

MFA Fine Arts Fall 2022 Lecture Series

Amir Zaki

Thursday, Jan 26th, 2023

Time: 11:00AM – 12:30PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

The Zoom link to join this event is <https://otis.zoom.us/j/96428217104>



Amir Zaki is an American artist based in Southern California. He is best known for "hybridized" photographs using digital and analog technologies that explore the rhetoric of authenticity, vocabulary of documentary, and acts of looking and constructing images.

Amir Zaki (USA, b. 1974) is an Egyptian-American artist based in Southern California. Zaki makes photographs of California landscapes and architecture, and he re-envisioned the world before him, creating a tension between the functional and the dysfunctional. “My own work has focused mainly on both the built and natural landscape of California. I am among a generation of photographers who truly embraced digital technology as a way to make photographs that could not be made using only traditional means.”

Born and raised in Beaumont, California, Zaki received his BA from UC Riverside (1996) and MFA from UCLA (1999). He has received solo exhibitions from the MAK Center for Art and Architecture, ACME, and Edward Cella Gallery, all in Los Angeles; and James Harris Gallery in Seattle. Amir Zaki's photographs were included in *The New City: Sub/urbia in Recent Photography* at the Whitney Museum of American Art, NY (2006); *Golden Hour: California Photography from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art*, Vincent Price Art Museum (2022), *Something About A Tree (curated by Linda Yablonsky)*, Flag Art Foundation, NY (2013); and the *2006 California Biennial, Orange County Museum of Art*, in Newport Beach, CA. His work is in the permanent collection of The Whitney Museum of American Art, NY; The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Orange County Museum of Art, and the Henry Art Gallery at University of Washington in Seattle; among others. He is a full professor of art at UC Riverside. Amir Zaki lives and works in Huntington Beach.