

Press Release

Museum Folkwang

Albert Renger-Patzsch Prize 2012 The Dietrich Oppenberg Stiftung European Photo-Book Prize

The Dietrich Oppenberg Stiftung, affiliated to the Museum Folkwang, is awarding this year's Albert Renger-Patzsch Prize to **Lisa Barnard** (* Great Britain, 1967). Her photo-book project *Hyenas of the Battlefield, Machines in the Garden* is a study which explores the ties between the military, the entertainment industry and technology. In her work she shows how this 'un-holy' alliance works out in daily life in modern warfare. For Barnard's work, a special role is played by current debates on conceptual documentary photography, the current political and economic climate and the Revolution in Military Affairs. (RMA).

The Albert Renger-Patzsch Prize, awarded every three years at a European level, is this year being given for the eighth time. The Dietrich Oppenberg Stiftung prize is awarded in memory of the significant contribution of the major photographer Alber Renger-Patzsch to the history of documentary-oriented photography as well as his contribution to the development of the photo-book. The prize of 25,000 Euro allows photographers to realize projects conceived in book format. The amount is offered every three years and used by the prize winner for a publication within two years.

From among the nominees and the book projects they have submitted, an international jury selects the project they wish to support.

This year's jury members were:

- Jörg Bartel, Journalist/NRZ, Essen
- Diane Dufour, Director of Le Bal, Paris
- Ute Eskildsen, Fotografische Sammlung/Museum Folkwang, Essen
- Gordon MacDonald, Independent Curator and Publicist, London
- Jo Longhurst, Photographer, London

Previous prize-winners were: Silke Grossmann (1991), Rita Ostrovskaja (1994), Boris Michailow (1997), Trine Søndergaard (2000), Peter Piller (2003), Aglaia Konrad (2006) and Paola de Pietri (2009).

Images are available for downloading at www.museum-folkwang.de

Opening Hours Tue – Sun 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. – 10.30 p.m., Closed Mondays

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