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In November 2014, photographer Judith Quax bought a 30-year-old Mercedes and decided to drive it to Dakar. Quax started the journey in Amsterdam, together with her four-year-old Dutch-Senegalese son Noah who takes charge of the directions.

In many cities along the way, they stayed with Senegalese family and friends. Some join them for parts of the journey, or put parcels in the car to be taken home. Others share their stories about longing, fatherland and being separated from their beloved ones. Every day the car is full of exchanges that are recorded by the camera on the windshield that looks into the car or onto the road. New passengers are welcomed with a smile; the sand-coloured station wagon becomes a ship in the desert of the hardening migration debate.

Little Noah is the guide and talisman of the journey. Being both African and European, he travels freely between *Leuk le Lièvre* (the story read out to him by his grandmother in Dakar) and *The Incredible Hulk*. He embodies the impossibility of separate identities.

### Judith Quax (1973)

is an Amsterdam-based documentary photographer. Quax is known for her earlier, migration related projects such as *Washed Up Clothing* (about migrants drowning) and *Presence in Absence* (about families being separated due to their undocumented status). *Presence in Absence* was published as a book in 2014 by Timmer Art Books and shown as a video installation at the Dak'art Biennale 2014 in Dakar.

For *Voyage à Dakar*, Judith Quax will collaborate closely with film editor Peter Claassen who also works in the field of theatre and museums. In photography he is known for his editing for the multiscreen projection of *Poppy, Trails of Afghan Heroin* (2012).

### Exhibition

Multimedia installation with film, photographs, objects, etc.

### Book

To be announced.

### Website / App

Travel with Noah and Judith from Amsterdam to Dakar, jumping from texts to video, photographs and more.

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