

Press Release

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Presents:

Journeys With No Return

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Curators: Peter Cross and Alice Sharp in collaboration with Simone Zaugg and Pfelder. Exhibition Coordinator: Denizhan Özer. Exhibition In Association with Tiergarten Kunstverein.

Opening	Friday, 11th June 2010, 7pm Exhibition opened by the curators Peter Cross and Alice Sharp
Exhibition	12. – 20. June 2010
Opening Times	Fr - Sun 14 – 19.00 or by appointment
Special Opening	Thursday 17th June 2010, 8-11pm for the Moabiter Kulturtagen
Artist Talks:	Saturday, 12th June, 2pm Margareta Kern und Melanie Manchot Saturday, 19th June, 4pm Denizhan Özer
Info:	www.journeyswithnoreturn.com www.kurt-kurt.de

Journeys With No Return is a travelling exhibition that will be shown in Istanbul, London and Berlin. Inspired by a book of poems by the famous Turkish writer and political figure Nazim Hikmet, this project explores the influence of Turkish migration to contemporary art and in the wider context of global migration.

Journeys With No Return is based on communication and discussion. The project includes artist's residencies and symposia in all three cities and the exhibition has a different form in each city. The Berlin exhibition, organized in cooperation with the artist-run exhibition space Kurt-Kurt, is aimed both at the international audience of the 6th Berlin Biennale, and the local audience of Moabit, a Berlin district with a large population of immigrants from different countries.

During the reconstruction of North-West Europe in the post war period, labour shortages led governments to recruit unskilled workers from former colonies as well as from parts of Southern Europe and beyond Europe's borders. These immigrants enabled the economic boom of the post war years and helped to create the new consumer culture in Western Europe. And many stayed. In the last 15 years a new form of migration has replaced the older, planned movement of labour between North and South. Globalization, war, climate change and the growing gap between rich and poor nations have created migration on an unimaginable scale all over the world. In

2008, an estimated 217 million people were involved in global migration. Many will never return to their place of origin.

Many of the 15 artists from *Journeys With No Return* come from a migration background. They work with a variety of media: film, video, photography, installation and drawing. Their work is based on poetic, human feelings and real experiences. They reach out with methods of communication that reflect the mainstream and popular cultural forms.

Special Events:

Artist's Talks: Margareta Kern and Melanie Manchot and curators of *Journeys With No Return* will talk about the exhibition and its themes on Saturday the 12th 2-3pm. Denizhan Ozer will speak with Peter Cross on Saturday, 19th June at 4pm. On 19 June there will be the presentation in Turkish.

Film Screening: On Saturday, the 12th June an all night screening of video works by artists from the exhibition will be presented at the Luxus Bar, Belforter Straße, Prenzlauer Berg.

A Catalogue in German, English and Turkish languages will be available in the Kurt-Kurt project space.

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