



**Temporary exhibition**  
Floor -1

**China & Portugal  
Contemporary Art**  
17/11/2018 – 06/01/2019

The untranslatable Portuguese word “*saudade*” conveys a desire for a past moment that may be forever unattainable. On many levels, this word speaks of our current situation—where we are prone to seeking comfort in the tender past when faced with the overwhelming despair generated by the uncertainty of our present and future.

In the midst of globalisation, con substantiated in forms such as cross-border trade and cultural exchange, we are constantly seeking connection with others, as well as some degree of identification with ideals and hopes from the past and the future. Nevertheless, the ambiguous, unstable situation we are in makes it rather spiny for us to grasp anything for sure. In the background of

multiculturalism, in which cultural integration is not yet fully accepted, there are huge differences in information, geography, ethnicity, and society; moreover, the further and deeper the internet sprawls, the more the syndrome of alienation and nostalgia gets reported—so is in China, so is in Portugal, so is elsewhere. In trouble, at this time, *saudade* becomes an effective sedative.

Reflecting on these notions, I have selected 16 artists from Portugal and China, among whose expressions two aspects stand out. The first one is the intertwining of concepts such as diversity, festivity, ambiguity, which often come in a whole. The other one is the works’ intimate connection with the narrative of *saudade*.

Yuko Hasegawa, exhibition curator

Vasco Araújo, José Pedro Croft, Leng Guangmin, Tao Hui,  
Luísa Jacinto, Liu Jianhua, Rui Moreira, Cheng Ran,  
André Sousa, Pedro Valdez Cardoso, Joana Vasconcelos,  
Guan Xiao, Sun Xun, Shi Yong, Xia Yu, Liang Yuanwei

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Shi Yong  
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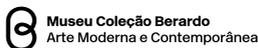
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