RACE DOES NOT EXIST

DIRECTOR
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DURATION
3:00

YEAR
2017

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
French

CATEGORY
Video Art



DESCRIPTION
La race n'existe pas is a black and white music video by Pascal Lièvre shot in 4:3 format. Aesthetically, it references Angela Davis's 1970s videos, which are recognizable by their very tight framing. A woman facing the camera sings an extract taken from Achille Mbembe's philosophical book *Critique de la raison nègre* (*Critique of Black Reason*) to the melody of *Shine Bright Like a Diamond* by Barbadian singer Rihanna.

Achille Mbembe is a Cameroonian philosopher of post-colonial theory, a political commentator, a historian, and a university lecturer. In this book, he proposes an end to the notion of race by offering the Occident and Africa an alternative position on difference. A critic who is already active in the field of Black Feminism with, among others, Angela Davis.

IMAGE FORMAT
4:3

SOUND
Stereo

FURTHER INFORMATION

See also: *Pascal Lièvre - L'atelier A*, arte, France, 2017.

KEYWORDS
Women, Music, Postcolonialism, Blacks, Philosophy, Feminism

THEMES
Socio-politics
History