



Festival

Vienna Digital Cultures 2025

Model Collapse

5–18 May 2025

Venues: Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz & Angewandte Interdisciplinary Lab, Haus der Republik (Wiener Festwochen) – Funkhaus, PRST.club, REAKTOR

Participants: Wassim Z. Alsindi, Anthea, Antonia XM, Arvida Bystrom, Belma Bešlić-Gál, S()fia Braga, Caroline Busta, Arthur Chopin, Kate Crawford, Silvia Dal Dosso, DJ Terror, Paul Feigelfeld, Matthias Gramoso, Joey Holder, Vladan Joler, Andrea Khôra, Kiarer Kristler, Etapp Kyle, Klimentina Li, Lil Internet, Jonas Lund, Malounadou, Eva & Franco Mattes, Misonica, Most Dismal Swamp (Dane Sutherland), Amanda Mussi, Mara Never, Matteo Pasquinelli, Phase Fatale, Alex Quicho, Marcin Ratajczyk, Rent, Rotor / Michael Fischer, Ala Roushan, Ruth Schnell, Elke Schwarz, Inès Sieulle, Catherine Spet, Klaus Speidel, Charles Stankievech, Felix Stalder, Shilla Strelka, Troika, Emmanuel Van der Auwera, Clemens von Wedemeyer, Markus Wintersberger, Günseli Yalcinkaya

Exhibition

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Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz

Artists: Arvida Byström, Kate Crawford & Vladan Joler, Matthias Gramoso, Joey Holder, Eva & Franco Mattes

//*ONTOLOGICAL_GLITCH*://AR installation

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz

Artists: Belma Bešlić-Gál, Catherine Spet, Markus Wintersberger

In cooperation with Kultur 1

Online Art Commissions

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Joey Holder: *The Woosphere*

Most Dismal Swamp: *The Bastard Fields*

Public Programme Vienna Digital Cultures 2025

Monday, 5 May 2025

5–6:15pm

Keynote by Kate Crawford: *Model Collapse: The Cascading Failures of Algorithms, Ecosystems, and Economies*. Followed by a conversation with Clemens Apprich, Vice-Rector for Research and Digitality of University of Applied Arts and Wendy Chun (EN)

Angewandte Interdisciplinary Lab, Otto Wagner-Postsparkasse, Georg-Coch-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

7–9pm

Festival and Exhibition Opening Reception

Speeches by:

Veronica Kaup-Hasler, City Councillor for Cultural Affairs and Science

Michelle Cotton, Artistic Director Kunsthalle Wien

Nadim Samman, Curator *Model Collapse*

Followed by DJ-set by Inou Ki Endo (Unsafe+Sounds)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

Friday, 9 May 2025

5–6pm

Curator Talk with Nadim Samman (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

6–7pm

Artist Talk with Dane Sutherland: *As a Dog Returns to its Vomit: Model Collapse and MUSH in the Most Dismal Swamp* (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

7–8pm

Artist Talk with Eva & Franco Mattes: *We Are All NPCs* (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

8–10pm

DJ-Set von Mara Never (Augend&Addend) at Café Kunsthalle Karlsplatz

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

Saturday, 10 May 2025

12–12:45pm

Curator's Tour through the exhibition *Model Collapse* with Nadim Samman (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

1–5pm

Talks followed by Q&A moderated by Nadim Samman (EN)

1pm: Lecture by Paul Feigelfeld: *Optimal Brain Damage. Techno-Fascism, AI-thoritarianism and Countercultural Techniques*. (EN)

2pm: Lecture by Elke Schwarz: *New Militarism, Tech-Fetishism, and Artificial Idiocy* (EN)

3pm: Lecture by Felix Stalder: *The Collapse of the (Western) Model of Reality* (EN)

4pm: Artist Talk by Emmanuel van der Auwera: *AI, Cinema & Post-Truth* (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

7–7:30pm

Lecture-Performance by Lil Internet: *:::FEEL THE FUTURE:::* (EN)
REAKTOR, Geblergasse 40, 1170 Vienna

7:30–10pm

AI Cinema with Silvia Dal Dosso, Jonas Lund, Most Dismal Swamp, Inès Sieulle, Troika, Emmanuel van der Auwera (*premiere)

Troika, *Drill Baby Drill* (2025)*

Silvia Dal Dosso, *The Future Is Now Weird AF (The Ultimate AI CoreCore Experience)* (2025)*

Inès Sieulle, *The Oasis I Deserve* (2024)

Emmanuel van der Auwera, *Saturn* (2025)*

Most Dismal Swamp, *The Bastard Fields* (2025)*

Jonas Lund, *The Future of Life* (2024)

REAKTOR, Geblergasse 40, 1170 Vienna

11pm–6am

Digital Music Night with Antonia XM, DJ Terror, Etapp Kyle and Phase Fatal

11pm–12am: DJ Terror

12–2am: Etapp Kyle

2–4am: Phase Fatale

4–6am: Antonia XM

PRST.club, Praterstraße 18, 1020 Vienna

Sunday, 11 May 2025

12–1pm

Guided Tour through the exhibition *Model Collapse* followed by AR Tour with Belma Bešlić-Gál, Catherine Spet and Markus Wintersberger (in collaboration with Kultur 1) (DE)
Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna and around Karlsplatz

1–4:30pm

Talks with Silva Dal Dosso, Joey Holder, Lil Internet & Caroline Busta followed by Q&A moderated by Nadim Samman (EN)

1pm: Artist Talk with Silva Dal Dosso: *The Future is Finally Weird As Fuck* (EN)

2pm: Artist Talk with Joey Holder: *From the Noo to the Woo* (EN)

3pm: Talk with Lil Internet & Caroline Busta: *Transmit the Future* (EN)

4–4:30pm: Q&A

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

7–7:30pm

Lecture-Performance by Malpractice
REAKTOR, Geblergasse 40, 1170 Vienna

7:30–10pm

AI Cinema by S()fia Braga, Arthur Chopin, Andrea Khôra, Ala Roushan & Charles Stankieveh, Emmanuel van der Auwera, Clemens van Wedemayer

Ala Roushan & Charles Stankieveh, *A Shroud Woven of Solar Threads* (2025)

Emmanuel van der Auwera, *Gospel* (2024)

Arthur Chopin, *512x512* (2024)*

S()fia Braga, *The Artificial Conjuring Circle* (2023)

Andrea Khôra, *Rapture* (2024)

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S()fia Braga, *Third Impact* (2025)

Clemens von Wedemeyer, *Social Geometry* (2025)

*The video *512x512* by Arthur Chopin includes elements of body horror. This content is not suitable for children and may be distressing to some adults.

REAKTOR, Geblergasse 40, 1170 Vienna

Wednesday, 14 May 2025

6pm

Artist Talk with Ruth Schnell

Ruth Schnell in conversation with Astrid Peterle (Head of Curatorial Kunsthalle Wien) in the framework of the exhibition *Radical Software: Women, Art & Computing 1960–1991* (DE)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

Thursday, 15 May 2025

3–6pm

Workshop with Paul Feigelfeld and Klimentina Li: *Digital Self-Defense: Techno-Authoritarianism and Countercultural Techniques* (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

6:30–7:30pm

Curator's Tour through the exhibition *Model Collapse* with Nadim Samman (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

Friday, 16 May 2025

6–8pm

Sound and Performance Series with Misonica and Rent hosted by ROTOR; curated by Michael Fischer

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

Saturday, 17 May 2025

12–1pm

Curator's Tour through the exhibition *Model Collapse* with Nadim Samman (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

1–5pm

Talks by Arvida Byström, Matteo Pasquinelli, Ala Roushan & Charles Stankieveh, Klaus Speidel

1pm: Artist Talk with Arvida *Byström: In the Clouds: The Intersection of Technology and Desire* (EN)

2pm: Lecture by Klaus Speidel: «*The totality of crap online*»? – *Towards A Hauntology Of Generative AI* (EN)

3pm: Artist Talk by Ala Roushan & Charles Stankieveh: *Solar Threads: Modelling from Mitraism to Machinism* (EN)

4pm: Lecture by Matteo Pasquinelli: *Empire Model Collapse: Information Entropy and the Toxic Implosion of Technofeudalism*. (EN)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

10–10:30pm

Performance by Arvida Byström: *A Cybernetic Doll's House* (EN)

In cooperation with Wiener Festwochen | Freie Republik Wien

Haus der Republik (Wiener Festwochen) – Funkhaus, Argentinierstraße 30A, 1040 Vienna

10:30pm–3:30am

Clubnight with Anthea (Partisan), Amanda Mussi and Malounadou

10:30–11:30pm: Malounadou

11:30pm–1:30am: Anthea (Partisan)

1:30–3:30am: Amanda Mussi

Haus der Republik (Wiener Festwochen) – Funkhaus, Argentinierstraße 30A, 1040 Vienna

Sunday, 18 May 2025

12–1pm

Guided Tour through the exhibition *Model Collapse* followed by AR Tour with Belma Bešlić-Gál,

Catherine Spet and Markus Wintersberger (in collaboration with Kultur 1) (DE)

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna and around Karlsplatz

1–5pm

Lecture series with Alex Quicho, Wassim Alsindi, Günseli Yalcinkaya curated by Spike Art Magazine, followed by a Q&A

Kunsthalle Wien Karlsplatz, Treitlstraße 2, 1040 Vienna

Ticketing

VDC Festival pass € 25 / VDC Day pass € 5

Online tickets via: <https://kupfticket.com/events/vdc-2025-model-collapse>

All events are free with a valid Kunsthalle Wien annual pass. The annual pass is available for purchase at the Kunsthalle Wien Museumsquartier (€29 / €19 reduced).

Guided Tours

For school classes and student groups, we offer guided tours to accompany the exhibitions free of charge. Entrance fee for student groups € 3 per person; free entrance for school groups and visitors under 19 years.

For individual groups or corporate events, we offer tours available when booked in advance. The tours can be customised to particular interests. Tours usually take 60 minutes, with the option to include a drinks reception. Tours are available in German and English and Austrian Sign Language. Tour cost: € 80 + valid ticket, maximum group size: 25 people

We are happy to help you plan and prepare your visit. If you have any questions, please contact us via phone or e-mail, or schedule a personal appointment (vermittlung@kunsthallewien.at | +43-1-52189-276).