# Demystification Committee



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DATE

Summer 2017

#### INTENTIONS

The Demystification Committee [<u>demystification.co</u>] is a framework for art and research chaired by Oliver Smith [<u>oliversmith.cc</u>] and Francesco Tacchini [<u>tacchini.fr</u>].

The Demystification Committee currently investigates the toxic relationship between sovereignty, anonymity and finance [the Offshore Studies]; and the friction between communication networks and their physical surroundings [the Network Ensemble].

The Committee generally focuses on the covert, extended systems of power that shape society. This exploration encompasses the study of platforms, legal frameworks, machines and communication networks.

The systems that the Committee investigates make themselves known, often unintentionally, through the production of noise. When listened to, this noise helps identifying their actions, track their machinations, and foresee their intentions.

To engage with this accidental noise, the Committee adapts to ever-changing scales and speeds, and investigates ruptures and breaks across technical, physical and juridical boundaries. As a practice, this necessitates the creation of tools and machines for exploration and develops towards public engagement through workshops and roundtables, sound performances and visual artefacts, writing and talking.

Going beyond the use of specific techniques or technologies, the Demystification Committee offers alternative narratives to the dominant myths surrounding technology and society.

#### ARTISTS

Alongside chairing the Committee, Francesco Tacchini lectures in Graphic Design at Ravensbourne in London — and occasionally performs as a VJ.

Alongside chairing the Committee, Oliver Smith lectures in design at the London College of Communication.

Francesco and Oliver recently completed a Master of Arts degree in Information Experience Design [ied.rca.ac.uk] at the Royal College of Art, London.

#### ORGRANIGRAMME

The organisational chart of the Demystification Committee.



SHOWS

Offshore A—Z

Holding Space
The Brick Cube, London, UK. 2017

NE3 inside terrain vague umlaut", London, UK. 2017

Network Studies IV-IX

Deleuze Studies Conference,

Roma Tre University, Rome, IT. 2016

Network Ensemble

Contact

Apiary Studios, London, UK. 2016

Network Ensemble
Show RCA
Royal College of Art, London, UK. 2015

## MUSIC

Selected Network Studies
SD Card + <u>digital download</u>
Label: *Rizosfera*, 2017

La Machine Informatique Dub EP + digital download Label: *Rizosfera*. 2016

### WRITING

On the Survival and Utilisation of Noise *SOS Publication*London, UK. 2017

PERFORMANCES

Network Study XIII transmediale Vorspiel NON, Berlin, DE. 2017

Network Study XII inside terrain vague umlaut", London, UK. 2017

Network Study III

Contact – A Festival of New Experimental Film and Video

Apiary Studios, London, UK. 2016

Network Seance IV

Ai Wei Wei Weekender

Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK. 2015.

Network Seance III

Digital (Dis)connections

Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK. 2015.

Network Seance II An Evening with Gekiyasu and Friends Royal College of Art, London, UK. 2015

Network Seance I Show RCA Royal College of Art, London, UK. 2015

