



## Fulbright Portugal @65 Talks

### Fran Siegel

Fulbright Scholar in the Arts at Universidade de Lisboa

**13 May 2025**

6.30 PM – 7.30 PM

FLAD – Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento

(Rua do Sacramento à Lapa, 21. Lisboa)

### **"A Fachada Transparente - Intersections of Botany and Design"**

In this lecture Fran Siegel discusses her research methodology, chronicling botanical motifs from tiled facades throughout Lisbon, alongside local plant species from Lisbon's botanical gardens. The artist will share images of her ongoing drawing project, the interweaving of Botany and Design, the cultural implications of these non-traditional intersections and her contemporary approach to urban ecology and local history.

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**Fran Siegel's** drawings and installations engage location-based research that traverses landscape, culture, and materiality. Her work is in numerous permanent collections including at LACMA, MOCA, The Morgan Library and Yale University (where she earned her MFA). Siegel's numerous international residency fellowships include a Fulbright to Brazil, representation of the US in Ecuador's Cuenca Biennial, and inclusion in two Getty Pacific Standard Time research initiatives resulting in a 2017 solo exhibition at UCLA's Fowler Museum, and a 2024 exhibition of four Southern California Wetland Restoration sites. Her permanent tiled mural for LA Metro's La Brea and Wilshire station is slated to open in 2025.