

BIO

I was born and grew up in Rostov-on-Don, the southern city in the western part of Russia. I studied in the Rostov State University and have a master's degree in Applied Mathematics and Programming. Just right after my graduation in 2011 I moved to Zürich, Switzerland, because my husband got a job in Google. Since then the small hobby of photography gradually started to dominate. In 2012 I participated in Alex Majoli masterclass, which finally made me confident enough to call myself “a photographer” and opened up my obsessions. Starting from the masterclass I was working on two personal photo-projects: “A Google Wife” and “How I tried to convince my husband to have children”. Since July 2013 I’m working in Switzerland as a Google Street View photographer. In 2015 together with my husband we produced a documentary movie “Russian Tour”. In 2016 both personal photo-projects reached the dummy-state. In 2017 a dummy book “A Google Wife” become a winner of Fiebre Dummy Award and was published by Dalpine, Spain.

RECENT EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 “**A Google Wife**”, group exhibition of books of the Author Book Award, Les Rencontres de la photographie, Arles, France
- 2017 “**A Google Wife**”, group exhibition of book dummies, FRUIT EXHIBITION Art Publishing Fair, Bologna, Italy
- 2017 “**How I tried to convince my husband to have children**”, dummy was presented during Young Photography, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- 2017 Video for “**How I tried to convince my husband to have children**” presented at «2016 days of awesome photo books», LhGWR gallery, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2017 Video for “**How I tried to convince my husband to have children**” presented at PHOTOBOOKFEST, The Lumiere Brothers Center for Photography, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 “**A Google Wife**”, group exhibition of book dummies, Unseen Photo Fair, Amsterdam, Netherlands

AWARDS

- 2018 The book “**A Google Wife**” is shortlisted for the Author Book Award at Les Rencontres de la photographie, Arles
- 2017 “**How I tried to convince my husband to have children**” is shortlisted in PhotoBoox Award 2017, Lucca, Italy
- 2017 “**A Google Wife**”, a winner of Fiebre Dummy Award, Spain
- 2016 Video for “**How I tried to convince my husband to have children**” is a nominee of FLIP Photobook Award
- 2016 “**A Google Wife**”, shortlisted in Unseen Dummy Award
- 2016 “**How I tried to convince my husband to have children**”, shortlisted in Slideluck Gazebook, “When Photobooks make love with Multimedia”, Sicily, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 The book “**A Google Wife**” is published by Dalpine, Spain
- 2015 Production of a documentary movie “**Russian Tour**”, directed by Mikhail Bushkov

STUDIES

- 2016 Erik Kessels workshop, Milan, Italy
- 2014 Summer School of the “Russian Reporter” magazine, Dubna, Russia
- 2012 - 2014 Alex Majoli and Daria Birang Masterclass, Pianello Val Tidone, Italy
(During this masterclass two projects with Alex Majoli as a curator were started:
“A Google Wife” and **“How I tried to convince my husband to have children”**)
- 2013 Chris Morris (VII Photo Agency) workshop, Paris, France
- 2012 Lugano Photo Days with Alex Majoli (Magnum Photos), Lugano, Switzerland
- 2012 Transmission Pour l’Image photography workshop, Perpignan, France
- 2011 Workshop in the Film School of Alexander Mitta, Moscow, Russia

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connection, 42 photos) donne une leçon d'astronomie depuis la cuisine : ce ne sont pas des faces cachées de la lune que nous voyons mais de vulgaires et très alléchantes crêpes. Lunaire.

The Pigeon Photographer de Julius G. Neubronner



The Pigeon Photographer (Editions Rorhof, 96 pages, essai de Joan Fontcuberta, 35 euros) montre les archives de Julius G. Neubronner, un passionné de photographie né en 1851 qui, le premier, attacha un appareil photo à un pigeon (en 1907). Pionnier de la vision aérienne, son expérience peut être vue comme l'ancêtre du drone.

A Google wife d'Olga Bushkova



A Google wife, d'Olga Bushkova, raconte en images sa vie de femme d'un expat russe en Suisse travaillant pour Google. Interdite de travail, Olga Bushkova passe deux ans à rencontrer les compagnes des collègues de son mari (les *Google wives*), à discuter autour de cafés et à se promener au parc. En gros, elle s'y est ennuyée comme un rat mort (*A Google wife*, d'Olga Bushkova, Editions Dalpina, 207 pages, 38 euros).

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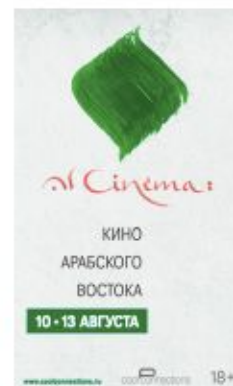



В 2017 году фотопроекты на COLTARU разделены на несколько блоков. Пятый блок называется «Частное» и демонстрирует работы, проникающие в приватное пространство, за границы общепринятого и дозволенного, выносящие наружу индивидуальности автора и героя. Последний проект в этом году – «A Google Wife» Ольги Бушковой.

От автора

В 2011 году мой муж получил работу в Google в Цюрихе. Мы не говорили по-немецки и никогда раньше не жили за пределами России. Мы сняли квартиру на верхнем этаже дома на Цвинглиштрассе, 17, в двадцати минутах ходьбы от офиса Google. Мой вид на жительство не позволял мне работать в течение двух лет. Поэтому я оставалась дома. Мы купили занавески, стол и несколько бокалов. Мы встречались с новыми коллегами мужа, сотрудниками Google, и с их женами – «Google-женами».

Когда мы переехали, я заканчивала магистратуру мехмата





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Un fotolibro: A Google Wife

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BY IRENE CALVO ON 01/07/2018

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Título: A Google Wife

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Autor: Olga Bushkova

Síntesis: En 2011, Olga Bushkova y su pareja se mudan desde Rusia a Suiza debido al nuevo trabajo de su marido en Google. Ninguno de los dos hablan alemán ni han vivido fuera antes. Olga tiene un permiso especial de residencia que le impide trabajar por dos años en Suiza, así que sin poder hacer, está en casa. Su círculo de amistades son los nuevos compañeros de trabajo de su marido y sus esposas. Otras esposas de Google, como ella.

¿Por qué lo recomendamos?: "A Google Wife", fue la maqueta ganadora del Fiebre Dummy Award, un premio que supuso un reconocimiento a la carrera de Olga Bushkova, quien vuelca sus vivencias en sus trabajos fotográficos, sobre todo desde que se mudó a Suiza. Al no poder trabajar por las limitaciones de su visado, su posición de ama de casa es una condición impuesta que le otorga una visión diferente de la vida. Esta visión es la que nos muestra en "A Google Wife", un fotolibro en el que parece que no ocurre gran cosa, pero en realidad está contando miles de historias: desde la manera de relacionarnos no verbalmente, hasta la necesidad de socializar o la forma de ocupar los espacios domésticos y, por supuesto, cómo una persona se intenta integrar en una nueva cultura.

'A Google Wife' by Olga Bushkova. A Photobook Review



When I met Olga Bushkova at the German Fotobookfestival in Kassel in 2015 she presented her first photobook dummy titled *A Google Wife* for portfolio review. She narrated me how she lived with her husband, an employee at Google LLC, in Zurich where they had moved from Rostov-on-Don several years before (more about it in my [interview](#) with Olga for *Urbanautica*). Olga's situation appeared to be more relatable to me than to anyone else – after the expatriation we both found ourselves in a very similar condition (in 2011 I moved to Germany following my husband who got a job at a university).

Young professionals who went abroad after their husbands, but living where their spouse found a good job and not where they wanted to. It is a very particular way of life. On the outside such a lifestyle may appear successful and attractive – comfortable household, weekend trips around Europe, the option of 'sitting at home and doing nothing' – so it seems from the outside. However, this is only a kind of promo picture that has little to do with reality. For that matter, in the video accompanying the autobiographical project *A Google Wife* Olga is talking in a vigorous advertising voice about the benefits of socialising in the community of spoozlers and their active and exciting life ("spoozler" is a combination of the words 'spouse' and 'googler' standing for 'a wife/husband of a Google employee'). However, in the book – as in the reality – everything is not so simple.



In fact the situation is quite the opposite. A woman with a higher education having a career back in her country of origin here becomes a housewife. Most typically, she has to give up all her previous achievements and either receive a new education, starting from scratch, or completely devote her life to housekeeping and raising children.

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