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**International Photography Biennial:
GRID2012: 16 May – 1 July 2012**

Largest international photo festival in The Netherlands



This year Amsterdam Photo Foundation organises the fifth edition of GRID – International Photography Biennial – from May 16th until July 1st 2012. GRID is a bi-annual photo festival focussed on contemporary image culture, which will showcase works of international renowned photographers and emerging talents. GRID2012 will be hosted in: Amsterdam, Amstelveen, Haarlem, Amersfoort, Apeldoorn, Zaanstad and De Beemster.

At various venues in the participating cities international exhibitions will be on display, of which most have not been shown in The Netherlands before, from approximately 30 different countries, including: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Romania and the United Kingdom.

The main location of GRID2012 is the Cruquius area in East Amsterdam. During GRID2012, the majority of international exhibitions will be showcased within large industrial factory halls, over a surface of 5,000 square meters. A variety of events and activities are also organised, such as: talks, workshops, photo competitions and discussions. In addition, there is an OFF GRID Program (in all participating cities) of self-initiated exhibitions and creative statements by participating museums, galleries and the creative industry.

As a first, GRID2012 has a central theme: *Urban Reality Check – Reflections on changing behaviour and space*. Worldwide society and communities are constantly changing, which has intrusive effects on its people, both economic and social. All participating artists express their personal vision of (urban) reality in their work.

Amsterdam Photo Foundation was founded in 1999 and organises GRID – International Photography Biennial, the largest international photo festival in The Netherlands. The mission of Amsterdam Photo Foundation is to promote contemporary image culture and to stimulate an international dialogue.

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