

fala is a naïve architecture practice based in porto, led by filipe magalhães, ana luisa soares and ahmed belkhodja. established in 2013, the atelier works with methodic optimism on a wide range of projects, from territories to birdhouses. fala's projects are a medley of formal languages, references, quotations and themes, regulated by an obsession for clarity; its architecture is both intuitive, rhetorical, hedonic and post-modern.

fala has lectured at different universities and institutions, including the architectural association in london, the graham foundation in chicago, the centre for fine arts in brussels, the versailles' faculty of architecture in paris and the casa della architettura in rome; among others, fala has taught at the faculties of architecture in venice, munich, munster, liège and bratislava. the atelier's work has been exhibited at the architecture biennials in venice and chicago, the serralves foundation and the pavillon de l'arsenal in paris, among others, and in single exhibitions in panama, italy, macedonia, france and portugal. fala's work has been widely published in international media platforms, including domus, engawa, arq.a, mark, plot and the architectural review. the atelier has published '01', a small publication with a collection of early projects by the atelier, and the international architecture magazine 2G is creating a monographic issue about fala's work, to be released in late 2019.



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fala

filipe magalhães
porto, pt; june 13th 1987

2005 faculdade de arquitectura, porto; master in architecture
2009 fakulteta za arhitekturo, ljubljana; erasmus program
2011 'abstract/figurative'; masters' dissertation
harry gugger studio, basel; intern architect
2012 nakagin capsule tower, tokyo; resident
sanaa, tokyo; junior architect
2013 fala atelier, porto; founder / partner
2015 bratislava's faculty of architecture; visiting professor
2016 liege faculty of architecture; guest tutor
2018 tu munich & munster fa; visiting professor

ana luisa soares
porto, pt; december 3rd 1988

2005 faculdade de arquitectura, porto; master in architecture
2011 harry gugger studio, basel; intern architect
2012 university of tokyo; exchange program
nakagin capsule tower, tokyo; resident
toyo ito, tokyo; junior architect
2013 fala atelier, porto; founder / partner
'the matter of ideas'; masters' dissertation
2015 bratislava's faculty of architecture; visiting professor
2018 tu munich & munster fa; visiting professor

ahmed belkodhja
lausanne, ch; april 24th 1990

2007 epf lausanne; bachelor of architecture
2010 obra architects, new york; intern architect
atelier bow-wow, tokyo; intern architect
2011 harry gugger studio, basel; intern architect
eth zürich; master in architecture
2012 ethz future cities laboratory, singapore; student researcher
2013 diploma thesis with prof. adam caruso
2014 fala atelier; partner
2018 università iuav di venezia; guest tutor



upcoming

19.05 lecture, barbican, london
19.05 lecture, delft fa
19.03 symposium, gsapp, new york
19.03 lecture, leuven fa

2019

tropes lecture, sydney fa
methodic optimism lecture, brisbane fa
untitled lecture, belfast fa
methodic optimism lecture, kingston fa, london

2018

architecture of rooms lecture, kadk, copenhagen
joyful mannerism lecture, tu munich
methodic optimism lecture, cass fa, london
re-transform collective panel, s am, basel
single lines talk, tirana
methodic optimism lecture, skopje
perspectives talk, riba, london
coming of age lecture, iua venice
europa talk round table, british pavilion, venice
postmodern agenda lecture, pomostroika, berlin
recent works lecture, syracuse fa, florence
the school of tourism talk, mao, ljubljana
current obsessions bauhaus university, weimar

2017

clarté et maniérisme lecture, le bourg, lausanne
masquerades lecture, stockholm
borders lecture, riba, london
polyphonic repertoire lecture, bozar, brussels
nostalgia lecture, fa, siracusa
incerteza viva talk, serralves foundation, porto
selective ignorance lecture, milano arch week
tropes lecture, architectural association, london
portraits lecture, graham foundation, chicago
composite images lecture, ensa versailles

2016

circumstance lecture, tu munich
improvisation lecture, berlin
no nostalgia lecture, fa liège
methodic optimism lecture, kit karlsruhe
persistency lecture, casa della architettura, rome
innocence lecture, existenzweek, fa leuven

2015

innocence lecture, eaum guimarães
first steps lecture, vienna
current work lecture, melbourne
between sheets lecture, perth

2014

present lecture, timisoara
recent works lecture, istanbul
21 projects lecture, bratislava

upcoming
porto academy 19' summer school, faup, guest tutors

2018

tu munich design studio, visiting professors
munster fa design studio, visiting professors
ossa architecture workshops summer school, lodz fa, guest tutors
tirana architecture weeks summer school, tirana fa, guest tutors
future architecture summer school, graz fa, guest tutors
kosovo architecture festival summer school, pristina fa, guest tutors
iscte lisbon 3rd year seminar, guest critic
wave2018 summer school, iua venice, visiting professors
kth stockholm diploma jury
northumbria fa 3rd year seminar, guest critic
tower of rooms by jimenez lai workshop, faup, guest critic

2017

laba's 'dwelling on portugal' epfl lausanne, guest critic
koln fa 3rd year seminar, guest critic
made labs summer school, syracuse fa, guest tutors

2016

real estate architecture summer school, liege fa, guest tutors
bratislava fa diploma jury
bratislava's faculty of architecture visiting professors

2015

bratislava's faculty of architecture visiting professors

upcoming

alternative history the architecture foundation, london
bonheur du jour mob furniture exhibition, santiago del chile
cats & collumns single exhibition, casa da cerca, lisbon

2019

wonderland collective exh., mam19' maia

2018

low-resolution houses collective exh., princeton school of architecture
recent works single exhibition, skopje
open house porto house in rua do paraíso
incerteza viva portuguese pavillion, venice biennale
fold collective exhibition, fa nebraska
tempietto exemplum collective exhibition, yale fa
carnets collective exhibition, venice fa

2017

re-constructivist architecture collective exhibition, riba, london
incerteza viva 11ª bienal de são paulo, fundação de serralves, porto
room of plinths collective exhibition, chicago arch. biennial
you really know where you are collective exh., unicorn centre, beijing
prototypes and experimental drawings aram gallery, london
new typologies architecture fringe, glasgow
portraits dom-ino gallery, strasbourg
spaces without drama collective exhibition, graham foundation, chicago
present tense collective exhibition, syracuse univ., florence

2016

re-constructivist architecture collective exh., ierimonti gallery, new york
25 architects / 5 absent collective exhibition, pavillon de l'arsenal, paris
desplans collective exhibition, stockholm
portraits single exhibition, junta, panama city
open house lisbon garage house
anticlimax single exhibition, campo, rome
la narration du quotidien collective exhibition, lausanne
25 architects / 5 absent collective exhibition, marseille
habitar portugal 12-14 collective exhibition, porto

2015

the state of the art of architecture chicago arch. biennial
open house lisbon chiado apartment
unfeasible collective exhibition, walter knoll, london
birdhouse collective exhibition, migrant garden, piacenza
castelo de cartas installation, get set festival, porto

2014

2nd design biennial collective exhibition, istanbul
21 projects single exhibition, fa bratislava
21 projects single exhibition, cvernovka, bratislava
affordable living collective exhibition, mao, ljubljana
memória collective exhibition, espaço mira, porto
anticlimax single exhibition, faup, porto

2013

anticlimax single exhibition, lisbon architecture triennale
p.o.p. collective exhibition, storefront gallery, new york

upcoming
fala 2g magazine #80

2019
noble ruckseite baumeister magazine
youth trans magazine eth
an interview & 4 projects revista plot #45
porto 2018 dedalo magazine #11

2018
the circle of fragments koozarch
fala atelier gram magazine #1
collages als portretten 'de architect', netherlands
layout zine #1 magazine, armenia
the apartment building real estate architecture
la rivincita della semplicità artwave
from digital to reality archdaily
fala carnets magazine, venice
l'architecture naïve l'architecture d'aujourd'hui
lo studio under 30 professionearchitetto.it

2017
fala dans une bulle tracés, espazium.ch
architectural collage metropolismag.com
the age of post-digital drawing metropolismag.com
house in rua faria guimarães roof magazine #10
entwerfen ohne rendering baumeister magazine
what is fala yale's student run paper

2016
fala the architectural review
intimacies fresh meat journal
top of the hots interview, iconist magazine
naivety, an architectural tool interview, koozarch
metabolist irony betonart #48

2015
pedagogical infrastructure formal academy, shenzhen
losing on purpose chicago architecture biennial
living rooms interior tales, syracuse university
scandalous thresholds #43
living in limbo of houses guest curatorship

2014
what is architecture? raum online residence
a linha clara ja #250, portugal
práticas emergentes arq.a magazine #114
memory interview, revista nu #42
a year in 1972 failed architecture

2013
fala potlach
the metabolist routine domus magazine #969
living in limbo mark magazine #43
dinner at b702 the modernist magazine #03
um futuro que nunca aconteceu arq.a magazine #109
un futuro que nunca aconteceu engawa magazine #14

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current collaborators
filipe magalhães
ana luisa soares
ahmed belkhodja
beatriz branco
sajoua eta
kentaro hayashi
ana lima
lera samovich
joana sendas
paulo sousa

former collaborators
julia andreychenko
chiara carraro
costanza favero
nina guyot
jack huang
christina kavoura
gabriela králová
francesca lantieri
ricardo leitão
jacopo lugli
thea orderud
clara pailler
diogo paixão
rute peixoto
camelia petre
francisco rocha
rikke sandbugt
elisa sassi
ana sevo
mariana silva
jana von wyl
anyana zimmermann

landscape architects
pomo
andré bértolo
oh land!

photographers
ricardo loureiro
paulo catrica
fernando guerra
flávio pires

construction companies
asv lda
civiflanco lda
cruz archer ferreira lda
dejc lda
engilaco lda
jst e&c lda
manuel maia unip
maxrenova lda
ruce lda
tijolo cruzado lda

institutional clients
trienal de arq. de lisboa
aefaup
mira forum
fundação do oriente
chicago architecture biennial
get set festival
migrant garden
fundação de serralves
câmara municipal do porto
abrantés creative camp
casa da cerca



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001 public library setubal, portugal april 2013 competition proposal	020 leaf shaped gallery sharjah, u.a.e april 2015 built project	035 house in rua fária guimarães porto, portugal december 2016 built project	051 álvares cabral 372 porto, portugal august 2016 - ongoing project	067 house and atelier porto, portugal january 2017 - ongoing project	079 house j porto, portugal september 2017 - ongoing project
002 social housing lisbon, portugal june 2013 competition proposal	022 pink house porto, portugal january 2015 private commission	037 house in batalha porto, portugal september 2015 private commission	052 housing in abrangão penafiel, portugal may 2018 built project	068 serralves pavilion porto, portugal june 2017 built project	080 house on a sloped plot porto, portugal november 2017 private commission
003 university stadium porto, portugal july 2013 competition proposal	023 house for three generations marco, portugal november 2014 - ongoing project	038 london apartment london, u.k. december 2015 private commission	053 house with a sloped roof são pedro da cova, portugal november 2016 private commission	069 narrow apartment building porto, portugal october 2016 - ongoing project	081 tiny house amarante, portugal july 2018 built project
004 anticlimax exhibition lisbon, portugal october 2013 built/demolished	025 chiado apartment lisbon, portugal november 2015 built project	040 garage house lisbon, portugal april 2016 built project	054 bairro alto building lisbon, portugal january 2016 - ongoing project	070 yellow tiled house porto, portugal april 2017 ongoing project	082 warehouse in freixo porto, portugal december 2017 - ongoing project
009 temporary bar porto, portugal may 2014 built/demolished	026 cultural center bamiyan, afghanistan january 2015 competition proposal	041 visitor center coimbra, portugal january 2016 competition proposal	055 building with two staircases porto, portugal august 2016 - ongoing project	071 beaux arts building porto, portugal february 2017 - ongoing project	084 fountain with a roof zurich, switzerland december 2017 competition proposal
010 cultural center grand-saconnex, switzerland march 2014 competition proposal	027 the little kiosk chicago, u.s.a. march 2015 competition proposal	042 real estate agency porto, portugal december 2015 built project	056 corner building porto, portugal august 2016 - ongoing project	072 house under a big roof famalicão, portugal february 2017 - ongoing project	085 housing block in campanhã porto, portugal january 2018 - ongoing project
011 elementary school vaulruz, switzerland april 2014 competition proposal	028 bauhaus museum dessau, germany april 2015 competition proposal	043 graça apartment lisbon, portugal july 2016 built project	057 fontainhas house porto, portugal september 2016 - ongoing project	073 very narrow house vila real, portugal may 2017 - ongoing project	086 sta catarina apartment porto, portugal march 2017 - ongoing project
014 residential building rio tinto, portugal april 2014 - ongoing project	030 three generic houses marco, portugal april 2015 - ongoing project	044 catarino house porto, portugal november 2015 - ongoing project	058 house with a curved wall porto, portugal november 2017 built project	074 forum do futuro scenography porto, portugal september 2017 built project	087 house in belém lisbon, portugal january 2018 - ongoing project
016 principe real apartment lisbon, portugal october 2014 built project	031 flagship store porto, portugal may 2015 built project	046 housing development lausanne, switzerland march 2016 competition proposal	059 house in são brás porto, portugal june 2018 built project	075 ilha with a common garden porto, portugal august 2017 - ongoing project	088 arlequin apartment porto, portugal january 2018 - ongoing project
017 gymnasium yverdon, switzerland august 2014 competition proposal	032 castelo de cartas porto, portugal april 2015 built/demolished	047 administrative building porto, portugal march 2016 private commission	063 building in estrela lisbon, portugal february 2017 private commission	076 school extension viganello, switzerland september 2017 competition proposal	090 sam's garage porto, portugal april 2018 - ongoing project
018 elementary school romont, switzerland september 2014 competition proposal	033 house for a bird piacenza, italy june 2015 built project	048 house in rua do paraíso porto, portugal august 2017 built project	065 building in rua das pretas lisbon, portugal february 2017 private commission	077 house around a chimney amarante, portugal september 2017 - ongoing project	091 kiosk in abrantès porto, portugal may 2018 - ongoing project
019 housing development chateau-d'oex, switzerland september 2014 competition proposal	034 crematorium thun, switzerland july 2015 competition proposal	050 garden pavilion porto, portugal august 2016 - ongoing project	066 office building lisbon, portugal may 2017 private commission	078 house facing a plaza vila real, portugal october 2017 - ongoing project	092 vestire fronton marco, portugal may 2018 - ongoing project