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# Déstructuralisme Figuratif

## Deconstructing to Reconstruct

The DF ART PROJECT is an international artist collective bringing together living visual artists, whether emerging or confirmed, who share a common vision of their art consisting in fragmentation of what is real. This reality is put into perspective, distorted or dynamically transformed.

The DF ART PROJECT is a conceptualisation of existing artistic practices throughout the world, including painting, sculpture, photography, etching, drawing, collage, digital art, performance, installation and the performing arts.

The artists involved in the DF ART PROJECT seek to position themselves against a rising tide of individualism, where human exchange has given way to rampant loneliness. Their introspective approach focuses on analysis and multidimensional creation, where the surreal comes to the fore and where, more generally, new and less human, more virtual interactions are created.

These perceptions aim to reveal, through what could be called an optimistic rally cry, a situation, probably generational, of a globalised society in the throes of mutation – a society faced with an uncertain, ever-changing future. Through artistic creation, the DF ART PROJECT presents its considerations on a society where true possibilities for the emancipation of humankind, as well as the independence of human imagination, are being redefined.

Ronnie Jiang



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## A New Status for Mankind.

It seems that humans and their activities are increasingly removed from their context, that is to say, isolated from all groups of reference and more globally, from their actual environment, and instead, occupy a principally digital realm. In fact, we seem less and less concerned by meaningful human connection and instead, prefer instant, superficial exchange. This is why the status of humankind, its interactions with the surrounding environment, does indeed seem to have mutated.

## Leaving Structuralism Behind.

By taking one step further, we feel it is necessary to approach the analysis of humans and their activities in a more in-depth manner and, in fact, this position is akin to that of an anthropologist.

The last important anthropological breakthrough to date was Claude Lévi-Strauss' structuralism which emphasises a series of elements, most of which are governed by a modelling approach. Seen through this prism, human beings, as individuals or members of a group, are integrated with three systems interacting amongst themselves: the family unit, economics and linguistics.

The DF ART PROJECT wishes to reject this systemic approach when it comes to artistic expression, and, in this way, we aim to leave structuralism behind and shed new light on the way humankind is depicted.

## Revisiting Figurative Points of Reference.

We are targeting human representation through a focus on intimate, personal experiences and their accumulation, as well as a diversity of points of view relating to our time, the present.

In this context, the figurative is analysed, all the better to rebuild it and confer new value upon this practice. Certain fragments are liberated from representation, others are clearly identified. Space, within its many dimensions, is pulled apart and recomposed.

This new representation of form manufactures unlikely, original and striking beings, objects, places and situations. The limits between what is real and what is imaginary are distorted until they cancel each other out. In this way, artistic potential shines through and is highlighted thanks to paradoxical feelings of familiarity and strangeness.

The DF ART PROJECT was created in April 2019 on the initiative of Ronnie Jiang, a visual artist of Indonesian origin now living in Paris. She is also the president of French organisation DF (Déstructuralisme Figuratif) which supports this initiative. [www.df-artproject.com](http://www.df-artproject.com)



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