



KARIN VALIS

AI ENGINEER

Karin Valis is a Berlin-based freelance machine learning engineer and writer with a deep passion for everything occult and weird. Her work focuses mainly on combining technology with the esoteric, she writes Mercurial Minutes and hosts monthly meetings of the occult and technology enthusiasts Gnostic Technology.

MAJOR WORKS

THE GLITCH

AI Performance Art
est. 2023

- Collaboration with Lin Chun
- Exploration of the shamanistic 'Other' through the lens of AI
- *Remembering Our Future: shamanism, oracles and AI* (2022) at NYU Shanghai

MERCURIAL MINUTES

Writing on the Occult / AI
est. 2021

- Publishing outlet for long-form essays on Technology and the Occult
- *Divine Embeddings (2023): The Sacred Alphabets and Large Language Models*

GNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY

Digital Coven
est. 2021

- Creative collective publishing zines on Gnostic Technologies
- Monthly online meetups and in-depth exploration of various occult topics

HERMETECHNICS

Fake Startup
est. 2019

- Fake Silicon Valley Startup
- *Arcana in the Feed: Navigating Internet Archetypes* (2021) at Uroboros Festival
- *Tarot of the Latent Spaces* (2020): machine learning deck exploring the visual extraction of the Major Arcana Archetypes through StyleGANs
- *Oracles for Troubling Times: Designing New Divination Systems* (2020) at Uroboros

EDUCATION

Applied Informatics (bc.)

Comenius University in Bratislava
2012 - 2015

Neural Networks, Artificial
Intelligence and Robotics

JOBS

AI Consultancy (2022 ~)

Freelance

Ada Health (2019-2022)

Senior Developer

datapine (2015-2019)

Backend Developer

TALKS

Occulture

(2021, 2022)

Trans-States

(2022)

Uroboros Festival

(2020, 2021)

Shamanism and Digitalisation

(2020)