Since 2008, <u>Benoît Maire</u> started writing a manual of aesthetics where images, objects and writing are combined to bring forth some of contemporary aesthetics' main issues. Starting from the differend (insurmountable conflict) between saying and seeing, Maire works in an in-between territory where art and philosophy merge into a practical use, allowing forms to spread out and surpass one another. Neither philosophy nor art, Maire's practice looks to corrupt classical formats with the experimental use of theory.

At Kiria Koula, Maire's research is mostly focused on his interest in the concept of "decision." He is particularly interested in how this notion historicized the concept of subject in the modern era, and he proposes an investigation that confronts the decision-making process of mathematical calculations with the one made by individual subjects who jump into decisions despite a lack of knowledge. For this, Maire presents his own visual and written materials, as well as existing and new contributions by philosophers, writers, art historians, and artists. Some of the contributors include Anne-Francoise Schmid. Francois Laruelle, Daniel Barber, and Liam Gillick, among others.

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