

Biography Leiko Ikemura

Born in Tsu City, Prefektur Mie (Japan)

- 1970-72 Studies Spanish language and linguistics at the University of Osaka, Japan
- 1973-78 Studies Art at the Escuela Superior de Bellas Artes de Santa Isabel de Hungaria (later University of Fine Arts), Seville, Spain
- 1979-83 Lives in Zurich, Switzerland
- 1983 "Stadtzeichnerin von Nürnberg", Grant by Faber-Castell & the city of Nuremberg, Germany
- 1985 Moves to Cologne
- 1991-2015 Professor at the Berlin University of the Arts, Germany
- since 2014 Professor at the Joshibi University of Art and Design, Kanagawa, Japan

Leiko Ikemura lives and works in Berlin and Cologne.

Solo exhibitions (selection)

2019

Leiko Ikemura Our Planet Earth & Stars, The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

Leiko Ikemura Nach neuen Meeren [Toward New Seas), Kunstmuseum Basel, Basel, Switzerland

2018

Leiko Ikemura. More Than Ever, Galerie Kewenig, Berlin Germany

Leiko Ikemura Islands Awake, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Leiko Ikemura - Not a Girl, Kenji Taki Gallery, Nagoya, Japan

Leiko Ikemura Female Genesis, Neue Galerie Gladbeck, Gladbeck, Germany

2017

Leiko Ikemura, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, USA

Leiko Ikemura, Women of Fire Dancing with Tree, Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

No No Noh. Leiko Ikemura in dialogue with selected works of the Diethard Leopold Collection, BE International Fine Art, Vienna, Austria

Leiko Ikemura, Märchenwald, Hetjens-Museum Dusseldorf, Germany

Leiko Ikemura, ShugoArts Tokyo, Japan

2016

Leiko Ikemura. ...und plötzlich dreht der Wind. Haus am Waldsee, Berlin, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Mountains in Exile. Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France

Leiko Ikemura und Paula Modersohn-Becker. Galerie Haas, Berlin, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Mindscape. Kenji Taki Gallery, Nagoya, Japan

Leiko Ikemura. Poetics of Form. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno (Nevada) USA

Leiko Ikemura. Das unbekannte Archiv, DRK Klinken Westend Berlin, Germany

2015

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Mirchandani + Steinrücke, Mumbai, India

Prelude: Leiko Ikemura – ein Dialog mit Utagawa Hiroshige. Haus am Waldsee, Berlin, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. All About Girls and Tigers. Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst Cologne, Germany

2014

Leiko Ikemura. Last und Lust. Neues Museum Nuremberg, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Pioon. The Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum, Shizuoka, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Hilfiger Kunstprojekte, Luzern, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Zarathustra. Galerie Samuel Lallouz, Montreal, Canada
Leiko Ikemura. Zwischenwelten. Altana Kulturstiftung, Bad Homburg, Germany
Leiko Ikemura & Odilon Redon. Galerie Michael Haas, Berlin, Germany
Sonderschau Leiko Ikemura. Preisträger Cologne Fine Art, Cologne, Germany

2013

Leiko Ikemura: i-migration. Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. oro y plata. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Los Espantos. Galería Kewenig, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Leiko Ikemura. Sueño de los árboles rojos. Poligrafa Obra Grafica, Barcelona, Spain
Leiko Ikemura. Hilfiger Kunstprojekte, Luzern, Switzerland

2012

Leiko Ikemura. Korekara oder die Heiterkeit des fragilen Seins. Museum für Asiatische Kunst, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Mare e Monti. Kolumba, Cologne, Germany
Leiko Ikemura: Beyond the Lake. Landschaften aus den Jahren 2008 bis 2012. Galerie Haas AG, Zurich, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Silver Flame. ShugoArts, Tokyo, Japan

2011

Leiko Ikemura. Wußtest Du, ich habe zwei versteckte Flügel. Museum Burg Wissem, Troisdorf, Germany
Leiko Ikemura: Transfiguration. The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo; Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Mie, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France
Leiko Ikemura. Flame and Fire. Galerie Priska Pasquer, Cologne, Germany

2010

Leiko Ikemura. Lichtbilder. Gundel Gelbert Showroom, Cologne, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. August Macke Prize Laureate, Sauerland-Museum, Arnsberg, Germany
Leiko Ikemura / Philipp von Matt – Asuka. Looock Galerie, Berlin, Germany

2009

Leiko Ikemura. Jiri Svestka Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
Leiko Ikemura. Me Za Me. ShugoArts. Tokyo, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Face Scape. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

2008

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, St. Moritz, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Tag, Nacht, Halbmond. Museum zu Allerheiligen, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
La Notte. Galerie Tony Wuethrich, Basel, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Haas & Fuchs, Berlin, Germany

2007

Neue Arbeiten. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

2006

Leiko Ikemura. The Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, USA
Leiko Ikemura – Andalusienbilder. Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany
u mi no ko. The Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum, Shizuoka, Japan

Leiko Ikemura. Pacific. ShugoArts, Tokyo, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Iserlohner Kunstpreis. Kunstverein Villa Wessel, Iserlohn, Germany

2005

Leiko Ikemura. Remember Little Boys. Galerie Haas & Fuchs, Berlin, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Skulptur – Malerei – Zeichnung. Erzbischöfliches Diözesanmuseum Kolumba, Cologne, Germany

2005

Leiko Ikemura. Skulptur – Malerei – Zeichnung. Ulmer Museum, Ulm, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France
Leiko Ikemura. Mars Mother. Kunst-Station St. Peter, Cologne, Germany

2004

Madre Mare. ShugoArts, Tokyo, Japan
Isola. Gallery HAM, Nagoya, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Beach Side Story. Edith-Ruß-Haus für Medienkunst, Oldenburg, Germany
Leiko Ikemura, Skulptur – Malerei – Zeichnung. Kunsthalle Recklinghausen; Pfalzgalerie Kaiserslautern, Germany
Beach Girls. Galerie Tony Wuethrich, Basel, Switzerland

2003

Madre Mare. Galeria Luís Serpa, Lisbon, Portugal

2002

Ozean – ein Projekt. Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, Vaduz, Liechtenstein
Vom Ozean. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

2001

Leiko Ikemura. Les années lumière – Lichtjahre. Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Lausanne, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. HAM + Rice Gallery by G2 / Gallery HAM + ShugoArts, Tokyo, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Tony Wuethrich, Basel, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Haas & Fuchs, Berlin, Germany

2000

Beyond the Horizon. Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Aichi, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Le Rire Silencieux de Miko. Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France
The Memory of Innocence. Morat Institut, Freiburg, Germany
mikomania. Gallery HAM, Nagoya, Japan

1999

Leiko Ikemura. Von einem Punkt zu Licht und Raum. Photographie und Malerei. Haus der Kultur Waldkraiburg, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Migrations. Sculpture and Paintings. The Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University, Milwaukee, USA
Leiko Ikemura. Yet there is Light on the Horizon. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

1999

Leiko Ikemura. Skulpturen, Bilder und Arbeiten auf Papier. Galerie Pablo Staehli, Zurich, Switzerland
Yet there is Light on the Horizon. Melbourne International Biennial 1999, Collaborating Country Projects Japan Pavilion, Melbourne, Australia
Leiko Ikemura. Ceramics + Drawings. Art Affairs Gallery, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

1998

Black Noon. Satani Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie am Dorfplatz, Stans, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Malerei und Skulptur. Tony Wuethrich Galerie, Basel, Switzerland
Did you know, I have two invisible Wings. Van Laere Contemporary Art, Antwerp, Belgium
Réveil en couleur. Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France

1997

Leiko Ikemura. Ausstellungsgesellschaft für zeitgenössische Kunst Zollverein, Essen, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Monique Knowlton Gallery, New York, USA
Leiko Ikemura. Painting, Sculpture. Gallery HAM, Nagoya, Japan
Lichtgestalten. Kulturforum Alte Post, Neuss, Germany

1996

Leiko Ikemura. Tony Wuethrich Galerie, Basel, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Milan, Italy
Leiko Ikemura. fe-male fluidity. Fine Art Limited Hue-Williams, London, UK
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France

1995

Leiko Ikemura. BEING. Gallery HAM, Nagoya, Japan
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Volker Diehl, Berlin, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Tenshi-tachi no sumika. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

1994

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Pablo Staehli, Zurich, Switzerland
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France

1993

Leiko Ikemura. Gallery HAM, Nagoya, Japan

1992

Leiko Ikemura. Kunstverein Salzburg, Austria
Leiko Ikemura. Dualiteit en Transformatie. Galerie Camille von Scholz, Brussels, Belgium
Leiko Ikemura. Johan Jonker Galerie, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

1991

Hase und Paprika. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Pablo Staehli, Zurich, Switzerland

1990

Alpen Indianer. Satani Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1989

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Gemälde, Zeichnungen 1980–87. Stadtgalerie Kunstverein Saarbrücken;
Kunstmuseum Ulm, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Camille von Scholz, Brussels, Belgium

1988

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Skulima, Berlin, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Von der Wirkung der Zeit. Kunstverein Lingen, Germany
Leiko Ikemura. Gemälde, Zeichnungen 1980–87. Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Lausanne,
Switzerland; Wolfgang-Gurlitt-Museum, Linz, Austria
Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Varisella, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

1987

Leiko Ikemura. Neue Bilder. Galerie Pablo Staehli, Zurich, Switzerland

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Bilder, Zeichnungen. Dany Keller Galerie, Munich, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Gemälde, Zeichnungen 1980–87. Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Basel, Switzerland

Leiko Ikemura. Bilder und Skulpturen. Forum Kunst, Rottweil, Germany

1986

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Tony Gerber, Bern, Switzerland

1985

Leiko Ikemura. Kunsthalle Waaghaus, Winterthur, Switzerland

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Folker Skulima, Berlin, Germany

1984

Leiko Ikemura. Neue Arbeiten. Galerie Tony Gerber, Bern, Switzerland

Leiko Ikemura. Neue Arbeiten. 4. Stadtzeichner-Ausstellung (Nürnberger Stadtzeichnerin 1983), Kunsthalle Nuremberg, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Bilder, Zeichnungen. Dany Keller Galerie, Munich, Germany

Ancestors. Leiko Ikemura. Kunstverein im St. Katharinen, St. Gallen, Switzerland

leiko ikemura. los sobrevivientes (die überlebenden). Galerie Edition Steinmetz, Bonn, Germany

1983

Leiko Ikemura. Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Neue Arbeiten. Galerie Tony Gerber, Bern, Switzerland

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Pablo Staehli, Zurich, Switzerland

1982

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Paul Maenz, Cologne, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie van Krimpen, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

1981

Leiko Ikemura. Städtisches Bodensee-Museum in Kooperation mit Galerie Bernd Lutze, Friedrichshafen, Germany

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Tony Gerber, Bern, Switzerland

1980

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Pablo Staehli, Zurich, Switzerland

1979

Leiko Ikemura. Galerie Raegeboge, Luigi Kurmann, Luzern, Switzerland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selection)

2018

Leiko Ikemura in Dialogue with Donata and Wim Wenders, Stiftung Brandenburg Tor / Liebermann Haus, Berlin, Germany
The Collection of the Takamatsu Art Museum + In Spilling Light with Chuta Kimura, Takamatsu Art Museum, Shikoku, Japan,
Exhibition for the Prix de Dessin, Fondation Daniel & Florence Guerlain Paris, France
Art on Paper, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark

2017

A Trip through the Tokyo Station Gallery Collection. From Railway Art to Picasso, Tokyo Station Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
OneHundredAndONE. Works, Tony Wuethrich Galerie, Basel, Switzerland
jung und wild. Die 1980er Jahre in München, Bayerische Akademie der Schönen Künste, Munich, Germany
Ton, Scherben, Steine, Galerie Thomas Rehbein, Colgone, Germany
BERLIINI >>> NASTOLA, Taarasti art centre, Nastola, Finland
Ikemura & Nolde, Kunstmuseum Ahrenshoop, Germany
Weather Report. About Weather Culture and Climate Science, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, Germany
Schlaf. Eine produktive Zeitverschwendung, Paula Modersohn-Becker Museum, Bremen, Germany
„Wir Magier“ – Leiko Ikemura und Meisterschüler, Galerie Evelyn Drewes, Hamburg, Germany

2016

Painter of Poetry, Poet of the Picture. Himeji City Museum of Art Hyogo; Ahsikaga Museum of Art Tochigi; Hakodate Museum of Art Hokkaido, Japan
Ceramix - Art et Céramique de Rodin à Schütte. La Maison Rouge Paris, France
Sein. Antlitz. Körper - Kirchen öffnen sich der Kunst. Berlin Cathedral, Germany
Donations - Florence & Daniel Guerlain, Collection Centre Pompidou at Kunsten Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark
Sharing as Caring no.5/ Beyond Documentation, Kunstverein Heidelberg, Germany
All living things. Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum, Shizuoka, Japan
Ready for the Stage / Act 1 (1900 – 2016), Arp Museum, Remagen, Germany
The 56th October Salon „The Pleasure of Love“, Belgrade, Serbia
Kumo no ito, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Aichi, Japan

2015

Ce qui je suis maintenant. Ein Zimmer für Alfred Flechtheim. Osthaus Museum, Hagen, Germany
Koelnskulptur #8 – Skulpture Parc Cologne. Cologne, Germany
Rohkunstbau XXI. Apokalypse. Berlin, Germany
The Red Thread - On Structures in Narration. Kolumba Museum, Cologne, Germany
Ceramix. Ceramic art from Gauguin to Schütte. Bonnefontenmuseum, Maastricht, Belgium
Einfühlung und Abstraktion. Die Moderne der Frauen in Deutschland, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Germany

2014

LOVE AIDS RIOT SEX 2. NGBK Berlin, Germany
Distant Observations. Fukushima in Berlin. Kunstraum Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
Höhenrausch. Arp Museum – Bahnhof Rolandseck, Bonn, Germany
Esprit d'une collection: GUERLAIN. Musée des Beaux-Arts Libourne, France
Japan ART Switzerland. Kunsthau Interlaken, Switzerland
Wild Heart. Art Exhibition of German Neo-Expressionism since the 1960s, China Art Museum Shanghai, China

St. Moritz Art Masters. St. Moritz, Switzerland

Klee und der ferne Osten. Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst, Cologne, Germany

2013

Von Japonismus zu Zen. Paul Klee und der Ferne Osten. Zentrum Paul Klee, Bern, Switzerland

Back to Earth. Die Wiederentdeckung der Keramik in der Kunst. Gerisch-Stiftung. Neumünster, Germany

Schöne Landschaft – Bedrohte Natur. Alte Meister im Dialog mit zeitgenössischer Kunst.

All Kind of Ceramics – 20 Years of the Artist in Residence Program. The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan

Macht. Wahn. Vision. Der Turm und urbane Giganten. Städtische Museen Heilbronn, Germany

Painting Forever! Keilrahmen. Kunst-Werke Berlin – KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany

2012

DOKI DOKI. The Fascination of Ceramics, the Excitement of Art. Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art. Shigaraki, Japan

Beyond Memory. Museum on the Seam. Jerusalem, Israel

Art as Magic: Visionary Artists and Their Inner Supernatural World. Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art. Nagoya, Japan

2011

Fukushima and the consequences. KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany

Mit Feuer und Flamme. Keramik in der Gegenwartskunst. Museum Villa Rot, Burgrieden – Rot, Germany

2010

Schweizer Kunst im Aufbruch. Die Neuen Wilden, Kunst(zeug)haus, Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland

Plastic Artists and their Graphic Work, Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, Vaduz, Liechtenstein

Expanding Art. Introduction to the Contemporary Art, Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Mie, Japan

Geheimnisvolle Zwischenwelten, Pfalzgalerie Kaiserslautern, Kaiserslautern, Germany

2009

Emotional Drawing. SOMA Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea

2008

A Perspective on Contemporary Art 6. Emotional Drawing. MOMAT The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Emotional Drawings. National Museum of Modern Art Kyoto, MOMAK, Japan

2007

Fiction for the Real. National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Zwischenräume / The Spaces Between. Leiko Ikemura & Günther Förg, Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany

2006

The Child. Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Japan

Berlin – Tokyo Tokyo – Berlin. Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany

2005

Life actually. MOT (Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo), Tokyo, Japan

The World is A Stage. Stories Behind Pictures. Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Asian Potential. Art nurtured by the sea and islands. Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Japan

The Subjective Figure. Robert Miller Gallery, New York, USA

2000

Visage. National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

1998

White and Black. Kunstmuseum Meguro, Tokyo, Japan

Noontime Meditation. Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Tochigi, Japan

1996

Intangible Childhood. Prefectural Museum of Art, Mie, Japan

Female Identity. Prefectural Museum of Art, Okayama, Japan

1988

Tokyo Biennial '88. Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Art; Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Japan;

Seibu-Museum of Art, Funabashi, Tokyo, Japan

1986

Räume heutiger Zeichnung. Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel

1985

Kunst mit Eigen-Sinn. MUMOK / Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts, Vienna, Austria

1983

Künstler aus der Schweiz - 10 Situationen. Institut für moderne Kunst, Nuremberg, Germany

aktuell 83. Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany

1ère Triennale Le Landeron '83. Le Landeron, Switzerland