or indirectly to histories of technologically mediated representation, asserting connections as well as differences between new and older media. So, for example, Caroline McCarthy’s two-channel video work *Greetings*, 1996, calls to mind a history of landscape representation that extends from painting to tourist postcards and amateur video, while also drawing upon a performative tradition in artists’ film that is deeply indebted to silent cinema. The artist composes a picturesque image of the Irish countryside, complete with drifting clouds and rolling hills, before suddenly jumping up into the frame to temporarily include herself in this ideal landscape.

Michael Snow’s 60 minute single channel video *Solar Breath (Northern Caryatids)*, 2002, also exploits established traditions of pictorial and dramatic representation. A highly significant figure for theorists of film in the 1970s, Snow directs his camera at the billowing curtains of a window opening out from his workshop onto the landscape of Newfoundland. The window suggests a frame through which (in narrative cinema) the camera might be expected to move, or even a proscenium arch within which (in theatre) some action might take place. Yet, Snow’s camera remains resolutely fixed and the viewer is left only with the fluctuations of the curtain as it moves in the breeze.

*Solar Breath (Northern Caryatids)* derives much of its appeal from its status as an unaltered document of a natural phenomenon occurring at a particular time and place. But for many artists in the 1960s and 1970s, the medium of video was most interesting for its capacity to blur the boundaries between event and document. Videotape, unlike film, could be played back, viewed and if necessarily re-recorded immediately. Monitors could also be used within the context of a video work or performance to display a live or delayed image ‘feed’, enabling various forms of real-time interaction between artist, on-screen image and audience. In the single channel video *Now*, 1973, for example, Lynda Benglis moves between the roles of performer, operator and director, appearing to kiss a monitor that displays her own image, while continually repeating the phrases ‘Now?’, ‘Do you wish to direct me?’, and ‘Start the camera’.
There are parallels here with James Coleman’s use of 35mm slide projection, a medium once associated with advertising, corporate communications and domestic photography. He has produced a number of ‘projected image’ installations involving slides, including Background, 1991-94, Lapsus Exposure, 1992-94, and I N I T I A L S, 1993-94. All three feature highly constructed still images, synchronised with soundtracks that incorporate voiceover narration. Coleman’s images and scripts are richly evocative and a vast array of historical and contemporary sources are referenced either directly or indirectly, but he generally withholds contextualising information, with the result that critics often excavate earlier works in search of meaning.

Other artists have embraced technologies and economies of digital media production and consumption, as well as more collaborative modes of practice. Carlos Amorales’ two-channel installation Dark Mirror, 2004-2005, incorporates animation by André Pahl and an original score and piano performance by José María Serralde. Significantly, the animation is derived from a ‘liquid archive’ – an open and expanding collection of digital images assembled by Amorales’ studio, which is apparently available for use by others. A comparable example of collaboration can be found in Philippe Parreno’s digital video Anywhere Out of The World, 2000, featuring a character entitled Annlee originated by a commercial animation company, co-purchased with the artist Pierre Huyghe and then made available to several other artists in accordance with the principles of ‘copyleft’.

This project can be situated in relation to a much earlier tradition of appropriation, in which artists borrowed and repurposed images from popular media. Dara Birnbaum was one of a number of artists to work with mass produced images of women’s bodies during the 1970s. Her single-channel video Technology/Transformation: Wonder Woman, 1978/9, is composed entirely of edited and looped special effects sequences from the Wonder Woman TV series, in which ‘Diana Prince’ is transformed in an explosion of light and sound into her tightly-costumed, crime-fighting alter-ego.

Willie Doherty’s work during the 1980s and 1990s is also informed by critiques of representation. But rather than appropriating material from specific sources, Doherty explores the recurrence of certain images and narratives across a range of media, from photo-journalism to film and television drama. Initially working with photography, Doherty produced a number of black and white diptychs that combined images of Derry city and its surroundings with ambiguous yet suggestive text. He gradually moved towards colour photography and away from the direct use of text on image, relying on titles (as in the case of Border Incident, 1994) to evoke associations, and developed video installations, including The Only Good One is a Dead One, 1995, that engage with locally specific media genres such as television advertisements for the Confidential Telephone line.2
Memory in the Museum

Even though new media artworks may directly reference or evoke aspects of popular media production and exhibition, artists generally aim to solicit modes of engagement that are specific to the spaces and sites of Contemporary Art.

So, for example, Willie Doherty might structure a video installation (such as *Re-Run*, 2002) so that the viewer must continually shift their attention between two opposing screens in order to ‘read’ the work. Similarly, seating is rarely provided for James Coleman’s projected image installations; instead, multiple speakers are arranged around the exhibition space to invite viewing and listening from different positions. These works demonstrate a sensitivity to the museum gallery as a space through which the viewer moves, but some artists have structured their installations around the notion of mobility in even more pronounced ways.

This is the case with Jaki Irvine’s *The Silver Bridge*, 2003, an eight-screen video installation that explores the spatialisation of narrative, drawing some of its themes and images from *Carmilla*, 1872, a novella by Sheridan Le Fanu. Widely regarded as a source of inspiration for Bram Stoker’s *Dracula*, *Carmilla* is a tale of repressed desire involving two young women. Like much Gothic literature, *The Silver Bridge* explores the persistence of attachments to people and places, and derives much of its power from the use of atmospheric settings (including Phoenix Park and the Natural History Museum) as locations. The architecture of IMMA provides a particularly appropriate exhibition context for this work, as the eight projections are dispersed across a series of small interconnected rooms alongside a corridor, enabling multiple pathways through the narrative.

James Coleman’s *Strongbow*, 1978/2000, is also concerned with storytelling, focusing on the fraught interplay between history, myth and media in Irish culture. One of the first important new media works acquired by IMMA, *Strongbow* was placed on public display for several years during the early 1990s. At that time the work consisted of a spotlit replica of a tomb-effigy found in Christ Church Cathedral, and once assumed to be that of the Norman knight Strongbow. The replica was displayed alongside a video, on a monitor, of two hands clapping continuously, with the sounds of the clapping gradually rising to a boom and then receding. One hand is green, the other red and the image is distorted so that the hands appear to blur, leaving traces across the screen.
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The work was interpreted in its original form as a critique of television’s insistence on the ‘noise and confusion of the present [offering] no particular insight on the past nor resolution for the future’.” In 2000, however, Coleman presented a radically altered version as part of the IMMA exhibition ‘Shifting Ground: Selected Works of Irish Art, 1950-2000’. Strongbow, 1978/2000, was no longer situated in a darkened space; instead the components were clearly visible and several new elements had been added. The residue of the plaster mould was evident on the resin cast of the effigy, and the video of the hands clapping was displayed on a widescreen ‘Sony Art Couture’ monitor. In addition, the packing boxes for several monitors were stacked against the wall, along with a scaffold tower and the residue of the installation process.

Given its subject matter, these revisions to the form of the work can be read as a response to the context of the exhibition ‘Shifting Ground’, which focused partly on history and identity. But Coleman’s action also raises broader questions about the interpretation of new media artworks. The first version of Strongbow was produced towards the end of the era of classical ‘TV’, just before the widespread availability of home video and the emergence of cable channels aimed at niche audiences. During the classical era of broadcasting, television (like radio) had contributed to processes of nation formation through its insistence upon a continuous, shared, sense of the ‘here and now’. But by 2000, the experience of television – and its relationship to the national context – had altered radically. Through the alterations to Strongbow, Coleman highlights the complexities and the contradictions that are integral to the production and exhibition of New Media Art, the meaning of which is at least partly structured by the continually shifting relationship between media, technology and society.


4 For further exploration of this issue see Maeve Connolly, The Place of Artists’ Cinema: Space, Site and Screen, Bristol and Chicago: Intellect and University of Chicago Press, 2009.

Further Reading

- The Expanded Eye: Stalking the Unseen, Hajo Cantz Verlag, 2006.

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David Parkinson, History of Film, London: Thames and Hudson, 1996.

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Audio Technology

Devices and mechanisms for recording and producing sound, such as the gramophone, audio cassette, microphone and compact disk.

Avant-Garde

French for advance guard or ‘vanguard’, a military term to describe an advance army group. The term is used to describe innovative, experimental or cutting edge artists and practitioners.

Biotechnology

Biological technology concerned with medicine, agriculture, food science and genetic engineering.

Camera Obscura

An optical device developed in the tenth century and used extensively during the Renaissance to aid drawing and perspective.

CD-Roms

A compact disc which contains fixed data and which can be accessed by a computer.

Computer

A mechanism for storing data and executing instructions called programmes in relation to that data. Software applications for personal computers include word processing, spreadsheets, databases, Web browsers, e-mail clients, games, and specialist software.

Computer and Video Games

An electronic game devised for interactive use on a computer or video player. The development of games involves multi-disciplinary teams of game designers, programmers, graphic designers, sound technicians and producers.

Conceptual Art

Originating in the 1960s, Conceptual Art pushed art practices beyond the conventional limits of the art object, placing an emphasis on the idea or concept rather than a tangible art object. The ideas and methodologies of Conceptual Art inform much contemporary art practice.

Cyberspace

The notional space within which the network of information technology and communication infrastructures, such as the Internet, operates.

Digital Technology

Electronic data storage and transmission technology that enables immense amounts of information to be compressed on small storage devices, such as computers and telephones, that can easily be preserved, retrieved and transported.

Film

The medium used for the creation of still or moving images. The term is also used to describe a motion picture which is a sequence of images projected onto a screen, collectively referred to as cinema. In Contemporary Art, film is referred to as an art form.

Fluxus

An international, avant-garde, art movement in the 1960s which included artists, writers, filmmakers and musicians creating experimental, multi-media work in film, video and performance informed by social and political activism.

Fresco

A form of mural painting prevalent during the Renaissance, which involved painting in pigment mixed with water on a thin layer of wet lime mortar or plaster.

Futurism

Early twentieth-century movement which originated in Italy and embraced all things modern, including technology, speed, industrialisation and mechanisation. It also embraced violence and nationalism and was associated with Italian Fascism.
GFS
Global Positioning System is a U.S. space-based radio-navigation system that provides positioning, navigation and timing services. GPS handsets are used by drivers to optimise navigation routes.

HYPERTEXT
Text which contains links to other texts, usually displayed on a computer. Hypermedia refers to those elements of Hypertext which are not text, such as graphics. The World Wide Web is an example of hypertext.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
A period of social, political and economic change arising from the shift from manual to machine-based manufacturing, which affected agriculture, manufacturing, mining and transport. Began in Great Britain in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries and spread throughout Europe and America, impacting on all aspects of social, political and cultural life.

INTERNET
A global system of computer networks linked by copper wire, fibre-optic cables and wireless connections, which provides services, resources and information, such as the hypertext of the World Wide Web, electronic mail, file sharing, online gaming and social networking sites.

LANGUAGE
Use of verbal and written text as a medium in Conceptual Art.

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SENSORS
A state where a product or technology is superseded by a newer one and consequently it is no longer manufactured or used, even though it may still function adequately.

OIL PAINT
Form of painting which became prevalent during the fifteenth century, where pigment is suspended in slow-drying oil such as linseed oil.

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New Media Resources

Websites

Intute
Online service providing information about web resources for education and research.
www.intute.ac.uk

STOT
Platform providing online links relating to Contemporary Art.
www.stot.org

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Online service providing information about web resources for education.
www.intute.ac.uk

Database of Virtual Art
Documents the field of digital installation art.
www.virtualart.at/common/info.do

Depict
International short-film competition to make films under 90 seconds.
www.depict.org

Digital Art Source
Resource site for digital art and culture information.
www.digitalartsource.com

Electronic Arts Intermix
Resource for video art.
www.eai.org

Lovebytes
Digital arts organisation promoting the creative and cultural potential of digital technologies.
www.lovebytes.org.uk

Digital Arts Developmental Agency
Supports artwork exploring digital processes.
www.d2l.org.uk

The Digital Hub
Dublin-based initiative to create an international centre of excellence for knowledge, innovation and creativity focused on digital content and technology enterprises.
www.thedigitalhub.com

Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI)
Arts organisation supporting Video and Media Art.
www.eai.org

Organisations

Art & Science Collaborations (ASCI)
Promotes awareness of collaborations between artists and scientists.
www.asci.org

Beal Centre for Art and Technology
Supports innovation across arts, science and engineering.
www.bealcenter.ucr.edu

Belfast Exposed
Gallery for contemporary photography.
www.belfastexposed.com

FACT
Foundation for Art and Creative Technology promotes artists' work and innovation in the fields of film, video, and new media.
www.fact.co.uk

Folly
Digital Arts organisation promoting the exploration of art through technology.
www.folly.co.uk

Furtherfield
Provides platforms for experimental practices relating to art, technology and social change.
www.furtherfield.org

ISEA
Inter-Society for the Electronic Arts promotes interdisciplinary academic discourse and exchange among artists and organisations working with art, science and emerging technologies.
www.isea-web.org

Plug.In
A space for Contemporary Art focusing on electronic media.
www.plugin.org

Electrohype
Organisation promoting and advocating computer-based art in Sweden and the other Nordic countries.
www.electrohype.org

Eyebeam
Centre for the promotion of new technologies and media arts.
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Rhizome
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www.rhizome.org

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