

PORTFOLIO: Leevi Toija / 2023

Artist Statement:

*First-of-all* – my practice is *never* about *cReAtInG* something *out of thin air* – but it's rather all about constructing constellations of (already existing) ideas and concepts. The starting point is always (re)search. *Practically* my *practice* relies on the basis of (moving)images, as well as (minimal) spatial installations/interventions. Conceptually the framework of the projects (usually) examine (de)constructing and transforming (un)known/(un)seen (infra)structures of the society – both material and immaterial – that are/should be built to serve the *interests of the (general) public*. From *Keller Easterling's* studies of (the said) infrastructure spaces to *Marc Augé's* non-places to (late) *Aleksej Gastev's* (dys/u)topia of a universal ((wo)man)machine and finally to *constructivism* – the idea here (at the very core) is to scrutinize *how* these spaces are('nt) experienced universally and/or collectively – *at the end* – coming to the question, *why & how* these structures work as a setting/framework to the human constructed concept of *fReEdOm*.

## On Illumination and Disposition:

2022 / 4k video, sound

Press Release: Isa Lumme

Soundscape: Paavo Piekari (APEAK)

Voiceover: Alma Djelic

For the Exposition Universelle of 1889 in Paris, a plan was drawn for an approximately 300-meter high, electric “sun pillar” designed to obliterate the city’s night. With the research of French architect Jules Bourdais and engineer Amédée Sébilot, we would come to talk about “city lighting” instead of “street lighting”. The objection to the unimplemented plan was, among other things, that such extensive lighting at night would be obtrusive, and on the other hand, its brightness would not be entirely sufficient. A lighthouse-like tower would leave shadows in the city, where night-time darkness would still prevail.

In the context of numerous stories, the meaning of light has been its contrariety to darkness and its associated threats and insecurity. As a tool, light is an integral part of society’s structural and organisational infrastructure. Darkness is feared, and, above all, the disorder it enables is to be prevented. At the same time, however, darkness means rest and detachment—after all, it is part of the natural rhythm of life. With the help of artificial light, human possibilities for functioning have been both broadened and limited at the same time. The industrialisation of light affected leisure time and one’s capability to move around independently of daylight but also extended working hours and surveillance.

Leevi Toija’s video work, *On Illumination and Disposition*, explores the contradictory notions of light and darkness. The video is a representation of a light fixture, but at the same time, it itself functions as a lamp in the exhibition space. The flickering light on the screen is ever-changing, but the setting of the video itself is static and stable. In the harmonious soundscape constructed by Paavo Piekari (APEAK) one can hear the voice of an invisible and authoritarian narrator softly reciting speculative statements regarding darkness and light. Yet, these statements cannot be universal. The work reflects on delving at the boundaries of light and darkness. Is it possible to detach oneself from the dispositions of illumination?

A century after the plans of the Paris sun pillar, Russia tested a series of orbital mirror experiments called the Znamya project. They were solar mirrors, which could be used to regulate the radiation of sunlight and heat to particular areas on the ground; for example, to help with agriculture in the middle of the polar darkness. After unsuccessful attempts, the Znamya study ended. These undertakings reveal something significant about the human attitude towards light and darkness. It is not just about adding one or subtracting the other but about transforming the constraints associated with their conceptions. Light infiltrates the structures of society and obscures experiences of time and place, as well as power and freedom – meanwhile darkness can at times have a resetting effect on the system.

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2023 / Installation view: "Parallelmontage", Palazzina, Basel, CH / Documentation: Finn Curry



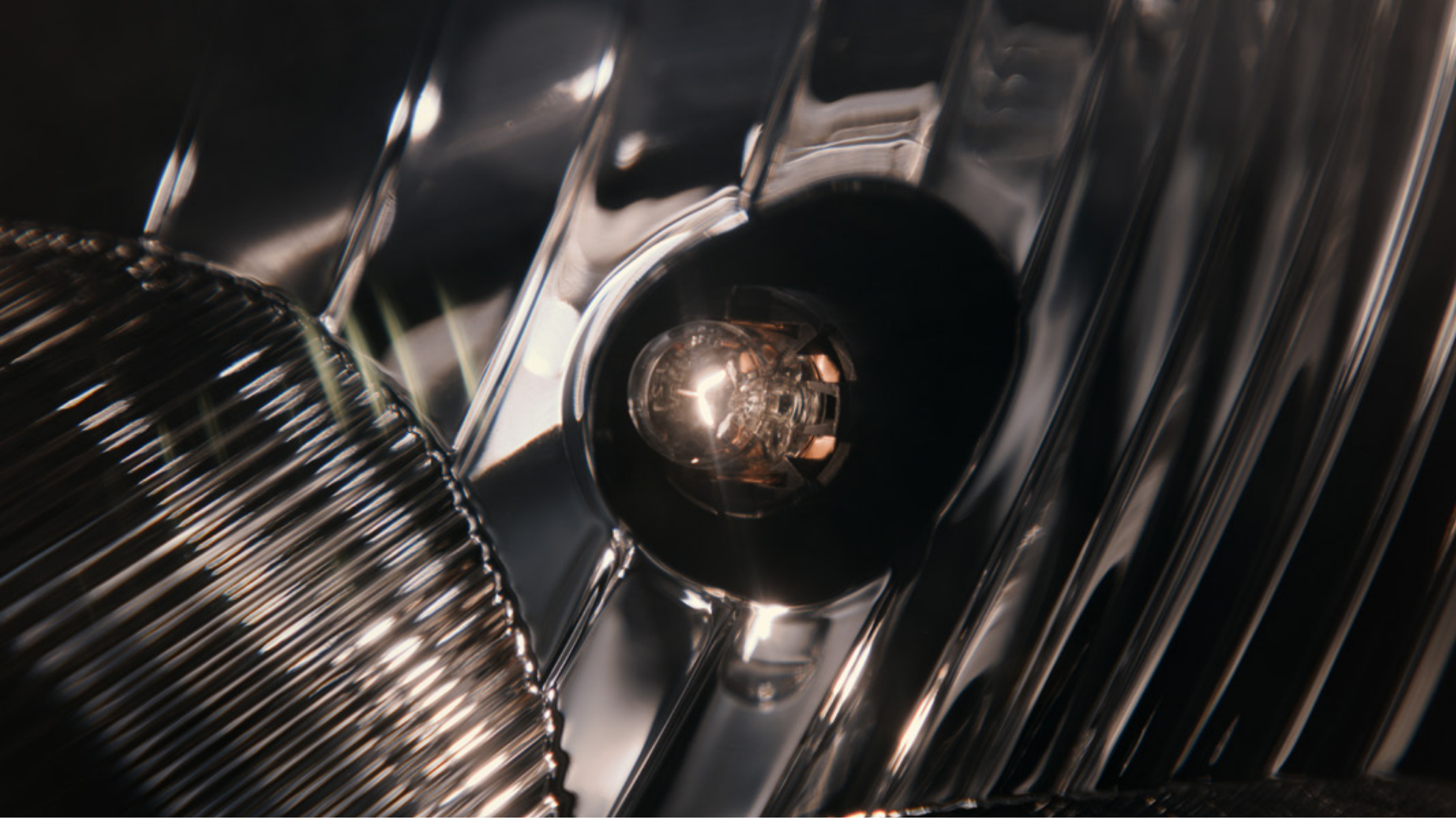


2022 / Installation view: "Burnt", Zurich, CH





2023 / Installation view: "On Illumination and Disposition", Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FIN



**LINK** (screenshot, 4k video)

a temporary player:

2022 / made in collaboration with Jonne Väisänen / spatial interventions, Horner Eck, Bremen, DE / light, motion sensor, laser engraving, text on laminated a5, live performance

Text: Leevi Toija&Jonne Väisänen

Special Thanks: Mats Muster, Elard Lukaczik

Live Performance: DJ Wurm



*Interventions* happening in Horner Eck are part of a chain of exhibitions related to the themes of security and surveillance. The exhibitions examine the topics from the perspective of social philosophy and are executed with relatively minimal site-specific interventions, aiming to expand the concept of *aN aRt SpaCe* and the *aRt* itself. The lack of *metrizable* dimensions *signifies* a significant loss of *aRt*'s sanctified, blue-chip *aur*.

*Surveillance* is today almost a synonym to technology – it has become a hyperobject<sup>1</sup> by definition. The general public only has some idea; the *upfront* given, mass-produced cliché topped with WIRED Magazine. Only few chosen people have the privilege to access the actual meaning of such hyperobjectual gestalt, being at the same *time* able to define immense concepts of *power*, such as the *good* and the *peq*. That said, *perversion* becomes the very core of the gestalt, sinisterly lurking *in-between* the curtains of its lingo-conceptual relatives, relating to *control*.

*Light* is a life-defining idea in the Western mindset, which is hypnotized by the cave *allegory*. It traditionally *represents* knowledge, security, comfort and the *good* – we are afraid of darkness, as it equals death and the savage *nature of* nature. The general idea connecting *illumination* to surveillance is that *light* equals safety and order, and where darkness reigns, so does the *SAvaGe*. In order to (be in) *control* (and to be *controlled*) one needs to see (and to be seen).

This mindset has been clear already from the *times* before the *existence* of artificial public *lighting*; *light* became a mandate prohibiting people to walk outside after dark during the early 19th century of *our time*. Walking outside without the so-called torch of *identification* did not only mean invisibility – a person without it is up to *no good*, and should, *oF CoUrSE*, be punished accordingly. *oF CoUrSE*, with capital it was at any *time* possible to rent one and become a *signified* part of the civilized society.

<sup>1</sup> See Timothy Morton's Hyperobjects (2013)

As public *lighting* was introduced in the industrial capitals of Europe in the *early* 19th century, it faced strong critique from the habitants of apartment buildings. It *became* evident that the *light* exposes one's privacy to *the others* passing by on the outside. People *became* familiar with (mental) *disorder* and started to hang curtains in *front* of their windows to prevent the *gaze*<sup>2</sup> entering their private spaces, hoping to maintain *control* and a certain (*safe space* and) intermittent *insignificancy*.

"He extinguishes his own lantern so that he is not exposed defenseless to the gaze of the other, whom he can now observe without himself being observed. The lonely dreamer who sees himself being watched begins to watch his watcher."<sup>3</sup>

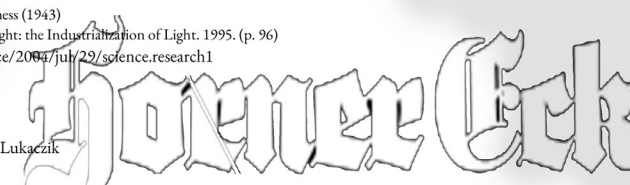
Everyone has *experienced* the *existential* struggle while having a *s(h)it* in a public toilet: the *light* just won't stay on as one is not *signified* enough in a *timely* manner. The *aRtIstiC PRaCtiCe* *present* in Horner Eck examines the far-flung effect of *light*, altering the way public *lighting* usually works, and on the other hand mimics what is known as the street *light interference* phenomenon<sup>4</sup>. The *interventions* hijack *existing* sources of *light* or apply *alien* ones, glitching the luminescence of *in-/outsides* of the *aRt SpaCe*. (*пуэ эл 1 ∇*) The spectator is pushed into the center of attention for a fraction of *time*, theatrically "*freed*" from the gaze of others and made invisible(=*outlawed*) by the darkness, into a ((un)*safe*)space of anonymity. The *aRt ViEwER* becomes a *temporary player* in the artistic *allegory* of Horner Eck – an involuntary performer in the claws of the *SAvaGe* – who (*пуэ эл 1 ∇*) challenges the sumptuous conceptual structures archetypical for *aRt* (– *also pretentiously present in this text*) – forcing them to be part of the so-called *real life*(.), *virtually making such structures obsolete*.

<sup>2</sup> See Jean-Paul Sartre's Being and Nothingness (1943)

<sup>3</sup> Wolfgang Schivelbusch. Disenchanted Night: the Industrialization of Light. 1995. (p. 96)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2004/jul/29/science.research1>

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2022 / installation view: Horner Eck, Bremen, DE (spatial intervention, motion sensor, light, laser engraving)





2022 / installation view: Horner Eck, Bremen, DE (screenshots of [live performance](#) by DJ wurm)



(in)constant observer:

2022 / Spatial interventions / Made in collaboration with Jonne Väisänen, spatial interventions, Razklon Gallery, Tsarino Foundation, Tsarino, BG (motion sensor camera, live stream, text)

As the location of Razklon is substantially unreachable, this site-specific installation attempts to make it more accessible for the viewers. However, here the majority of the viewers are not capable of seeing the exhibited object per se, but are offered the static environment surrounding it. As an idea the installation is comparable to the innocent-appearing, zither music playing weather channels in central European mountain regions, but in today's social context it aims to decipher beyond. The installation deviates from tradition by switching the position of the art object; from the main subject of documentation into a tool of surveillance, therefore also changing the meaning of the gallery space.

Trail cameras are often used for entertainment, but on the foundational level they are created for surveillance and usually set up in a discreet manner. As the gallery space is camoed, it is no longer a space within the outdoor space, but it becomes the art object itself. The glass walls no longer function as borders/limits and a certain aura is lost; now we return to the beginning to some extent, as the only things left are context and memories.

What does it mean that a camera is placed into an environment that is lucky to be free of such elements of power? The village of Tsarino was abandoned and to some extent forgotten. There is not much information available about the location apart from the information from Tsarino Foundation -- creating such installation momentarily positions the place into the vulnerable public rhizome of data.

At the end, the above-referred freedom here is debatable as the place already has some kind of mobile data connection, not to mention gps/satellites and other incomprehensible technology only accessible to certain authorities.

The installation is streaming timelapse photographs online via mobile data, however it plays with the basic idea of surveillance; it only uploads new frames when no movement is detected – communicating a static idea of order. If movement is detected, the live stream freezes and continues only when the predetermined order has been restored. As the photographs are timestamped, the viewers get an impression that something is wrong, as the installation opposes the general understanding of such systems. The artists take the role of authority that is able to see beneath the surface and understand the full picture, controlling what is suitable for the viewers. Nevertheless, at the end the installation maintains a subordinate role under the forces of nature – the simple technology used may fail as well.





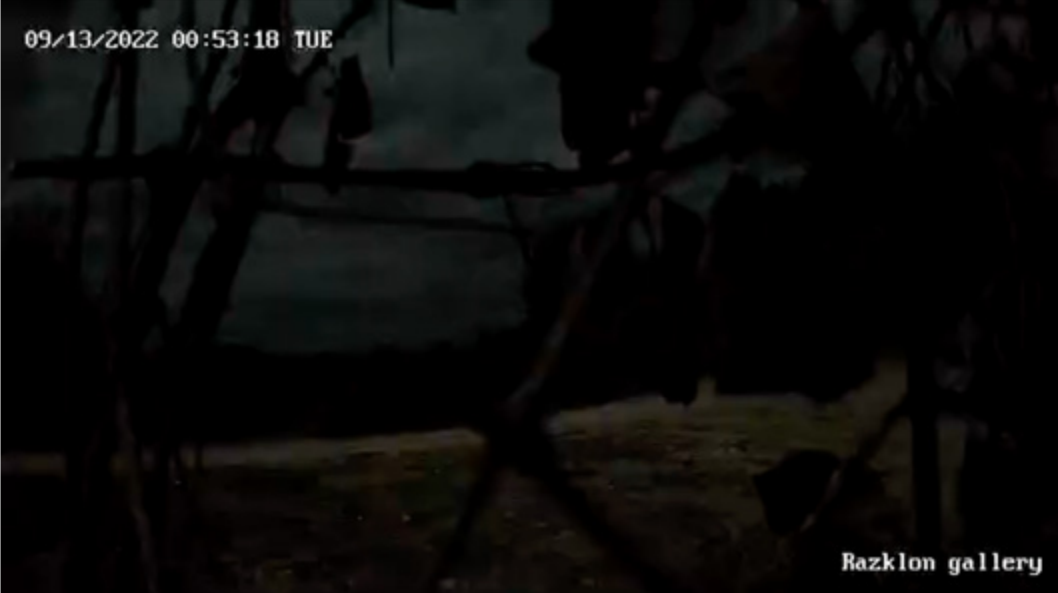
2022 / installation view: Razklon Gallery, Tsarino, BG (spatial intervention, motion sensor camera, live stream)





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(screenshots, livestream)

## (de)couple

2022 / 4k video, text

A multitude of subsystems create a(n) (infra)structure – which one navigates, one way or another. Through these complex configurations and possibilities a linear form of (a) (infra)structure(s) dissolves and becomes a fluid bloodstream. Through the *switches* the conceptual/concrete (infra)structure(s) possess(es), the user(s) – *the spectator(s)* – are given the (tacit(?)) *know-how* of options and protocols of interplay. *Knowing how* the given parameters interact with each other is crucial in order to navigate within the (sub)system(s). To not get lost – but also to traverse the narrow and contradictory line between being *free/restricted*.

The switches are the operators which give and activate the potentials of the (sub) system(s). They redirect, suppress, and multiply its possibilities. They give options for the *player(s)* – simultaneously watching closely, and surveilling the movements – thus deciding on one's ability to be mobile.

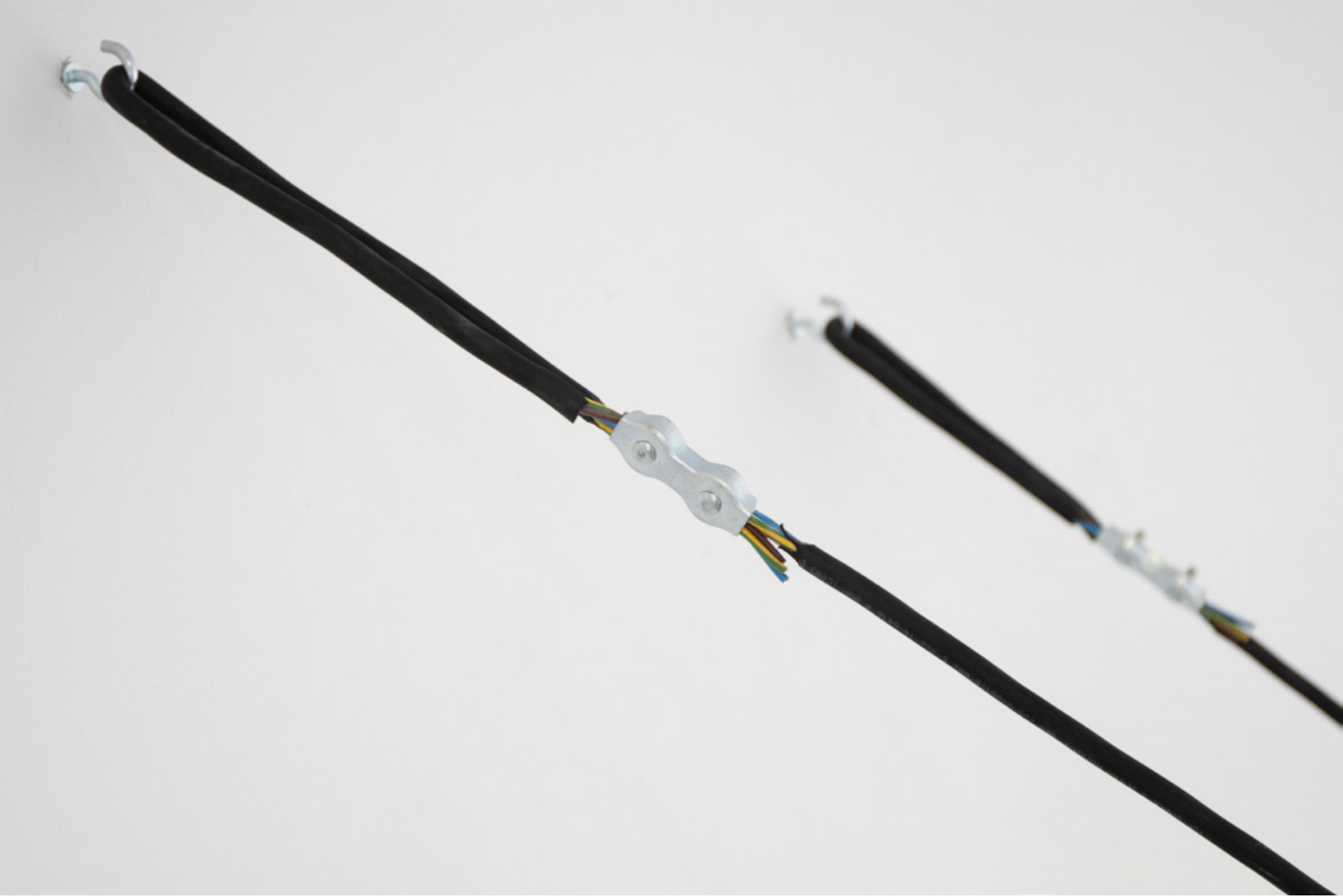
The switches become remote controls for (societal) command center(s) who surveil the disposition(s) of the (infra)structure(s). Every *player* part of the (infra)structure(s) makes no single prescription for *action* but rather many deliberate, even extremely precise and consequential, choices in an unfolding interplay of (a) (sub) system(s).

At a time when efficiency has the status of dogma there is no space for improvisation within the (sub)system(s). All is predetermined and relying on one another(?). If one fails, all fail. *Error* in any of the switch(es) and/or coupling system(s) immediately creates a chance for delay or fatality. Almost as in (a) mathematical equation(s), the (sub)system(s) work together– and calculate where, at what time, and why one should/need to go to.



2022 / Installation view: Aatos, Sotkamo, FIN (4k video, site-specific installation)





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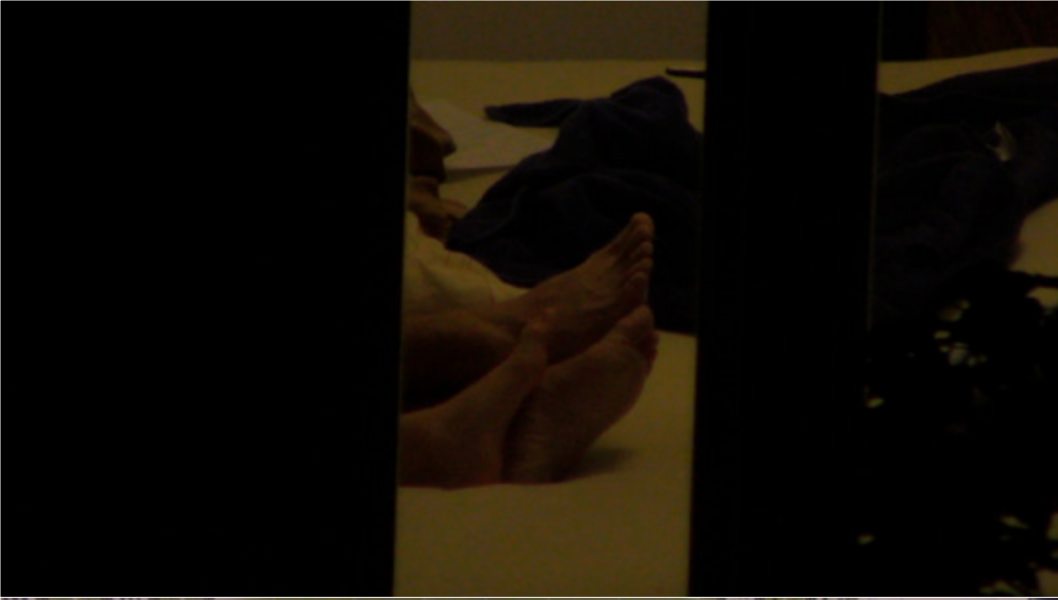
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## When Is It Too Much?

2022 / 2-channel Full-hd video, text

Text: Isa Lumme & Leevi Toija



[LINK](#) (screenshots, full-hd video)



*When Is It Too Much?* A straightforward question which is present in many everyday conversations and errands. Perhaps not always in that form, but it may come up in indirect thoughts and questions we constantly ask ourselves. Yet the answer to it is rather more complex and subjective. It is something that is perhaps impossible to answer from an objective point of view. The question itself is often connected to explicit content, it is asked in relation to when something is literally too much to look at. Not only is this a subjective matter, but it is also shaped by normative and generally accepted attitudes rooted in our society.

Right? “It’s rude to stare!”

“*Too much*” also has connotations towards some generally frowned upon behavior. Like gluttonous behavior, bordering problems with addiction, where one might ask themselves, is this one *too many* beers, or lines of cocaine already? It might be or it might not. It is all up to the subject themselves, their tolerance towards the given substance, the setting, and the overall effect on their function in their daily life. Perhaps the only cases where the point of too much becomes objective, is when it causes some irreversible annihilation (i.e. medical/scientific facts). When the tiniest bit of too much, can end it all...

Well... let’s not take it too far, that is not the point here. This is more about looking and watching, thus raising a question: **When has a person just seen *too much*?**

Both of the videos, although evidently different, portray a subject that is being stared at. The videos are subject to a glare which only multiplies as the video itself is consumed by us, the new onlookers. They show something that one may feel they are not supposed to be given insight to. Which may raise questions to the people watching: Am I allowed to see this? Why I am looking at it? Am I invading someone’s privacy? Isn’t this *too much*?

In one video, we see a young woman performing some mundane tasks or laying around, portrayed alongside glimpses of an unknown sunny and warm location. Sometimes she is naked. Sometimes she is fully clothed. Captured in the different places she goes. Where is she, when she is not in the shot? She seems completely untroubled by the person behind the camera. You know she’s being followed closely. It’s a close-up, but it’s still out of reach. The seeming invitation for us, the onlookers, is met by the subject’s unacknowledgement of everything else except her own activities. These activities compile to a montage of clips, sometimes repetitious. Maybe it forms ideas of some kind of a routine, however never building up to portray a clear narrative. The clips are in random order. Has the footage been shot in the span of a week? a day? Or maybe a year?

The other video is, on the outer layer, about a building. One can see glimpses of windows, parts of characters and their belongings inside that building. Maybe there’s a flash from the tv or a bird flying past the window... It is apparent that the subjects of the video are not aware that they are being filmed. The stalker is far away, in the shadows of their own apartment. Like in the previous video, the randomness of this montage makes it unclear to us, the onlookers, what is the timespan of the video. How long have these windows been looked at? Nevertheless an evident obsession can be felt through the lens. The creeping feeling that the clips have indeed been shot in a span of a longer period of time is present.

What do these facts and observations tell us about the subject? Or furthermore, about the person who filmed it? And then, what are you doing watching it? (In order to make this thought more clear, the video with the woman is called a “vacation video” and the video of the building a “window video”)

The images in the *vacation video* resemble a home video, a documentation of time spent together. Yet there are elements which make us unsure of this. The woman never interacts with the camera; some-

thing that is unusual in general home videos, as people usually tend to get shy and continue by making a strange face for the camera for it to go away. If we take these things into consideration, the video starts to seem inherently fake and staged, a strange and banal impression of a movie. All of the shots are without large camera movements, perhaps giving the impression that the subject has shot the video on their own. But this can be proved wrong by inspecting the footage closely, as we can notice that the shot is not made using a tripod, and vibrations of the hand can be seen as the video moves slightly up and down, right and left. It only makes the fact more apparent that there is indeed a person looking at the subject. By inspecting the closeness, maybe it’s a lover, but by the way they are ignored, maybe a stranger. This filming depicted like staring, this focus on one point once the rec-button is pressed constructs the idea of a weirdly patient videographer.

This focus towards only one point of the view per clip is apparent also in the window video. The patient stillness and silence reminds of a predator animal lurking on its prey. (Only we are humans, we get food from Lidl, no need to prey.) So, this lurking turns to a vile act, it’s unnecessary. It’s too much. A voluntary view thanks to the decision to leave the curtains open, when captured by the unassumed curtain owner, turns to an invasion. But why? We are only looking. Furthermore, it’s surely not me who filmed this video, you might be thinking. But will you look at it? Maybe. Maybe you think the whole video thing is complete shit. “It’s an invasion of privacy! How could you?!”

Well, ok... let’s look into another direction... outside the shot. Do you like movies?

Let’s put aside the above mentioned details of these videos, and rather concentrate on what the videos may imply in our feelings. When we see the soothing images of the vacation video, one can’t stop thinking of an idyllic vacation or home, some place warm and nice. The images shown may evoke a feeling of a long lost memory. As one is looking into something, without any presence of the person filming, the footage becomes relatable. Nevertheless something bores us. Even in its idyllic setting and multitude of beautiful images, the vacation video becomes extremely banal, and perhaps even eerie. Where is the excitement? Devoid of the dramaturgy of cinema, the viewers get bored. It may feel like someone binge watched Eric Rohmer’s summery movies and got a camera. Maybe they caught up on the idea of showing this somewhat independent woman living her life, but in these videos the gaze through the lens relates to something else. Furthermore, there’s no interaction. This video leaves us hanging, waiting for the reassurance, the subject’s acknowledgement, to show that they lived happily after all. But, no such reassurance is given to the viewer. The dullness continues, and so does the eerie staring. Are you still watching?

From Rohmer’s secret wannabe cousin the video hovers towards an interpretation of so badly wanting to be Michael Haneke’s secret bastard twins. In *Funny Games* (1997&2007) the main villain, turns to smirkingly wink at the camera, and so the viewer of this menacing and violent movie is soothed by the reminder “it’s just a movie!” In these videos the recognition is different. The neglected viewer is not met by a wink mid-way of the movie. Whether looking at the window video or the vacation video we, the innocent onlookers, are perversely put into the seat of the actual stalker. We look at, and consume the images patiently waiting for something to happen. Like we do while watching any Haneke movie, where some type of discomfort is inevitably thrown at us. Yet here, we never manage to get to the climax and the thrill of the act because *we* are the ones performing it. Not physically, but silently looking. There’s no wink to give the viewer a way out of the act. *We* are stuck at the seat of the stalker. What is the way out? Should we just stop looking? Can you do that?

Watching closely transcends to a use of power, and as power it can be misused. It is intensified once interpretations are squeezed out from that mal-adapted inspecting. It might all just be a bit *too much*.

## Static/Dynamic: Lessons on Highway:

2021 / 4k video, sound, casted plaster objects

Text: Isa Lumme&Leevi Toija

Voiveover: Fabio Ufheil

To apply a quote from *Auto-maticity: Ruscha and Performative photography*, written by *Margaret Iversen*: “The instruction dictates the initial conditions of the experiment, but it does not determine the outcome.”

The work is created by performing a task of going from A to B on a highway. The highway dictates the task, the car is the apparatus, and I merely conduct the task. Yet, it is not talking about the individual’s experience of the highway, “Static/dynamic: Lessons on highway” is rather about the highway itself.

The voice guides the spectator through the ambiguity of a highway, answering what kind of rules and parameters it has, and what are their effects and meanings. Whereas the imagery shows the universal landscape of the highway, allowing the spectator to mirror one’s thoughts on it. And so, creating a space which we all somehow recognize and feel familiar with.

Thus, the soundwall is an ultimate portrait of a highway. To quote Marc Augé from his book, *Non-places*, an introduction to supermodernity: “only the movement of the fleeting images enables the observer to hypothesise the existence of a past and glimpse of the possible future”.





Left: 2021 / Installation view: “Gentle Wake Up Sounds”, HolesovickaSachta, Praha, CZ, 2021 / Right: Installation view: “Where the Sun Sets and Where it Rises”, Jedna, Dva, Tri Galerie, Petrohradská Kolektive, Praha, CZ  
4k video, audio, casted plaster, variable dimension



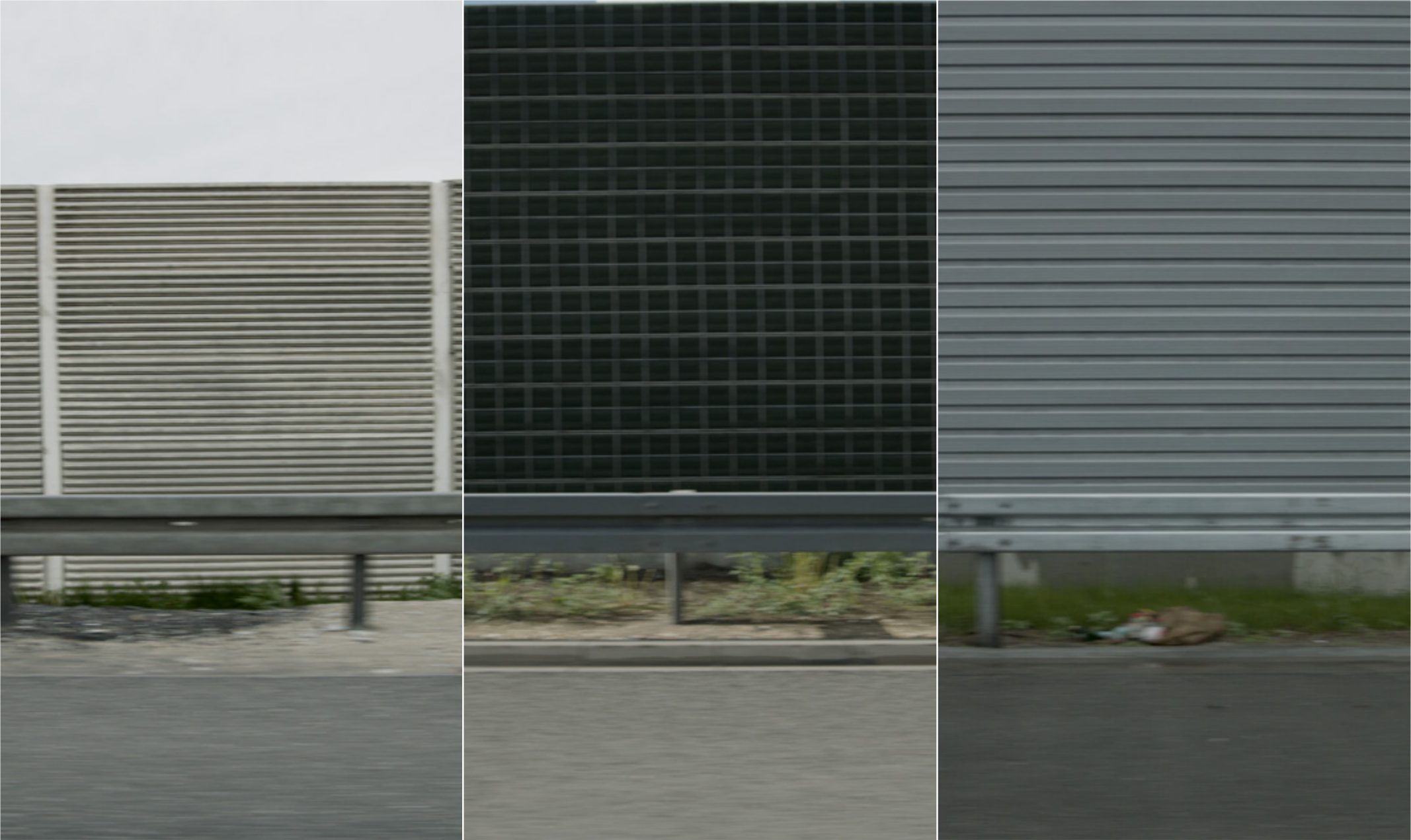
2021 / Installation View: Displays of Affection, curated by Eisenbricht, attheoff.space, Zurich, CH  
4k video, audio, casted plaster, variable dimension





2021 / Installation view: "Where the Sun Sets and Where it Rises", Jedna, Dva, Tri Galerie, Petrohradská Kolektive, Praha, CZ  
audio, casted plaster, variable dimension





[LINK](#) (screenshots, 4k video)

souvenir

2021 / full-hd video, sound

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2023 / installation view: in t(w)o settings & shelters, Vapaan Taiteen Tila, Helsinki, FIN





[LINK](#) (screenshots, full-hd video)

## Constructing Spaces of Memory:

2020 / Constructing Spaces of Memory (Full HD -video, text, A2 offset poster)

Graphic Design: Julie Ditetova, Pavla Necaskova

*Constructing Spaces of Memory* consists of a user's guide and a video made following the said manual. The idea of Spaces of Memory is based on the conception of *Non-places*, as initiated by the French anthropologist Marc Augé, as well as on Pierre Nora's ideas of *collective memory*. The manual deciphers *how* spaces of memory can be dealt with and constructed within and through moving images.

Although the images of the video are from sandpits, they are not about them per se. In the context of the work, these sandpits are only meant to mediate the conceptual framework of the user's guide. The images show no horizon – concentrating purely and simply on the generic shades and precise forms – hence, the video detaches itself from the sociopolitical and culture -specific restraints of sandpits.

This user's guide proposes a standardized way of artistic work – greatly *iNsPiReD* by Aleksej Gastev's machinist culture, which entails the erasure of the individual and the initiation of a collective body. By following the guidelines described in the *user's guide*, the *artist* becomes a *constructor*, who then constructs *spaces of memory* with moving image(s) instead of *(un)cReAtInG mAsTer-pIeCeS oF gReAt aRt* out of thin air.



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- Found, as in a sense that the image has to be documentary.
- The situation must be found instead of planned or agreed on beforehand.
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- Bilden får inte innehålla kulturspecifika innehåll (i.e. text).
- Bildsekvensen får inte ha konventionell filmdramaturgi – den får inte ha ett manus eller en handling.
- Wittas, i betydelsen att bilderna måste vara dokumentära. Situationen ska hittas, inte planeras eller vara något man kommer överens på för hand.
- Detta skulle antyda att sekvensen har en början eller ett slut – och ge betraktaren en anledning att avlägsna sig. Det är viktigt att betraktaren själv får bestämma när hen sett tillräckligt.
- I vissa situationer är detta kanske inte möjligt – då måste upphovspersonen till sekvensen vara extra noga med att bilden är så orörlig som möjligt, och att ingen större kamerarörelse sker.
- Panorering är förbjuden. Det är ändå tillåtet att fästa kameran på något som rör sig (i.e. en bil) – kameran rör sig då med objektet, inte självständigt.
- Konventionella regler eller kompositioner med personlig stil är inte tillåtna (i.e. gyllene snittet).
- Man får inte visa när någon talar.
- I likhet med bilden ska inte heller (uden kunnna associeras till något som är specifikt för en viss kultur (i.e. färglagning). Ljuddesignkapet görs i efterhand och ska påminna om hur platsen känns.
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2023 / installation view: Generation 2023, Amos Rex, FIN





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**Education:**

since 2021 – MfA. Zurich University of Arts (ZHdK) Department of Fine Arts

2018-2021 – BcA. of visual arts, Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU), Studio of New Aesthetics

2002-2018 – Arkki - School of architecture for children and youth

**Solo/duo exhibitions:**

2023 – On Illumination and Disposition (Hippolyte Gallery, studio space, Helsinki, FIN)

2022 – a temporary player (Horner Eck, with Jonne Väisänen, Bremen, DE)

2022 – (in)constant observer (Razklon Gallery, with Jonne Väisänen, Tsarino, BUL)

2021 – Free man/Restricted man, curated by Zuzana Dusilova, Mariana Pechackova, Eva Slaba (NIKA Gallery, Prague, CZ)

**Group exhibitions:**

2023 – Generation 2023 (Amos Rex, Helsinki, FIN)

2023 – Parallelmontage (Palazzina, Basel, CH)

2023 – in t(w)o: settings & shelters (Vapaan Taiteen Tila, Helsinki, FIN)

2022 – Battery (Medium gallery, Bratislava, SK)

2022 – Burnt (Hardstrasse 29, 8004, Zurich CH)

2022 – Aatos, Sotkamo, curated by Komila Collective (Aatos, Sotkamo, FIN)

2022 – Housewarming (Rotbuchstrasse 79, 8037, Zurich, CH)

2022 – Divination from the night sky partially covered by clouds – The role of photography in the post-media period, curated by Jitka Hlaváčková (GHMP, Praha CZ)

2022 – Displays of Affection, curated by Eisenbricht (attheoff.space, Zurich, CH)

2022 – Home Sweet Home (Wuhrstrasse 11, 8003 Zurich, CH)

2021 – Shifting Sands – curated by Judith Welter, Nicola Genovese (ZHdK, Zurich, CH)

2021 – Where the Sun Sets and Where It Rises, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5 – (Jedna Dva Tri Gallery, Petrohradská Kolektiv, Praha, CZ)

2021 – Gentle Wake-up Sounds, curated by Hynek Alt (HolesovickáSachta, Praha, CZ)

2020 – Fotograf festival - Significant other, unknown place, curated by Stephanie Kiwitt and Anna Voswinckel (Galerie Jeleni, Praha, CZ)

2020 – Festival-Circulation(s) (Centquatre-Paris, Paris, FR)

2020 – pop-up Ginger Jacks at the unit of Temporality (Praha, CZ)

2019 – Table is not for walking (City surfers office, Praha, CZ)

2019 – I'm feeling supersonic, curated by Vaclav Janoscik (GAMU, Praha, CZ)

2019 – Polak in Poland, curated by Ondřej Chrobák (Punkt odbioru Sztuki, Lodz, PL)

2019 – Jackpot Jacks pop-up exhibition (Meetfactory, Praha, CZ)

**Residencies:**

2022 – Horner Eck – Kunst im Eck AiR program with Jonne Väisänen (Bremen, DE)

2022 – Tsarino foundation – AiR program with Jonne Väisänen (Tsarino, BUL)

2021 – Petrohradská Kolektive – AiR program (Petrohradská Kolektiv, Praha, CZ)

**Grants&Awards:**

2023 – IfCAR – Research grant with Cristian Zabalaga (ZHdK)

2022 – Föreningen Konstsamfundet – Project grant

2022 – Finnish Cultural Foundation – Mobility grant (with Jonne Väisänen)

2021 – ZHdK Excellence Scholarship (Fondation ZHdK)

2016 – American Visions, National Scholastic art&writing (USA)

2016 – Golden key, National Scholastic art&writing (USA)

**Publications:**

2022 – Displays of Affection – published by Eisenbricht

2022 – Divination from the night sky partially covered by clouds – The role of photography in the post-media period (published by GHMP, Praha, CZ)

2020 – On Freezing and Melting Time, collaboration of FAMU and Tisch NYU

**Screenings:**

2022 – Cinema is Cinema is Cinema is Cinema (Kino Cameo, Winterthur, CH)

**Curatorial Practice:**

since 2021 – EGG-space (ZHdK, CH)

**Membership:**

2016-2018 – Photofuss: Youth photogroup of Finnish museum of photography