

ON PLINY'S PATHS is a joint initiative by Cologne-based artist Gudrun Barenbrock and the Tunisian-German curatorial tandem Aymen Gharbi and Bettina Pelz.

The project is named after the ancient writer Pliny the Elder, who used the Roman road network for his research trips in the 1st century CE. He visited Cologne and wrote about the city in his famous work "Naturalis Historia". He also travelled to North Africa, including Tunis, and wrote about the flora and fauna of the region. The 37 volumes of "Naturalis Historia" are the oldest complete surviving systematic encyclopaedia and are regarded as the most comprehensive collection of ancient knowledge in Latin. It not only deals with natural sciences, but also geography, medicine and art.

ON PLINY'S PATHS focuses on light and media art. The programme presents current artistic positions and initiates environmental and socio-political discussions. It enables artists from Cologne and Tunis to travel to and explore the other city, discuss with colleagues from the twin cities, develop new project ideas and realise artistic projects. The focus is on a joint dialogue about art, nature and the environment.

The programme started as a pilot project in summer 2023.

Part 1 was held from 23 August to 3 September 2023 as part of the INTERFERENCE SUMMER PROJECT in Tunis.

Part 2 took place from 5 to 15 October 2023 in the artists' studio house at Alteburger Wall in Cologne.

PARTICIPANTS: Gudrun Barenbrock (Cologne) Friedrich Böll (Cologne) Aymen Gharbi (Tunis) Dorra Hichri (Sousse) Rima Khraief (Tunis) Wafa Lazhari (Tunis) Bettina Pelz (Tunis) Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Cologne) Jazmin Rojas Forero (Cologne) As guest: Karin Hochstatter (Cologne)

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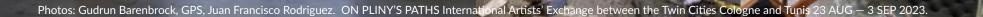
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WATER MATTERS Exhibition Project Tunis 31 August - 2 September 2023



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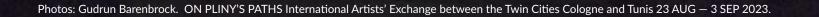
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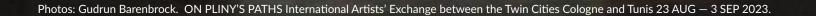


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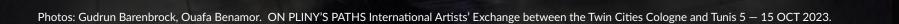
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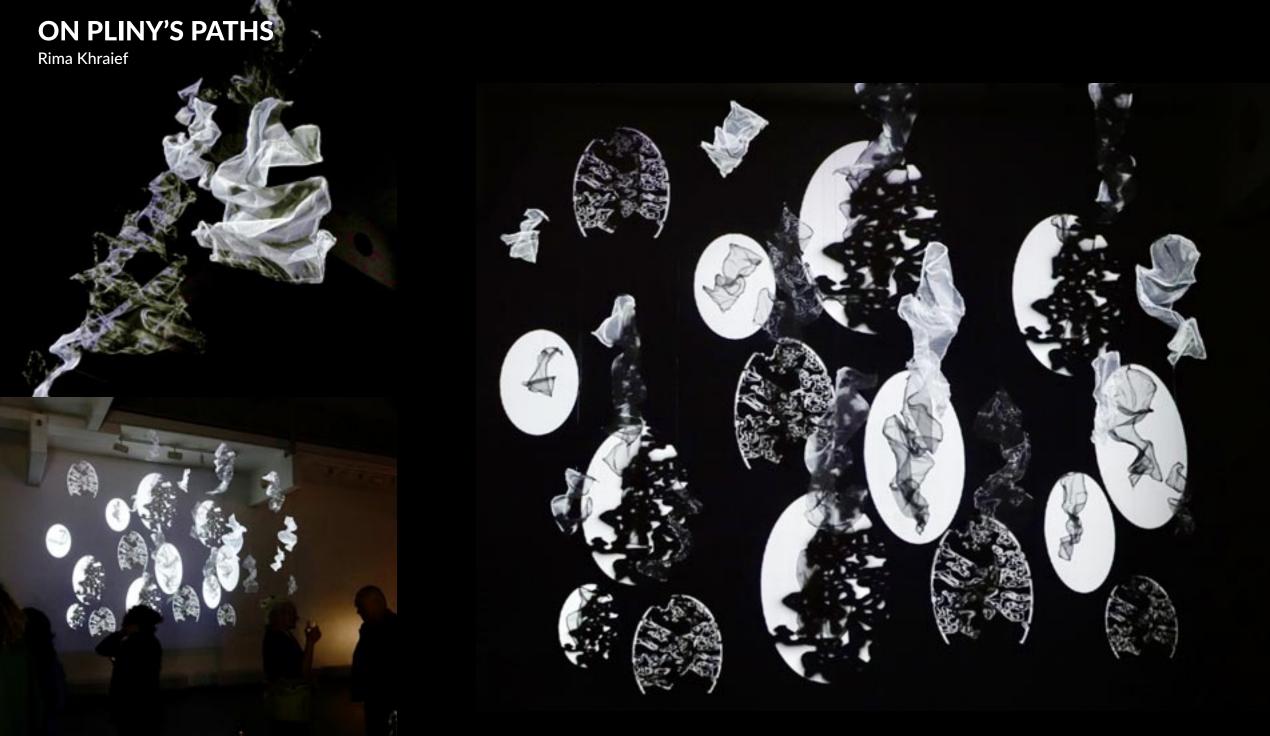
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Jazmin Rojas Forero



Karin Hochstatter

**ON PLINY'S PATHS** Set-Up in the artists' studio space at Alteburger Wall

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#### **ON PLINY'S PATHS** Visiting Roman Traces in Cologne



# **ON PLINY'S PATHS** Visiting the Cologne Dom with sound artist Klaus Osterwald



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Visiting the Gallery Floss and Schultz with galerist Kirsten Flos

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Meeting with Fabian Hochscheid from the Cologne Artists' Association BBK



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Invitations as a result of the exchange:

#### Jazmin Rojas Forero

to LUNA Young Masters Leeuwarden (nl) Friedrich Böll, Dorra Hichri, Juan Francisco Rodriguez to WATER LIGHT FESTIVAL Neustift / Novacella (it) Karin Hochstatter to INTERFERENCE Residency Tunis (tn)

We are working on continuing the programme.