

MIGRATION FLAGS

Myriam Thyès, 2005 – 2007

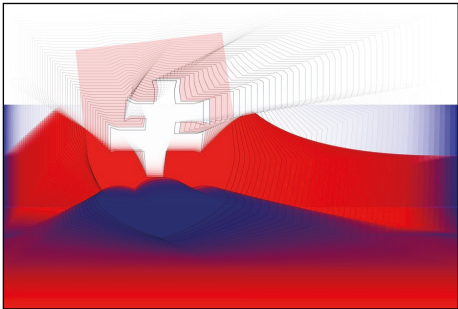
28 digital images. C-prints, mounted on aluminium DiBond, 50 cm high and 67–75 cm large each. Edition: 3

Each MIGRATION FLAG mixes two national flags, or one flag with a motif that shows one subject of this country's international relations (economic, political, cultural, migration, tourism) – the symbols interpenetrate and interact. Myriam Thyès' researches and Flash animations from the participatory series FLAG METAMORPHOSES are the origins of this series of digital images. www.flag-metamorphoses.net

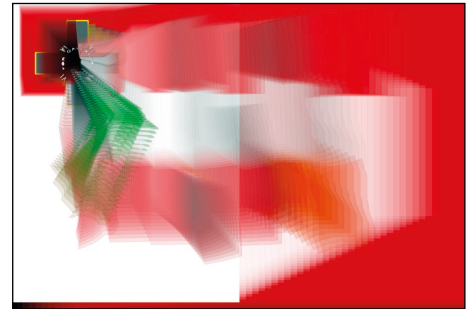
For this, Thyès used a function of the Flash programme with which one can display many consecutive images of an animation at the same time - they appear semi-transparent superimposed on each other. This view is only intended to control movement sequences in the work process. From each animation, Thyès displayed one, two or more such motion sequences and took screenshots of them. She also exported still images from the animations. For each image in the MIGRATION FLAGS series, she combined and edited the screenshots and stills in Photoshop.

The animations of FLAG METAMORPHOSES are about relationships between countries, such as cultural affinities, migration, political alliances, (colonial) history, conflicts, and so on. The MIGRATION FLAGS images are dominated by a playful, formal approach of „flag-mixing“ that questions the concept of nation-state.





Poland - Slovakia



Austria - Malta



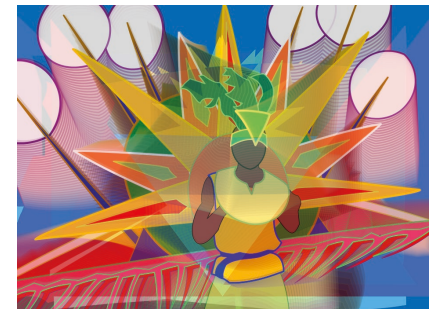
Trinidad, Steeldrums (Caribbean Carnivals)



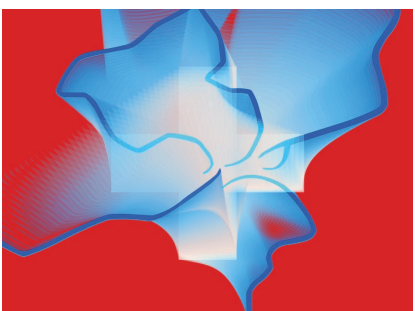
Trinidad & Tobago - Togo



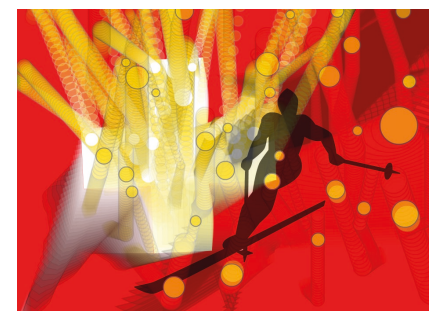
Antigua and Barbuda



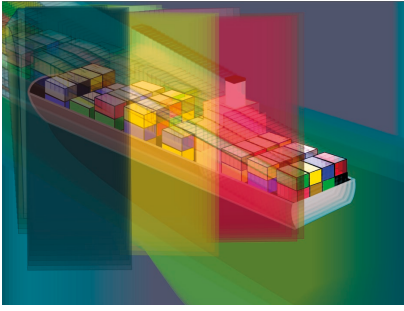
Antigua (Caribbean Carnivals)



Switzerland, Rivers



Switzerland, Money



Belgium, container freight ship



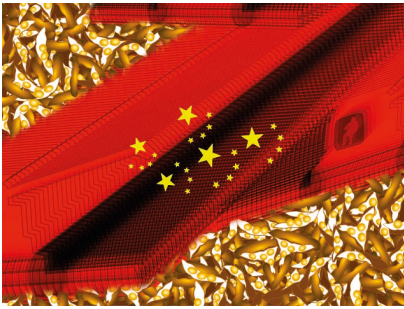
Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina



Brazil - China 1



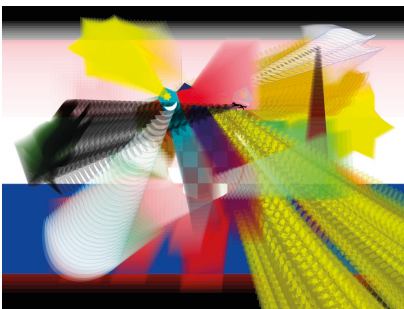
Dominican Republic - Cape Verde (Caribbean Carnivals)



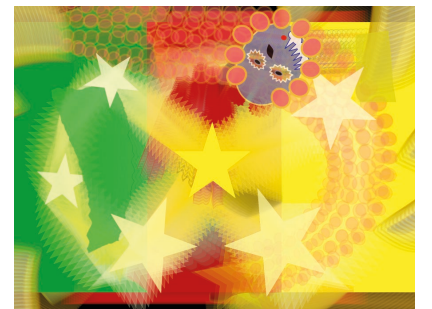
Brazil - China 2



Ghana - Puerto Rico



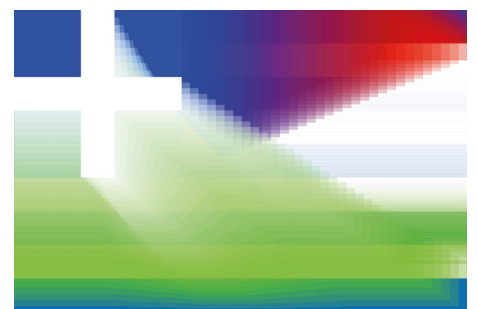
Bulgaria - Croatia



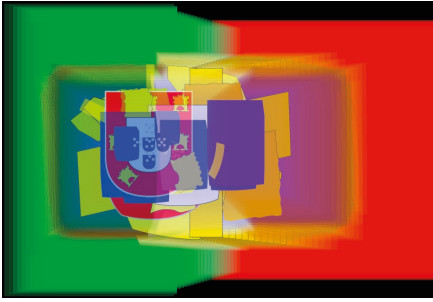
Grenada - Cameroon (Caribbean Carnivals)



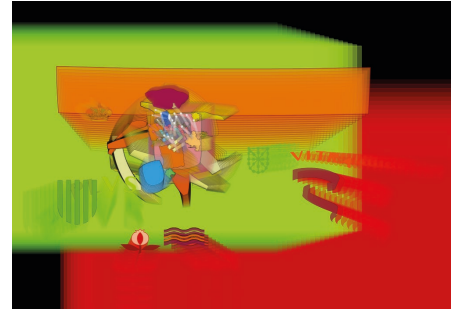
Congo Rainforest / Camouflage



Hungary - Greece



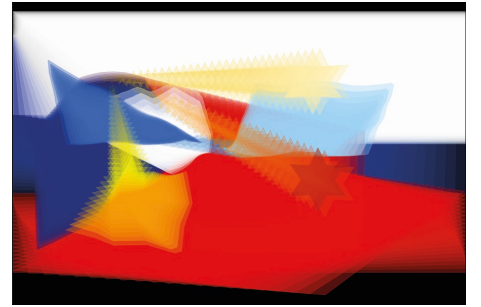
Ireland - Portugal



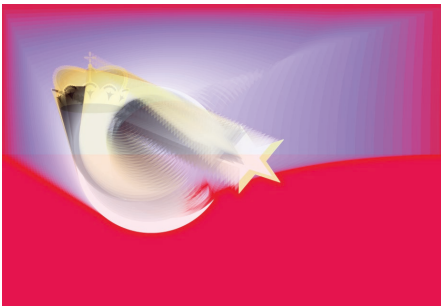
Portugal - Spain



Korea - Japan



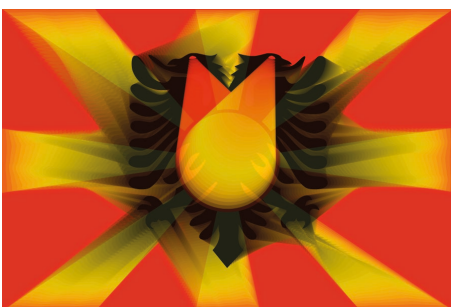
Slovenia - Czech Republic



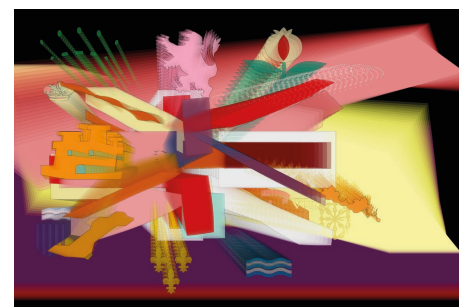
Liechtenstein - Turkey



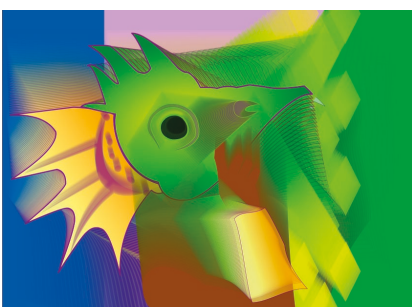
Spain, colonial



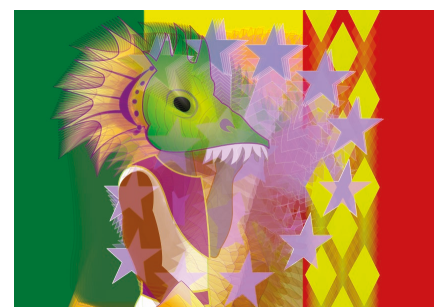
Macedonia - Albania



Spain - UK



St. Vincent - Senegal 1 (Caribbean Carnivals)



St. Vincent - Senegal 2 (Caribbean Carnivals)