



**'21ST CENTURY'**  
**JULIA TCHARFAS & TIM IVISON**  
**'SYSTEMS THINKING FROM THE INSIDE'**  
**3 OCTOBER 2013**



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*Systems Thinking from the Inside*

Thursday 3 October 2013, 7pm

*We are thinking of a cosmonaut, breathing regularly, reading a measurement as she orbits the planet plugged into a completely synthetic environment. The mechanical shell has been designed to simulate the interdependent systems of the living planet that she has left, while its thick steel, bolts and seals leave no question as to the hostility of the space beyond its walls. Our understanding of what makes it work is still primitive. On earth, amateur ecologists were able to live for two years in a closed-system experiment. Meanwhile, new air, food, and water supplies are flown to the International Space Station every few months from Moscow.*

Making connections between early space science, ecology, studio practice and pets, Julia Tcharfas and Tim Ivison present their recent work exploring closed-system experiments and simulated environments, reflecting on the process and unexpected directions of artistic research.

Julia Tcharfas (born 1982, Ukraine) and Tim Ivison (born 1982, USA) live and work in London. Recent collaborative projects include *Render*, Hilary Crisp, London; and *Recent Work by Artists*, Auto Italia, London (both 2013). Tcharfas is currently working as Curatorial Assistant at the Science Museum, London on the *Cosmonauts* exhibition opening in 2014. Ivison is currently completing a PhD in Humanities and Cultural Studies at the London Consortium and is co-editor, with Tom Vandeputte, of *Contestations: Learning from Critical Experiments in Education*, forthcoming from Bedford Press.

## 21ST CENTURY

Presented as evening events in our adjunct studio space, *21st Century* is a research-based programme of talks, film screenings, publication launches, small-scale curated programmes and performances, presented as evening events in our studio space and concurrent to the gallery's exhibition programme. *21st Century* supports emerging artists, writers, critics and theorists often giving them a first opportunity for a public platform alongside occasionally offering more established practitioners the opportunity to present developing projects in an informal environment

Forthcoming *21st Century* events:

### *Flatness*

**Thursday 7 November, 7pm**

A panel discussion exploring moving image after the Internet,  
with Marianne Forrest, Mercedes Bunz and Shama Khanna.

## EXHIBITIONS

**Nick Relph, *Tomorrow There Is No Recording*  
20 September - 10 November 2013**

**Jordan Wolfson, *Raspberry Poser*  
29 November - 2 February 2014  
Preview: Thursday 28 November, 6:30-8:30pm**

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