

Portfolio Oliver Abächerli

CV

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS	SOLO PROJECTS	PUBLICATIONS	CURATORIAL PROJECTS & TEACHING
2025 · Messe Art Basel Swiss Art Awards · Kunsthaus Langenthal Im Haus der grossen Frau.	2024 · Kunsthalle Bern the center and the other (title in progress)	2025 · Tools for collective being (Book project with Égle Šalkauskyte, unvague, Bern)	2024 · Hochschule der Künste Bern, Y-Institut, with Yvonne Lanz How do I care if everything seems to fall apart?
2024 · b-05, Montabaur, GER ECHOHALL IM BUNKER: history invades the present	2023 · Projekt Links, Galerie DuflonRacz , Bern, Kollektiv «Companionship Euphoria» You are not here with me in the kitchen right now, but I wish you were · Kunsthalle Luzern the center and the other	2024 · Ibu Silla (Book project, Edition Fink, Zürich)	2023 · Hochschule der Künste Bern, Y-Institut, with Yvonne Lanz Radical Empathy
2023 · Our Place, Taipei, TWN Neutral background · Imaginary Z, Hangzhou, CHN Light and cold conversation: Agency and Technology · CAN Centre d'art Neuchâtel Video Show & The Blind Pigeon	2022 · Espace libre, Biel/Bienne global earth powder trace	2023 – 2024 · Jelly Sunday Zine (Online Zine, monthly, curated by Égle Šalkauskyte)	2021 · Hochschule der Künste Bern, BA Fine Arts, with Felipe Castelblanco and Airi Triisberg Decolonial Sensibilities · Hochschule der Künste Bern, Y-Institut, with Yvonne Lanz Future Cartographies
2022 · Nieuwe Vide & GOLF-festival, Haarlem, NL Collaboration with Harun Morrison Ataraxia	2021 · Ausstellungsraum Klingental, Basel, Kollektiv «DUELL» Smudge, the messenger – · Galerie Hofmatt, Sarnen IBU SILLA	2023 · Ich bin frei und mir ist schlecht (with Tanja Schwarz)	2019 · Hochschule der Künste Bern, BA Fine Arts, with Felipe Castelblanco Para-Fictioning
2021 · E-Werk, Galerie für Gegenwartskunst, Freiburg, GER Material Worlds – Storied Matter · Kunsthalle Basel ...von möglichen Welten	2020 · Benzenholz – Zeitgenössische Kunst, Meggen, Kollektiv «DUELL» Riddley, how does one make fire again?	2019–2021 · Fellowship Sommerakademie Paul Klee (Tirdad Zolghadr – STATECRAFT)	2017–2021 · Cabane B project space (Organisation, curation)
2020 · Espace 3353, Le Carouge, Geneva The Stones in our Hands	2019 · M8 Art Space, Helsinki, FIN I can't hear myself without you listening	2017–2019 · MA Art Practice, Dutch Art Institute , Arnhem, NL	2016–2019 · Immer Am Achten Schwobhaus (Organisation, curation)
2019 · Museo Nivola, Orani, IT Peekaboo – Guardare la nazione attraverso gli occhi dell'infanzia · Silent Green, Berlin, GER, performance DAI: Aeroponic Acts ~ growing roots in air		2013–2016 · BA Fine Arts with extinction, Hochschule der Künste Bern	2015 / 2017 · Artist Residency Weidli Residency programme with Remy Erismann (Organisation, curation)
2018 · Hot Wheels, Athen, GRC DAI coop summit: How it comes to matter · MACBA study centre, Barcelona, ESP DAI, The Kitchen: If the tools fall apart in your hands			
EDUCATION			

To witness is the same
thing as to breathe (to do it
once is not enough)

Iterations

- «To witness is the same thing as to breathe (to do it once is not enough)», (video) 2025
- «To witness is the same thing as to breathe (to do it once is not enough)», (drawings on cardboard mount) 2025
- «weight of a day» , (drawings on paper) 2022 - 2024



«To witness is the same thing
as to breathe (to do it once
is not enough)»
2025

Full HD, stereo, loop
16:9, 15'20''

[Video link \(pCloud\)](#)

The animation shows discussions with
the artist's sister, who has different
political perspectives. They become
visually flickering, distorted, and co-
alesce with their environment. Another
scene depicts the movement of an
organized collective from the table to the
streets.

- Messe Art Basel «Swiss Art Awards», 2025
- Talmuseum Engelberg «Nächster Halt», 2025



↑ Film still: «To witness is the same thing as to breathe (to do it once is not enough)»



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«To witness is the same thing
as to breathe (to do it once
is not enough)»

2025

Pencil and color pencil on
paper, UV flatbed print on
archival board
23,1 x 18,7 cm
Series of 125 pieces

• Messe Art Basel «Swiss Art Awards», 2025

Through writing and drawing every day, the artist documents global events of de-democratization, imperial genocides, wars, and the climate crisis. She places her personal daily life in these texts and drawings, contextualized within that global situation but also often in harsh contrast to the horrors of those events.



13.01.2025

The sun was shining nicely through the window. I awoke over for breakfast. Her breasts were healing from surgery quite well. Russia continued cyber-attacks on Ukrainian power grids and communications networks. I finally updated my reading journal. Biden and Netanyahu spoke by phone about ceasefire negotiations during Biden's final week in office. The Israeli government still continued settlement expansion in the West Bank. I made a simple dinner and ate with D and T.



14.02.2025

I read in my bed in the morning and then had an all day meeting for making a book with the Jelly collective that I'm editing with E. There was a big Fridays for Future rally in Germany. A Russian combat drone struck a building at the site of the Chernobyl disaster, but did not produce an increase in external radiation levels. M23 rebels and Rwandan troops seized control of Kavumu Airport in South Kivu Democratic Republic of the Congo. S was in a blizzard during a ski tour. S comforted me in the night.



22.02.2025

I slept until the afternoon and was too late for going to the Cop26. The Tuareg independence movement accused Malian soldiers and Wagner Group mercenaries of killing 24 civilians. The Cook Islands signed a five-year „memorandum of understanding“ to collaborate with China on seabed mining. A and I talked on the phone about our desire for new and different, for a variety of queer aesthetics. It reminded me of Adichie's talk on „the danger of the single story“, which refers to the essentialist narrative of the African continent.



28.02.2025

Coffee with L, she told me about her queer crush and how monogamy might not work for her. I'm hopefully so exhausted by polyamory, but it's the only way now. 5 people died in a suicide bombing inside of a mosque in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. I went to W's birthday, her baby has grown. S was doing a PhD on collective ownership communities and associations, and I wanted to know everything. During his White House visit, Zelensky was met with an openly hostile reception, as Trump and Vance publicly humiliated him, accused him of prolonging the war, and even threatened him with World War III. When asked why he was not wearing a suit, Zelensky replied: I'll wear a costume when the war is over.



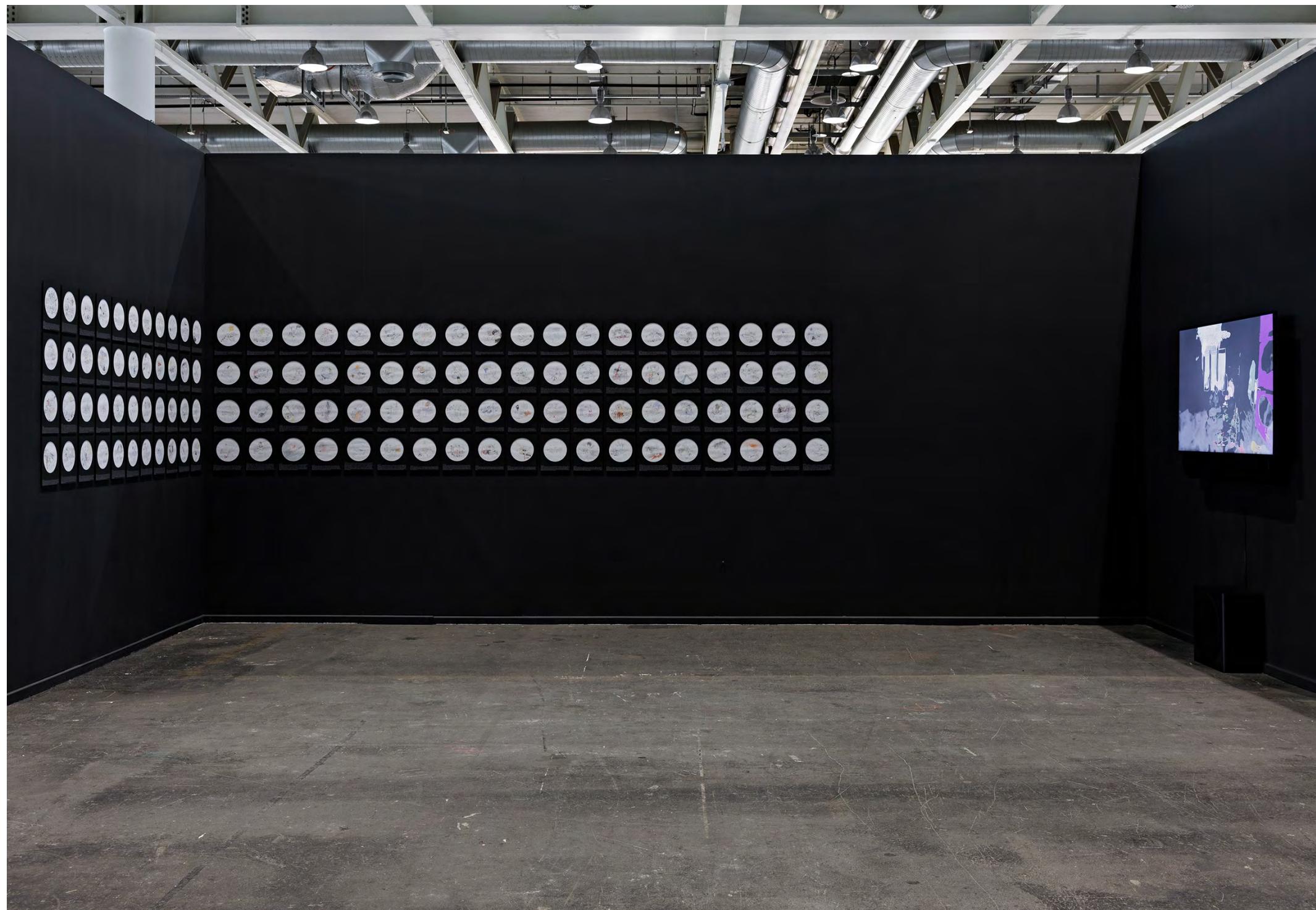
28.04.2025

A widespread power outage in Spain, Portugal, Andorra, and parts of France, led to a shutdown of airports, public transit systems, and many hospitals. India and Pakistan suffered an extreme heatwave, reaching dangerous 50°C. In Minnesota, Prince Hendrix was killed using a patrol rifle against a 8-year-old Black autistic child. After negative public reaction, she started a fundraiser titled: „Help Me Protect My Family“ and raised over \$600,000. I googled if Noam Chomsky was still publicly speaking, but he had suffered a stroke 2 years ago.

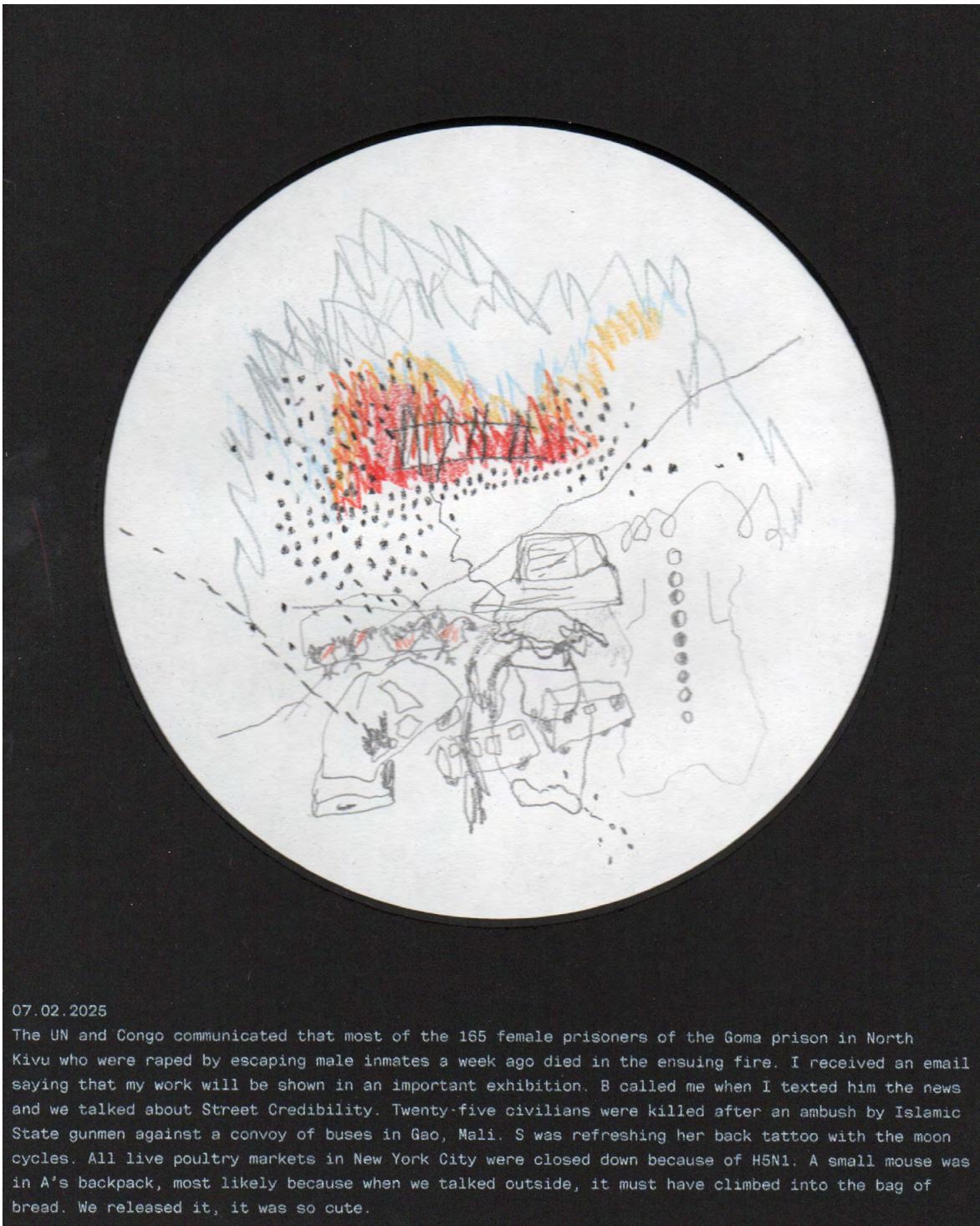


03.05.2025

S and I were listening to a podcast about introversion when driving on the highway. The Australian Labor Party won the election. In Singapore's election, the conservative party won. Lady Gaga played a free concert at the beach in Rio. E and I had our last meeting for the book project „tools for collective being“ before the test print. 7 people were killed and 26 were injured in an airstrike on a hospital in Gaza. A and I both had to work so much at the moment, and were hoping to have more time with each other soon.

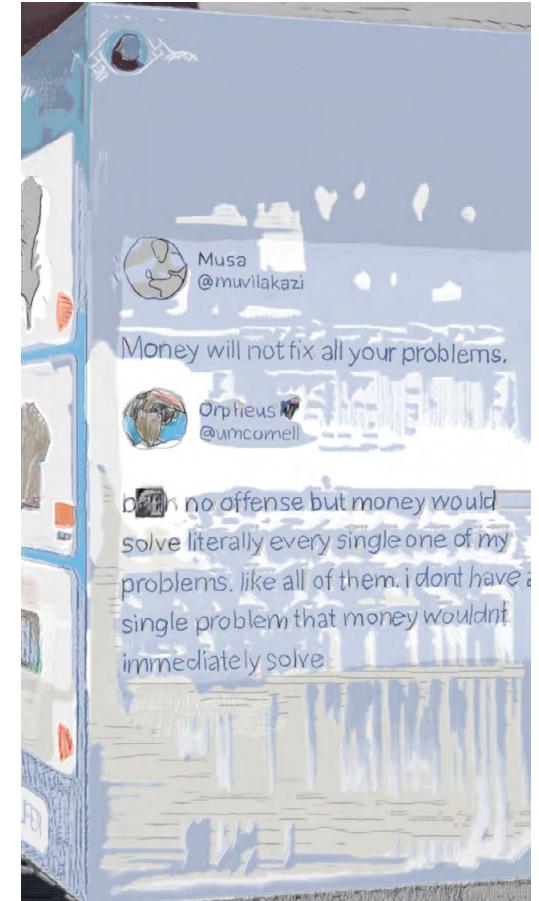


↑ Exhibition view: «Swiss Art Awards», Messe Art Basel, Photo: Gina Folly



07.02.2025

The UN and Congo communicated that most of the 165 female prisoners of the Goma prison in North Kivu who were raped by escaping male inmates a week ago died in the ensuing fire. I received an email saying that my work will be shown in an important exhibition. B called me when I texted him the news and we talked about Street Credibility. Twenty-five civilians were killed after an ambush by Islamic State gunmen against a convoy of buses in Gao, Mali. S was refreshing her back tattoo with the moon cycles. All live poultry markets in New York City were closed down because of H5N1. A small mouse was in A's backpack, most likely because when we talked outside, it must have climbed into the bag of bread. We released it, it was so cute.



Warm fingers, moving

«Warm fingers, moving»
202
Video
HD, without sound, loop
9:16, 32'34''
[Video Link \(Dropbox\)](#)

• Museum Bruder Klaus, Sachseln «Frieden – Мир»,
2025

The overwhelming sensation of perceiving the hyperspeed and complexity of world events correlates with the rhythms of consuming social media. The eye jumps from war images to fashion ads, to snippets of daily life from friend groups, and then to political educational work.

„Warm fingers, moving“ merges and slows down these seemingly unrelated

contexts and thus makes potential connections graspable.



↑ Video Sill: «Warm fingers, moving»

the center and the other

Iterations

- «the center and the other»
(solo), Kunsthalle Luzern,
2023
- «the center and the other»,
Aeschlimann Corti Stipendi-
um, Kunsthalle Bern, 2024
- «the center and the other»
(solo), Kunsthalle Bern,
2024



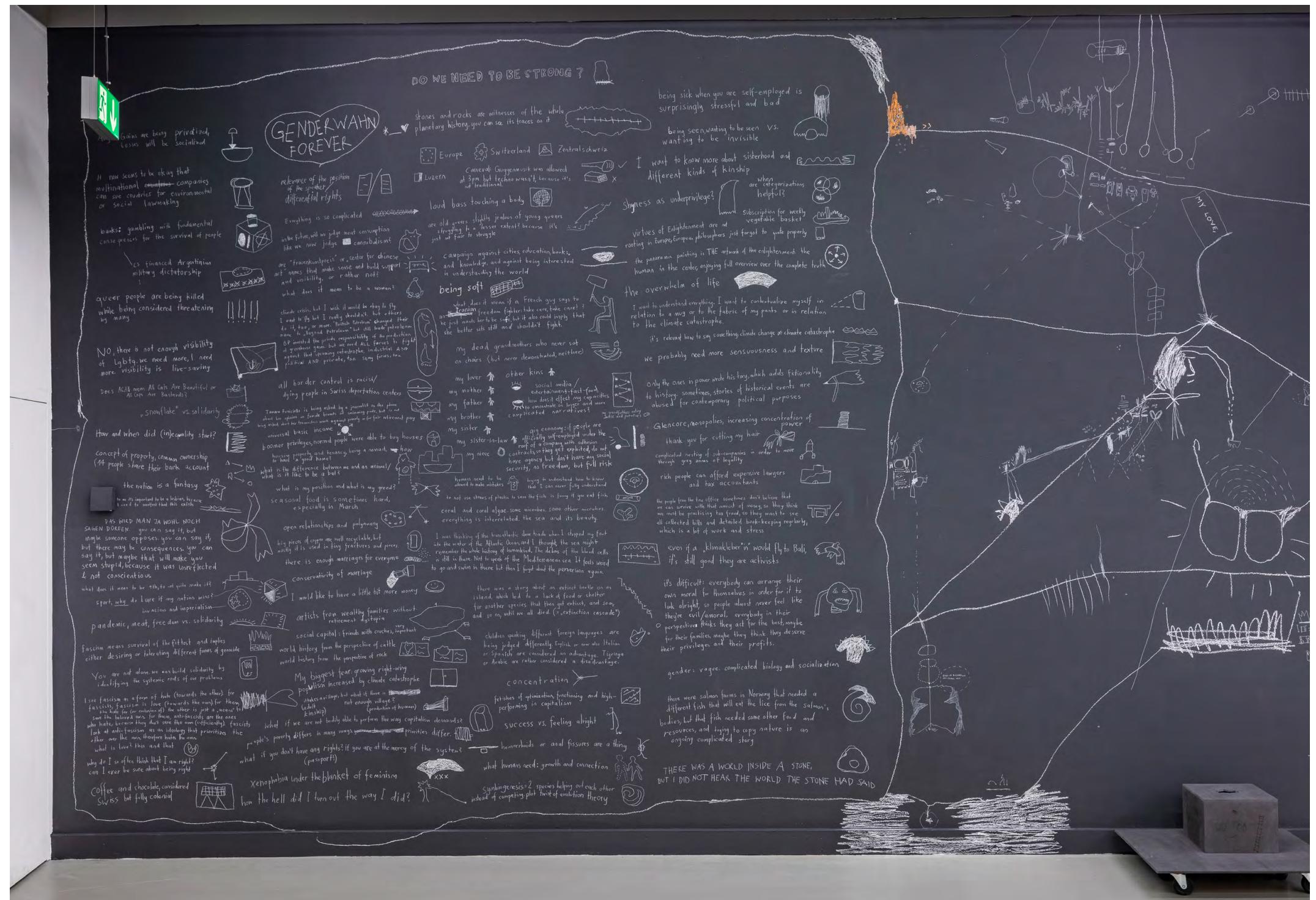
«the center and the other»
2023
chalk on wall
28 x 3,5 m

• Kunsthalle Luzern «the center and the other»,
2023

«How is intersectional feminism or the principle of property related to the difficulty of shopping seasonally?»

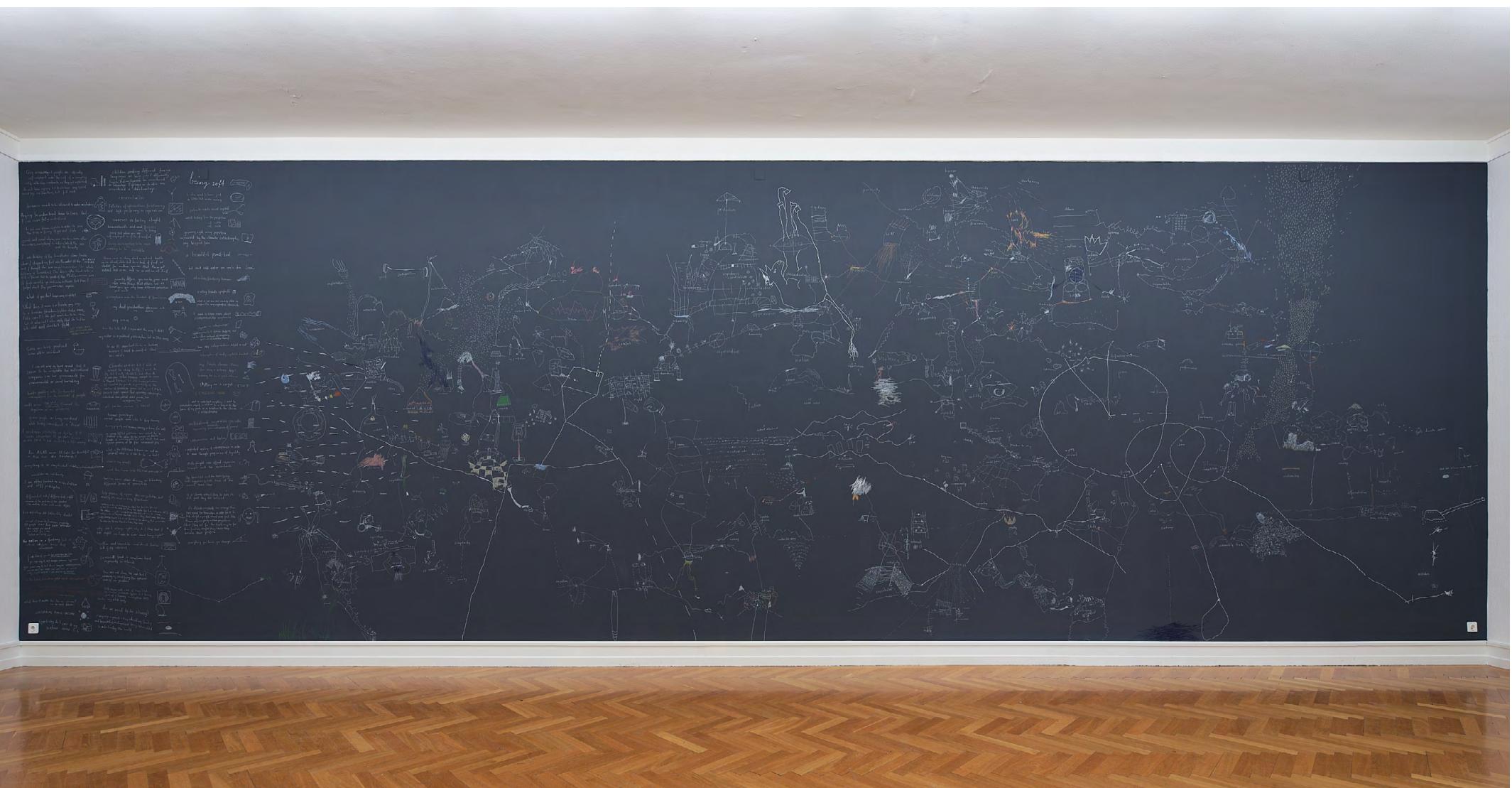
A subjective cartography of 28 meters makes connections: The wall drawing - dimensionally a quarter of a panoramic painting - includes an index of 120 terms, explanations, symbols, and questions that either concern or are of concern to

the artist. How are complex situations intertwined, and where am I in it – where do I position my subjectivity specifically? This section of a contemporary „horizon of thought“ presents itself as a very personal, exposed reflection of the artist's inner self. It is a performative piece about grasping the specificity of one's personal perspective among other's.





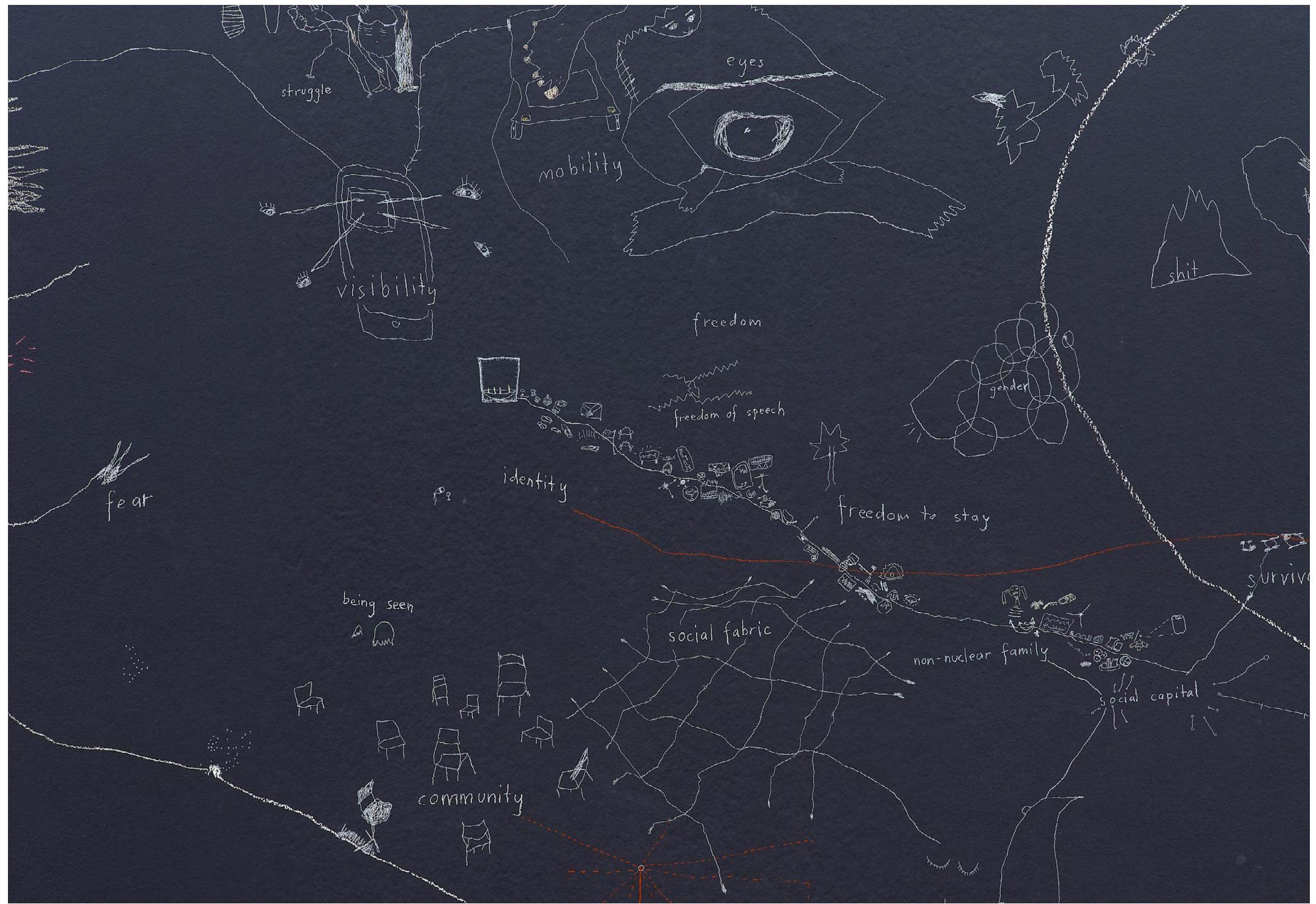
↑ Exhibition view: «the center and the other», Kunsthalle Luzern, Photo: Kilian Bannwart

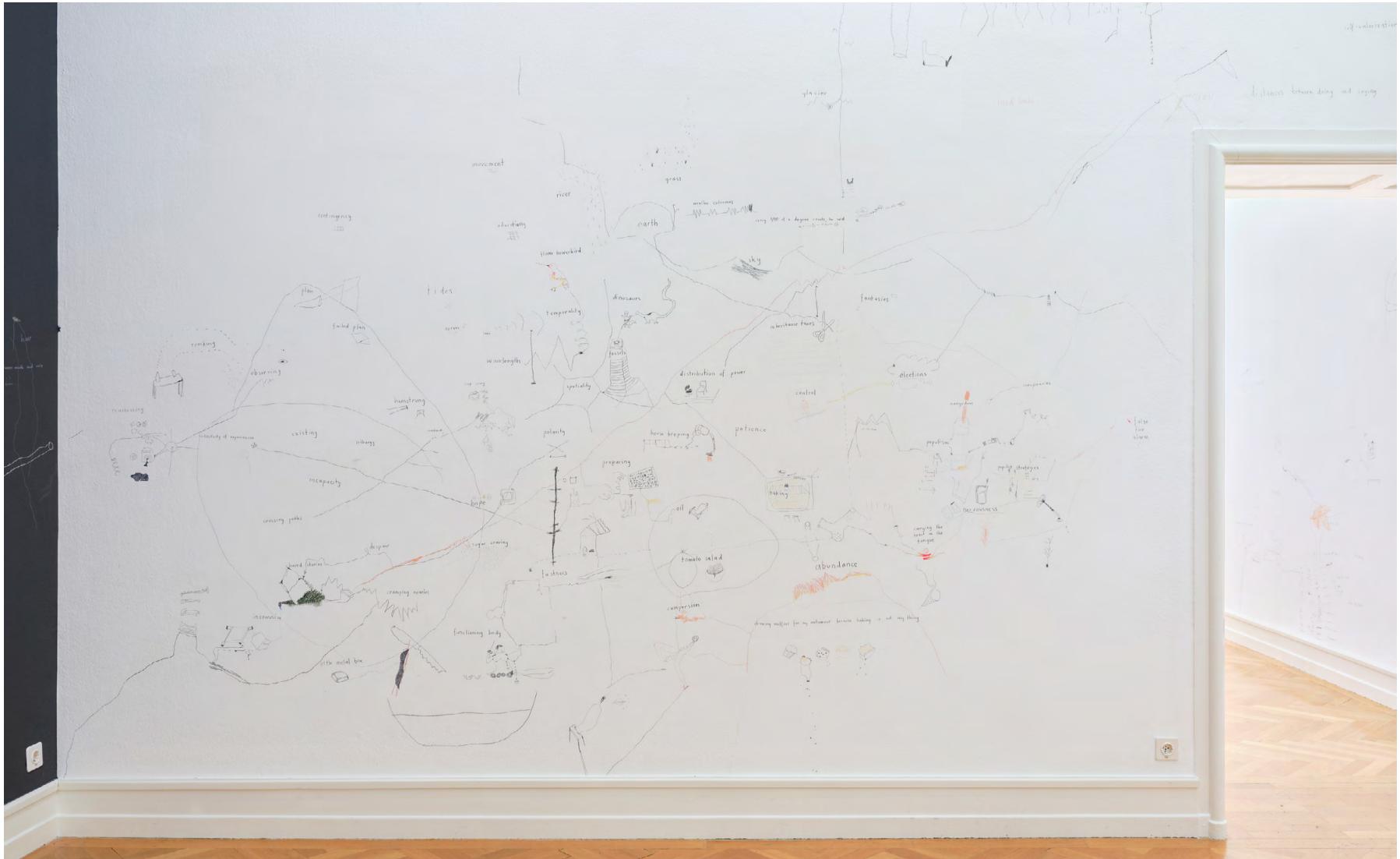


«the center and the other»
2024
chalk and pencil on wall
11 x 4,5 m

• Kunsthalle Bern «Aeschlimann Corti Stipendium»,
2024

The iteration of „the center and the other“ at Kunsthalle Bern begins on a flat, uncurved wall. It contains 280 additional abstract and concrete terms (like «companionship», «illness», «spaghetti») that constitute the «world» from the viewpoint of an exemplary subjectivity.





«the center and the other
(title in progress)»
2024
chalk and pencil on wall
ca. 45 x 4,5 m

- Kunsthalle Bern «the center and the other (title in progress)», 2024

Starting from the wall drawing in the group exhibition „Aeschlimann Corti Stipendium,“ the work was continued as a solo project / long-term performance in the basement, staircase, and entrance hall of the Kunsthalle Bern from July to November 2024.

«[...] the work is now being expanded while reassessing the original mural seen

on the ground floor of the institution. The piece shows the entanglement of the global and the personal and presents this as an exemplary subjectivity. At the same time, the artist shows the interconnectedness between the big themes of contemporary life: queerness and identity, care labour, concepts of nationhood, colonialism, racism, pollution and the mundane of everyday life in Switzer-

land. What we see on the wall also relates, in a non-hierarchical way, to the urgent planetary questions of citizens around the world, and to the repercussions of everything. This way of working allows us to connect and find themes to engage with and expand on.»
(Text: Claudia Heim)

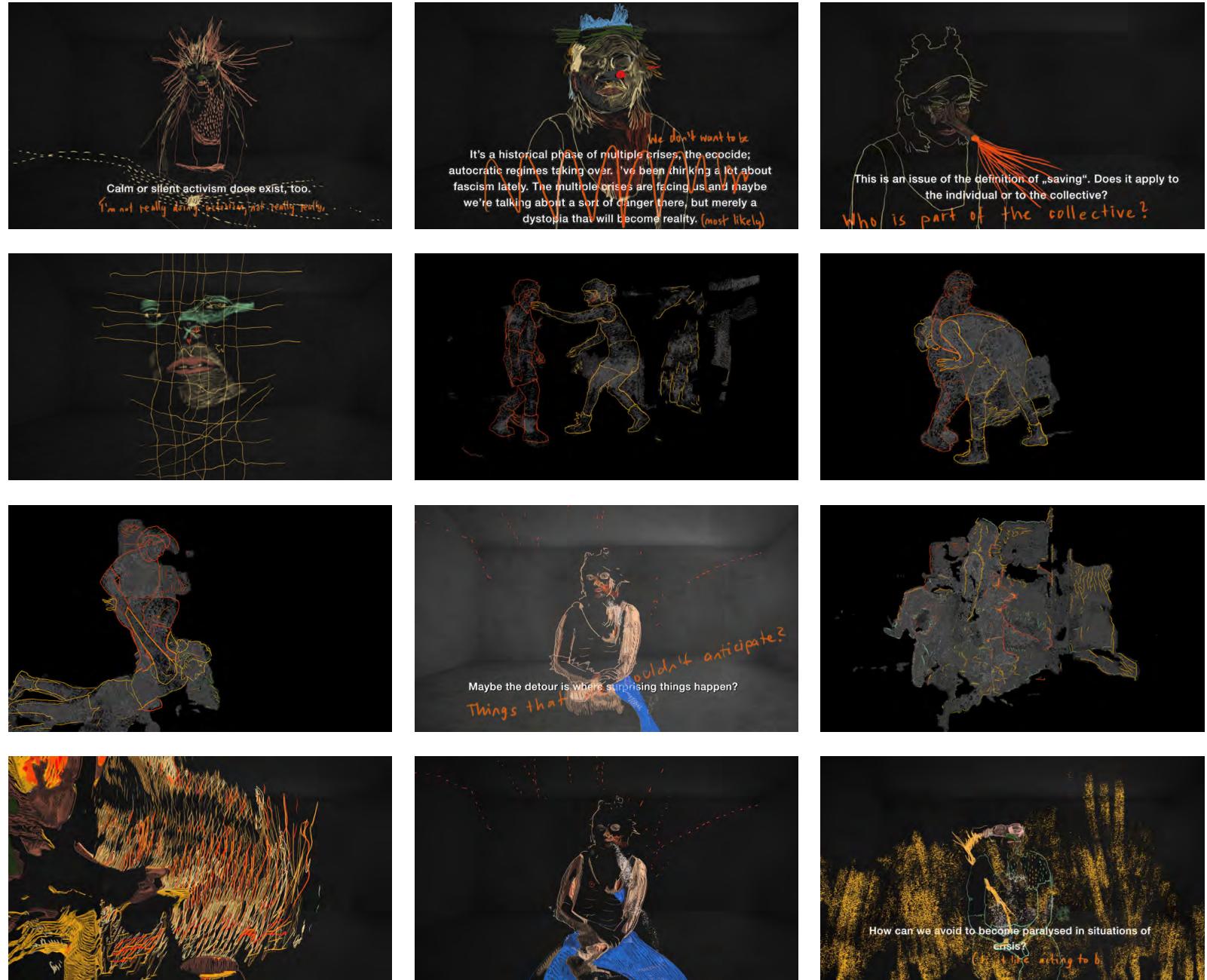


(Facing shame) facing conflict

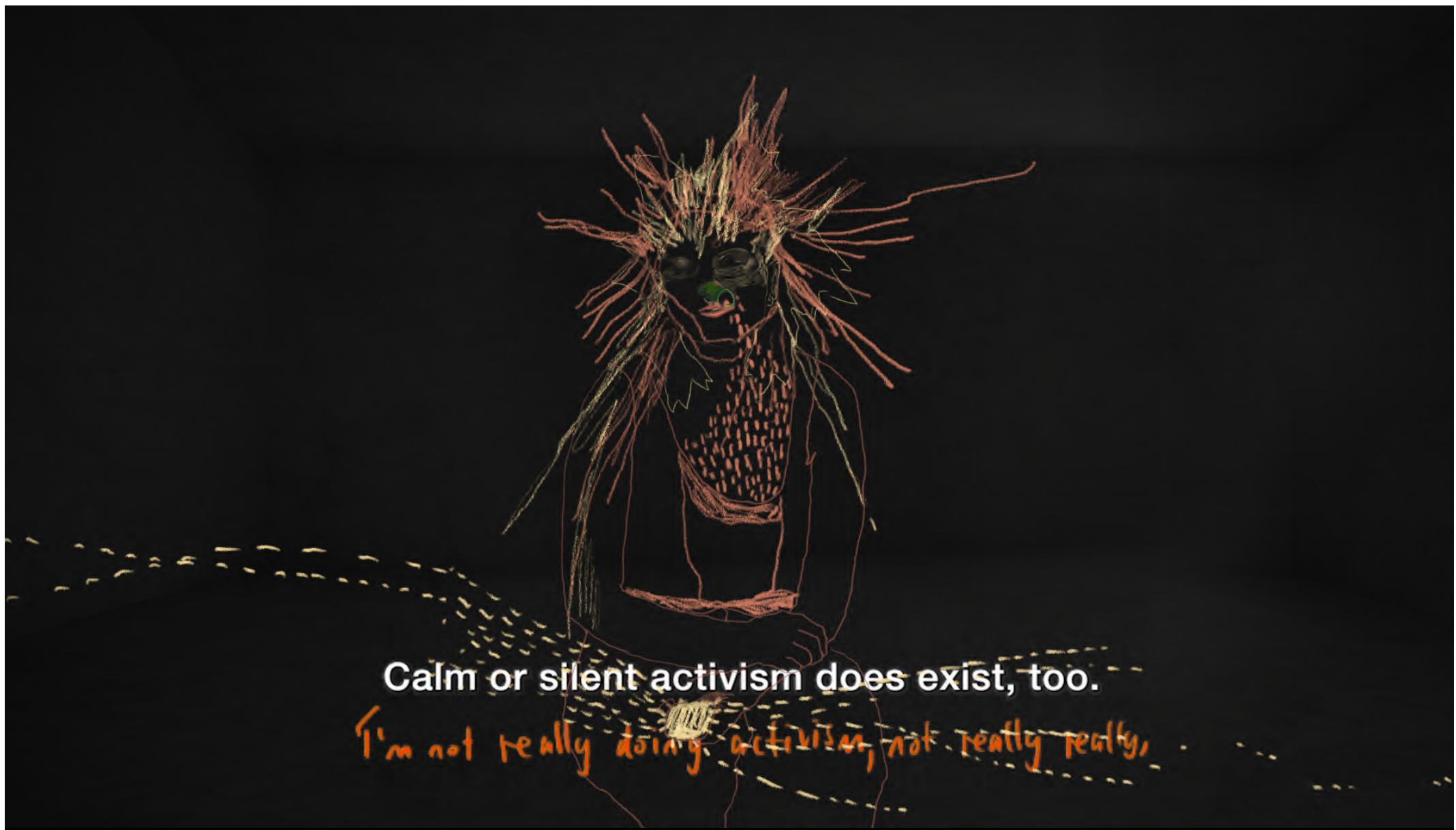
«(Facing shame)
facing conflict»
2024
Video
HD, stereo, loop
16:9, 18'56''
Guitar/Synthesizer: David Koch
Animation template: Brigade Brut
[Video Link \(vimeo\)](#)

- b-05 «ECHOHALL IM BUNKER: history invades the present» Montabaur, GER, 2024
- Kunstmuseum Luzern «ZENTRAL!», 2024

«(Facing Shame) facing conflict», shown in a repurposed German bunker, addresses the constant failing attempts at personal positioning in the current political climate. What happens inside when the world outside is burning? When personal logics are constructed and get caught in contradictions? When the actors in the conflicts are unclear? In this work, countless new, diffuse faces appear, similar to the ever-escalating contradictions in our reality. The work extends the concept of the «bunker» from the architectural to the psychological. In our minds, too, there are thick walls and mechanisms of isolation. (Translated, original text: Till Langschied)

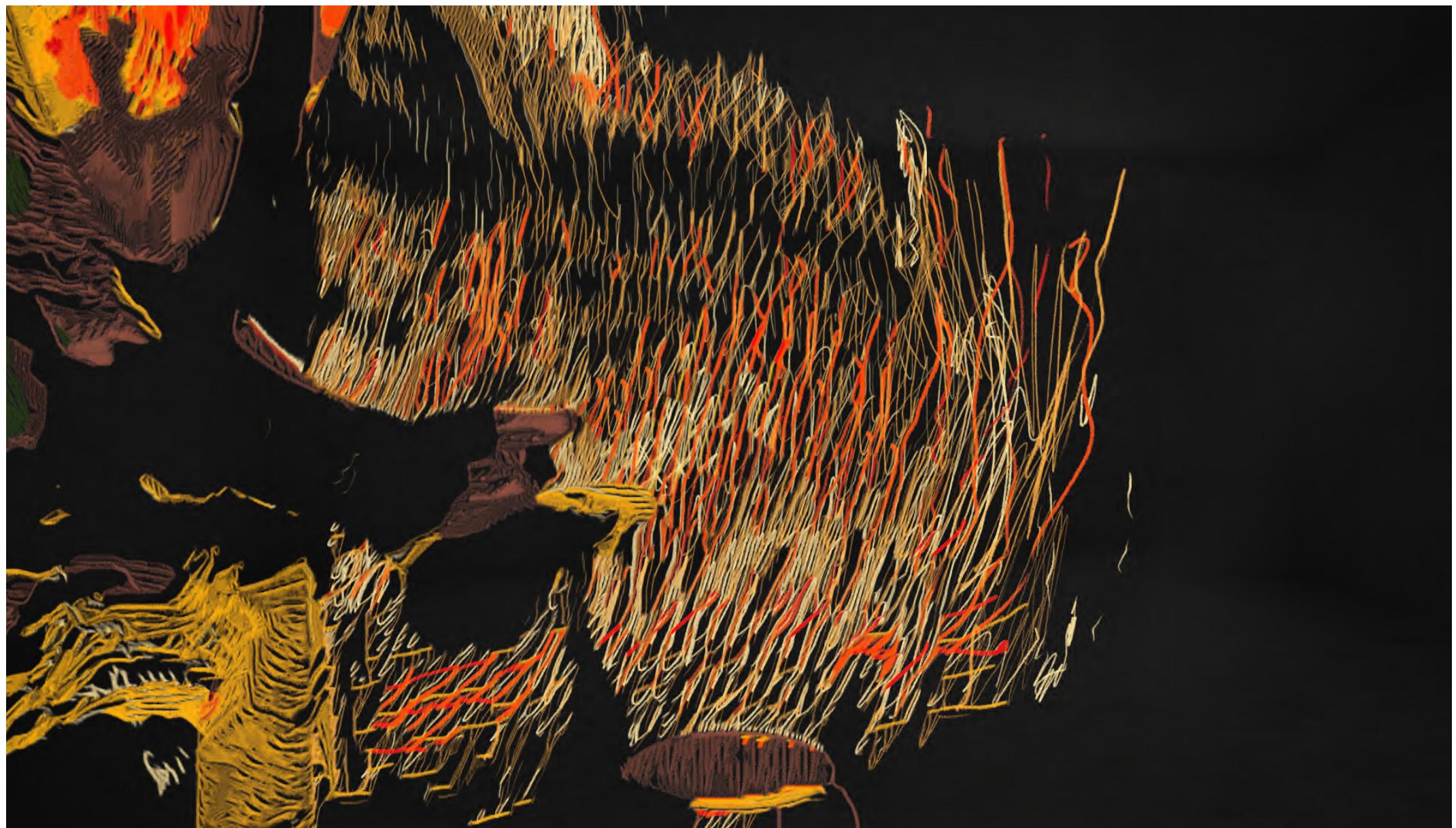


↑ Video Stills: «(Facing shame) facing conflict»



Calm or silent activism does exist, too.

I'm not really doing activism, not really really,



↑ Video Still: «(Facing shame) facing conflict»

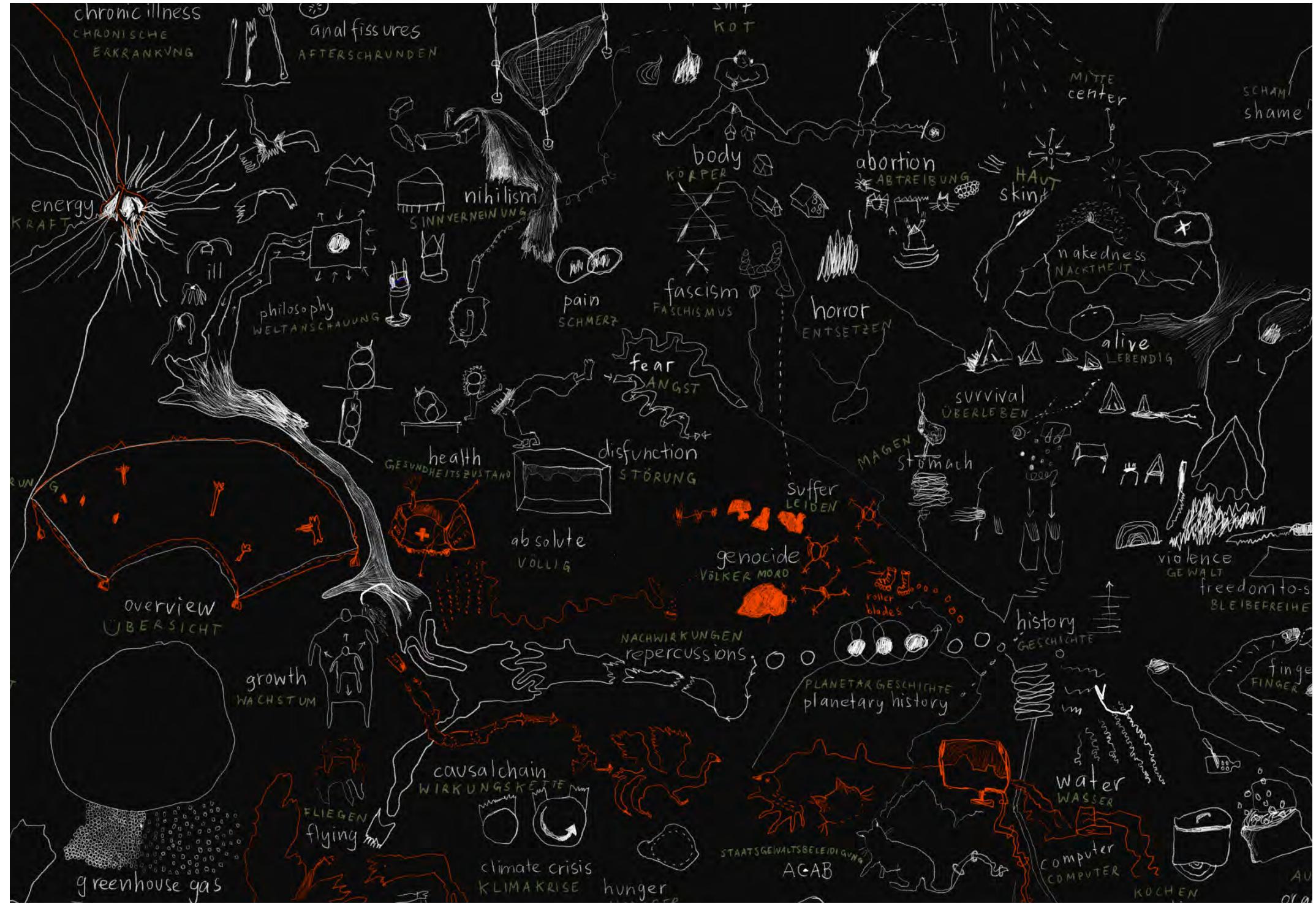


Everything series 1

«Everything series 1»
2024
Interactive digital drawing
Soapstone, plasticine, joystick and projection, pencil
[Link exemplary joystick movement \(Video file, Dropbox\)](#)

«Everything series» deals with the infinite endeavor to visually capture the entirety of everything that exists. Part 1 is an initial digital drawing through which, using a soapstone, one can navigate infinitely in two dimensions across all sides.

• Nidwaldner Museum, Stans «NOW 24», 2024



weight of a day

«weight of a day»
2022 -
ongoing series
pencil on paper
21 x 29,7 cm

• La Nef, Sainte-Ursanne «Cantonale Berne Jura»,
2024

1 weight of a day 15.03.2022

Elien slept here. In East Antarctica, the Conger Ice Shelf completely collapsed. Russian troops attacked a hospital in Mariupol and took 400 people hostage. Palestinians Nader Rayan and Alaa Shaham were shot by Israeli forces in the West Bank. My grandmother Rosmarie was buried. I wrote her a letter. I met my cousin for the first time since she transitioned.

2 weight of a day 16.09.2022:

Jina Mahsa Amini died in custody, Amélie and I were on a train, I checked a connection, Amélie had a migraine, I bought a queer comic book.

3 weight of a day 21.07.2023

The oceans were extremely hot, the hottest on this day. New AI tools for automation and data analysis were released. Barbie and Oppenheimer came out. We had dinner at my parents' place, a storm came.

4 weight of a day 26.01.2024

The International Court of Justice ordered measures to protect Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip from

potential genocide. There was almost no snow in the mountains. We debated whether to have vegan or real fondue.

5 weight of a day 25.04.2024

Toomaj Salehi was sentenced to death in Iran, I had a minor anal fissure, and I received a call informing me that I won an award.

6 weight of a day 11.05.2024

It was the ESC final, Nemo won and broke the trophy. I woke up in a tent with a dry mouth, walked in the hot sun, felt very tired, and canceled attending a festival. There were northern lights.

7 weight of a day 31.07.2024

In Darfur, Sudan, a devastating drought and famine prevail. Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh is killed in Iran. S sleeps with B on the bus. In England, asylum centers are attacked by far-right movements. In an essay, I learn the terms: hiatus, maricas, incrustation, and panegyrics.

8 weight of a day 03.08.2024

A victory by Algerian boxer Imane Khelif at the Olympic Games is attributed by right-wing groups to her being trans, leading to global online harassment and her exploitation in the culture war. On a sunny afternoon, I watch horror movies with my 14-year-old godchild because they find everything else boring. I randomly run into my metametamour at the train station. Israeli airstrikes not only hit southern Lebanon but also Beirut.



↑ Studio shots: «weight of a day»



↑ Studio shot: «weight of a day» 4



↑ Studio shot: «weight of a day» 7



sketches on loving a family

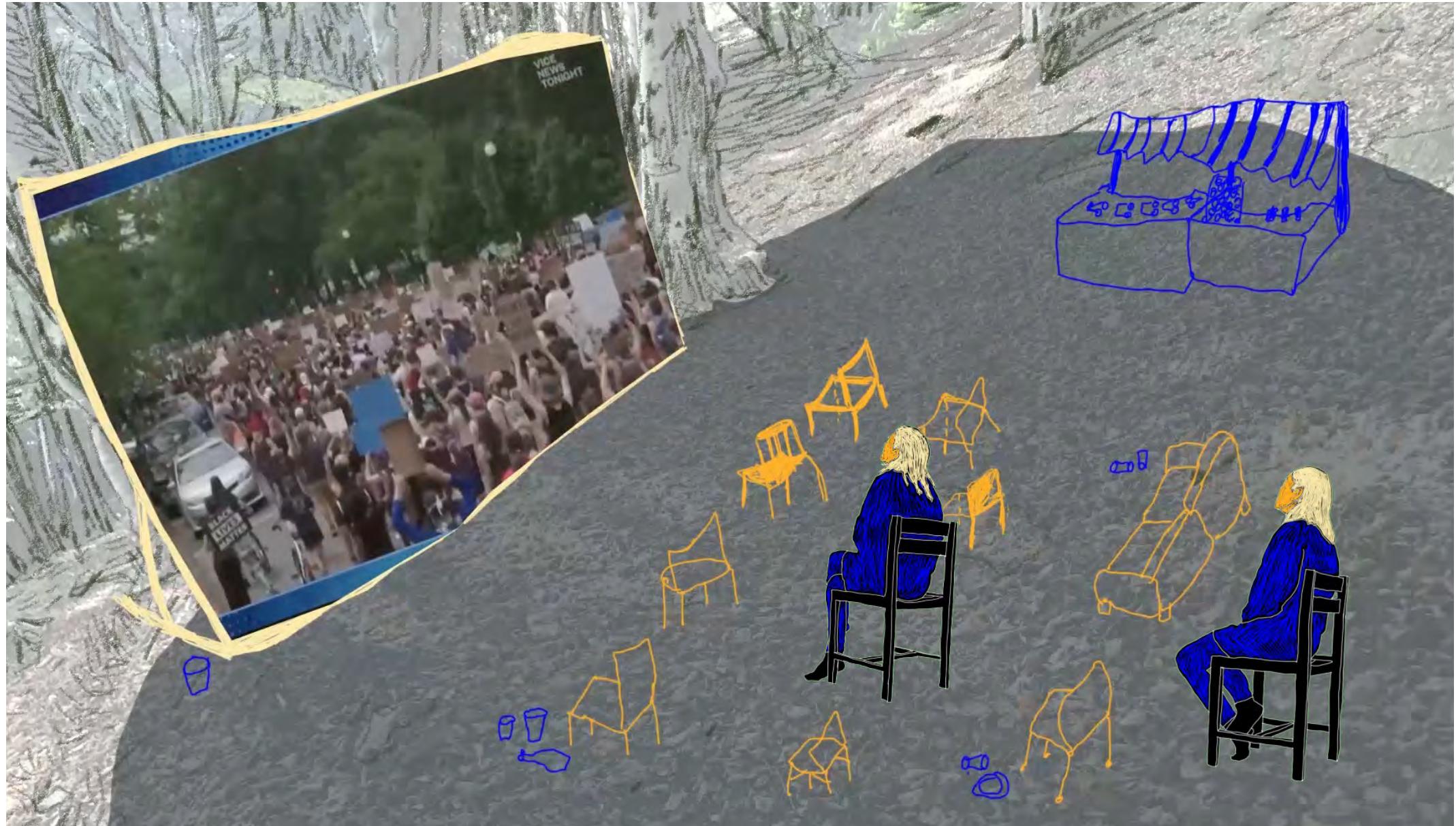
«sketches on loving a family»
2023
Video
HD, stereo, loop, 16:9, 16'35''
Soundscape: Till Hillbrecht
[Video Link \(Dropbox\)](#)

- Kunsthalle Luzern «the center and the other», 2023
- Kunstmuseum Thun «Cantonale Berne Jura», 2023
- Prozess, Bern «on loving a family», 2024

How to deal with political differences or vast ideological gaps within families, how to manage emotional tensions and your own borders of acceptance?

«Sketches on loving a family» contains interviews with 5 people of a diversity of familial, ethnical, class and national backgrounds (Brazil, USA/Germany, Argentina, Lebanon and Switzerland)

who talk about their relationships with politically clashing family members whom they still love in different ways. The video starts with a scene of the US «Daily Show» on political polarizations that is shown in an animated forest cinema. Then, the interviewed persons appear as animated characters that slowly and increasingly become deformed and distorted - visually «torn apart».



↑ Video Still: «sketches on loving a family»



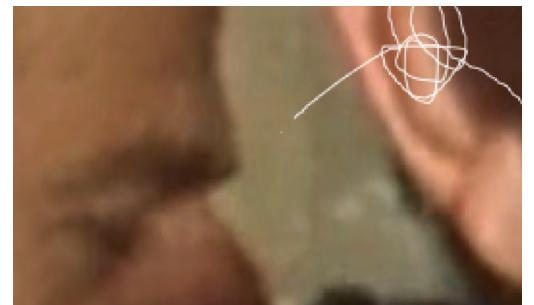
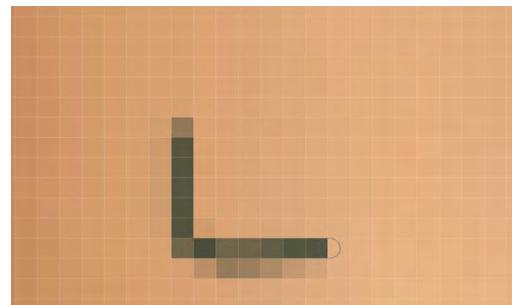
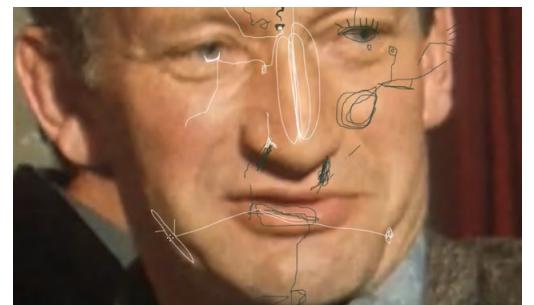
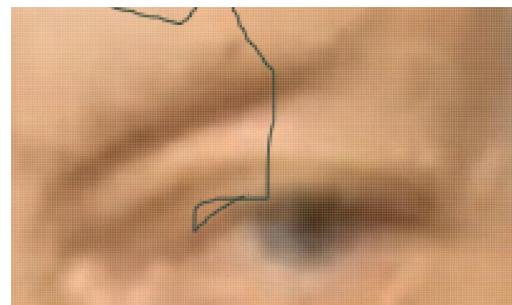
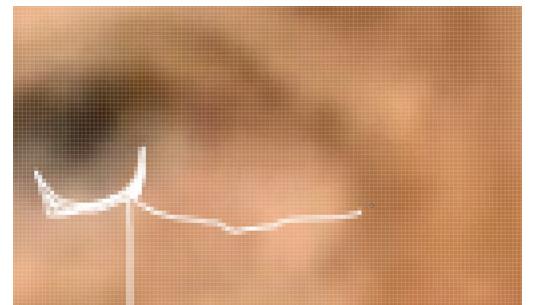
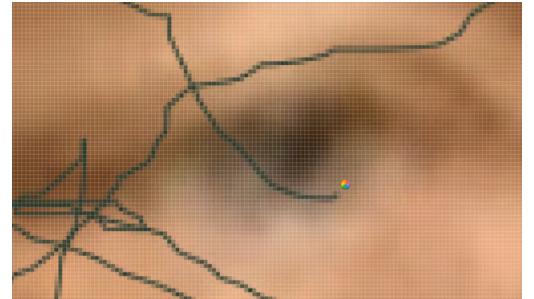
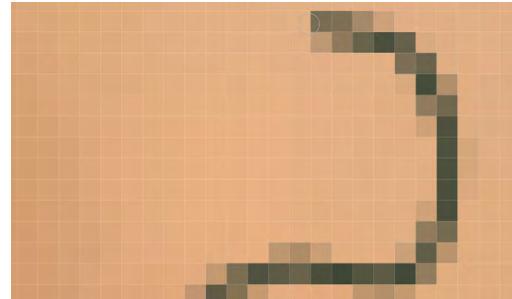
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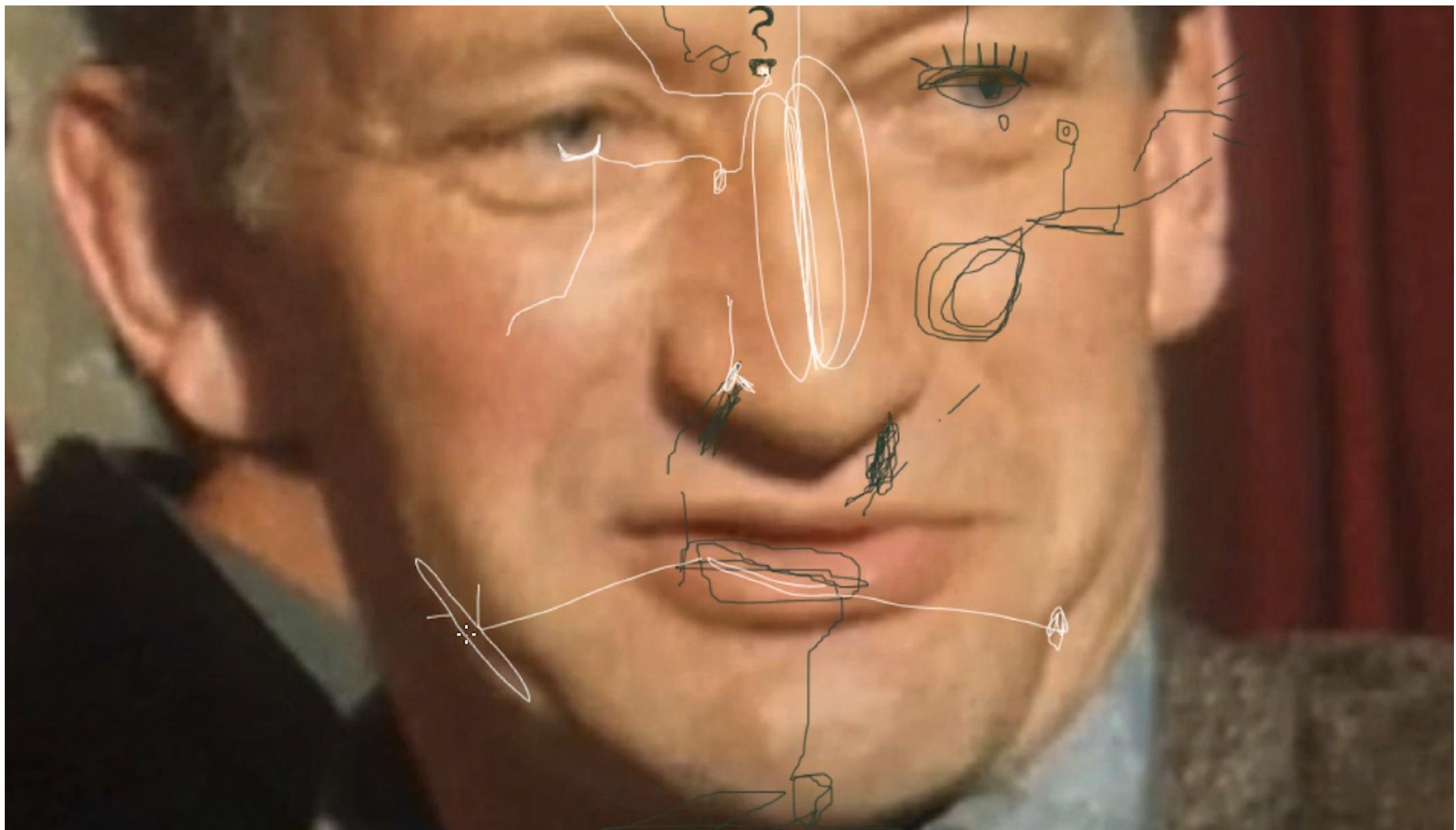
Dear grandfather (grandfather's face)

«Dear grandfather
(grandfather's face)»
2021
Video
HD, stereo, loop
16:9, 03'07''
[Video Link \(Dropbox\)](#)

- Kunstmuseum Luzern «ZENTRAL!», 2022
- EAC (les halles) «Cantonale Berne Jura», 2022
- CAN Centre d'art Neuchâtel «Video Show & The Blind Pigeon», 2022
- Videokunst.ch: Showroom PROGR, Bern / Houdini Kino, Zürich / Klibühni, Chur, 2022
- Cité Screenings, Cité internationale des Arts, Paris, 2022

«Of course I'm against it, too» – In 1975, the artist's grandfather has been stating his opinion on the women's right to vote on Swiss national tv. How to deal with contradictory feelings towards beloved family members with whom one dissents fundamentally about basic worldviews? Writings and drawings are directly being marked on the footage, on the grandfather's face, onto the surface of the very moment of his «painful» statements. Thereby, the core question processually shifts from „How to relate?“ towards: „How to deal with non-relating?“





↑ Video Still: «Dear grandfather (grandfather's face)»

Ibu Silla

Iterations:

- «Ibu Silla» (Video), 2022
- «Ibu Silla» (Book), 2024
- «this is my landscape, this is my landscape for you» (VR video installation), 2021

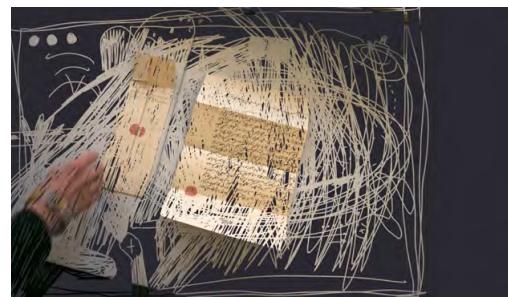
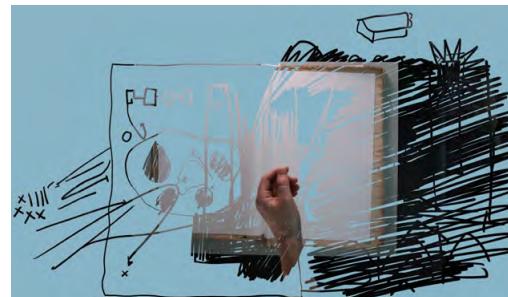
«Ibu Silla»
2019 - 2021
Video
HD, stereo, loop
16:9, 48'40''
[Video Link \(Dropbox\)](#)

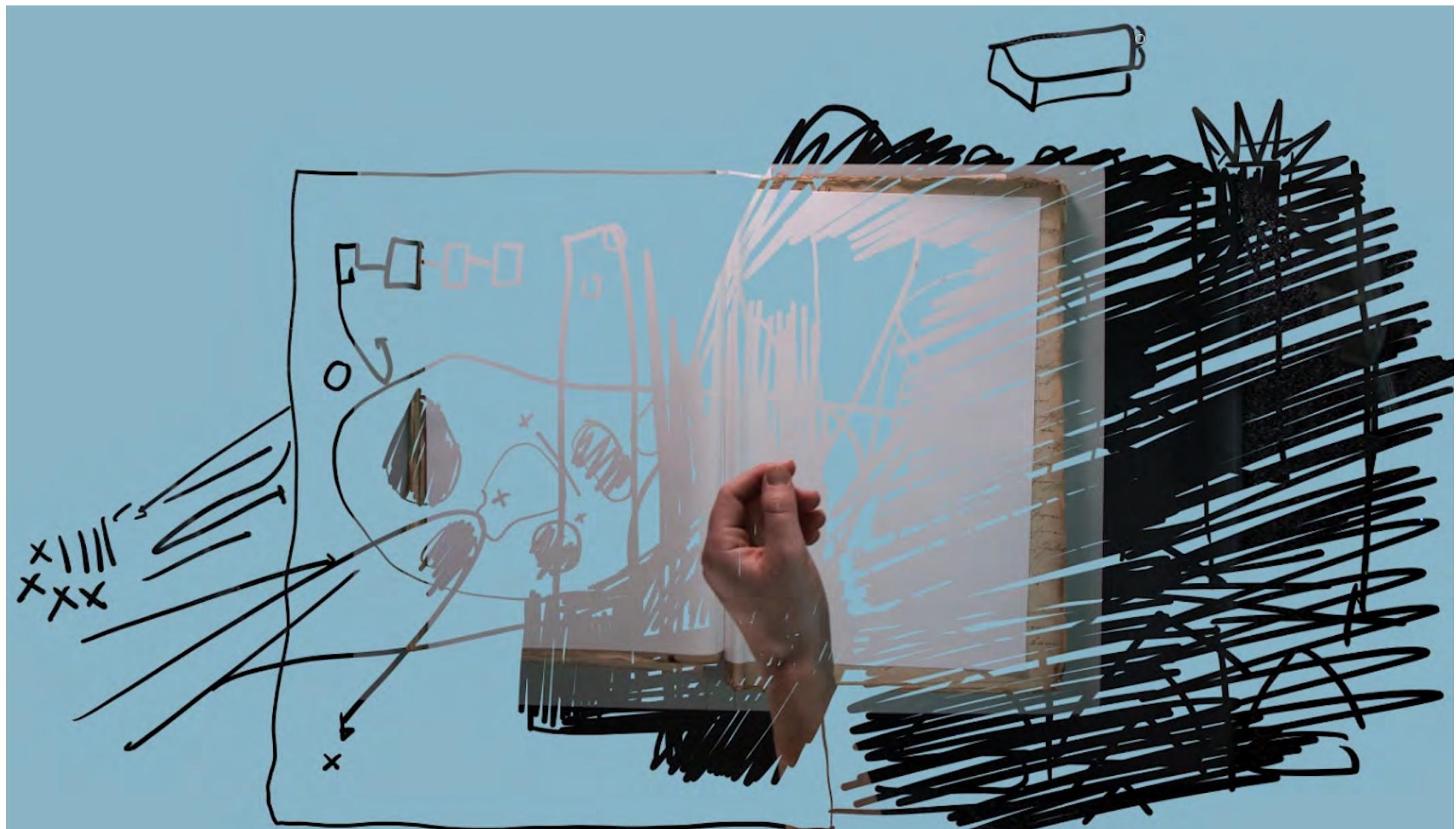
- Galerie Hofmatt, Sarnen «Ibu Silla», 2021
- Kunstmuseum Thun, «Cantonale Berne Jura», 2022

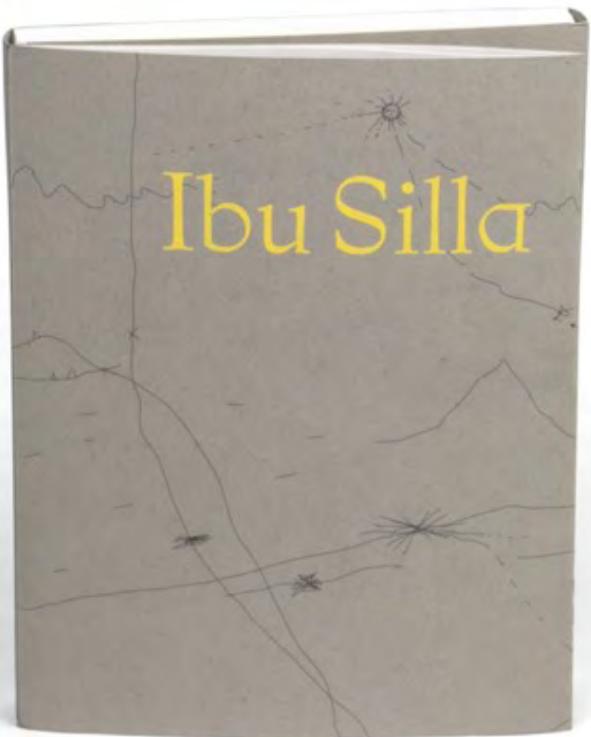
The State Archive of Nidwalden holds 15 boxes of diaries belonging to the mercenary Alois Wyrsch («Borneo Louis»). From 1816, Wyrsch was stationed in Borneo (Banjarmasin) under Dutch colonial rule and returned to Nidwalden in 1832 with two of his children, whom he had with an Indigenous woman. This woman, referred to in the documents as Johanna, Ibu Silla, or Belle, was left behind along with another child. In the diaries, the passages where he writes about her have been meticulously cut out. The reasons for this remain speculative.

In 14 chapters, this video work now speculates on realistic to abstract biographies. The subtractive drawing process resembles the scraping away of a layer, uncovering documentary imagery and formally referencing the cut-out gaps.

The open questions about Ibu Silla unfold possibilities for multiple biographies. The methodology of this work proposes a way to engage with male-white-dominated historiography: allowing «counter-narratives» or «para-stories» to emerge in the «mental archives» thereby fostering a multiplicity of perspectives.







«Ibu Silla»
2024
Book project
edition fink, Contemporary Art
publishers

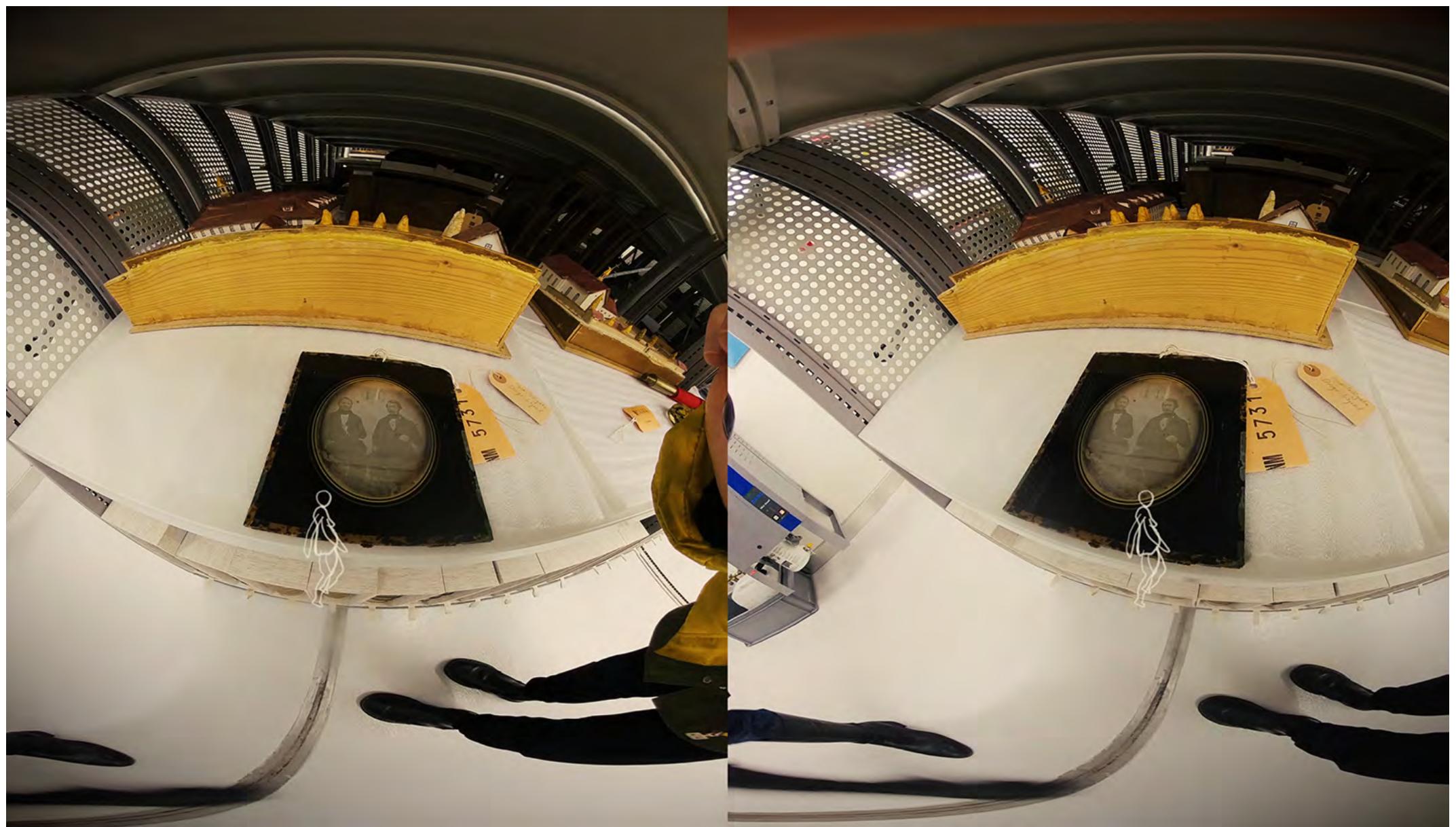
The book project consists of the fictional text on the speculative biography of Ibu Silla, an explanatory essay, and a fold-out drawn map.



«this is my landscape, this is
my landscape for you»
2021
Virtual Reality video instal-
lation
HD, stereo, loop
3D, 180°, 2 x 1:1, 06'42''

• Galerie Hofmatt, Sarnen «Ibu Silla», 2021

As part of the «body of work» on Ibu Silla, this piece addresses the colonial «exploratory» gaze. During the fictional journey through various archives via the virtual reality headset, the outline of an animated dancing figure repeatedly becomes visible, «travelling through time and space,» looking at us, and constantly being reconstructed as we watch it.



↑ 3D-Video Still: «this is my landscape, this is my landscape for you»



↑ 3D-Video Still: «this is my landscape, this is my landscape for you»



Meeting at the border (Les Verrières)

«Meeting at the border (Les Verrières)»
2023, Video
HD, stereo, loop, 16:9, 15'01'',
[Video Link \(Dropbox\)](#)

- Kunsthalle Luzern «the center and the other», 2023
- Städtische Galerie Stapflehus, Weil am Rhein, GER, «Grenzen» 2024

Les Verrières is the historic site of the internment of the Bourbaki army in 1871 – the reception of 87,000 partially wounded French soldiers at that time is one of the reasons for Switzerland's self-identification as a humanitarian helping nation. The catchwords «Humanité, Hospitalité, Neutralité» are still visible everywhere in the village today. At the same time, one

learns of the current prejudices and hostilities of the villagers towards the asylum center in the village, which houses 15–20 people. The 360-degree footage of the village blends with images behind the screen of the famous panoramic painting, which romantically depicts the historical scene of the internment.



↑ Exhibition view: «the center and the other», Kunsthalle Luzern, Photo: Kilian Bannwart



↑ Video Still: «Meeting at the border (Les Verrières)»

short documentary on real lesbianism

«short documentary on real lesbianism»

2021

Video

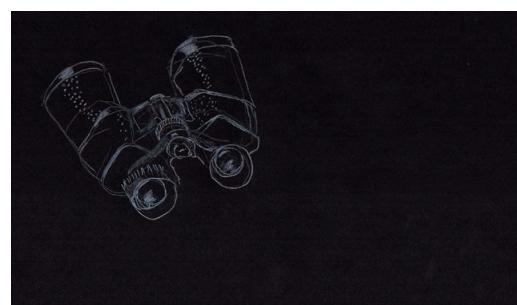
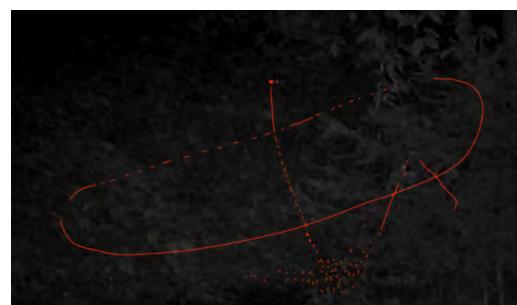
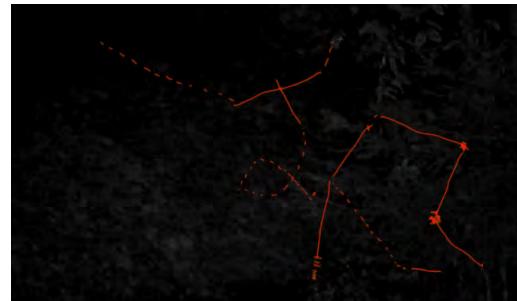
HD, stereo loop

16:9, 01'52''

[Trailer Link \(vimeo\)](#)

Password: lesbian

The fictional documentary takes place in the core forest, a dense forest near the village where the artist grew up; a village where the artist experienced her lesbian identity as abnormal during her teenage years, and where the secret, intimate wish arose to live in a society made up only of lesbians. This narrative centers around the absurd fiction of a ‚Swiss indigenous people‘ consisting solely of lesbians. However, this essentialist fantasy of purity and equality within a society could dangerously resemble nationalist or racist images of the ‚purity of peoples; an issue that is part of this exploration.





↑ Video Still: «short documentary on real lesbianism»

neutral background

Iterations

- «notational system on neutral background» (video installation), 2017 - 2021
- «neutral background» (print on wallpaper), 2020
- «credit of about 420 billion Swiss francs (...)» (laser-cut on paper), 2021

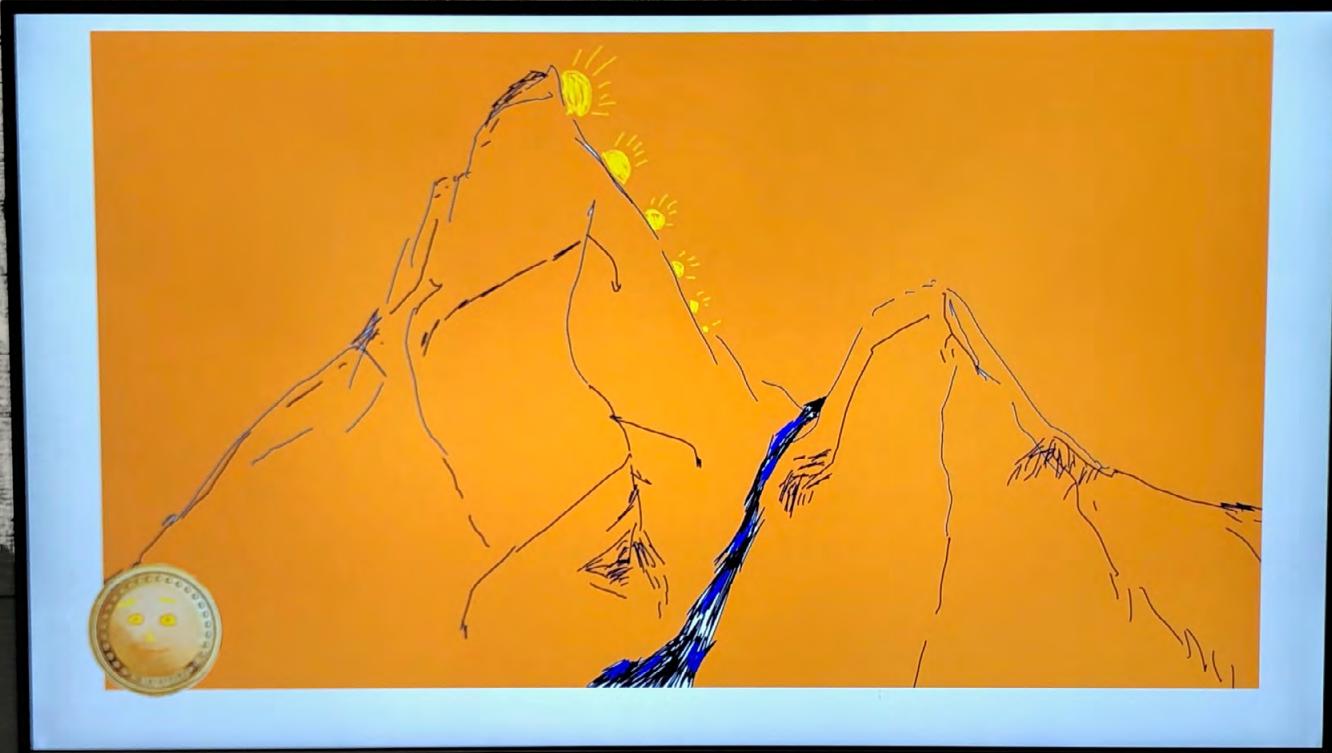


«notational system on neutral background»
2017 - 2021
2-channel video installation / video
HD, stereo, loop
16:9, 56'59'' / 10'44''
[Video Link \(long version: Dropbox, 2 files\)](#)
[Video Link \(short version\)](#)

- Sommerakademie Paul Klee, Online-Publikation «STATECRAFT», 2020 (kurze Version)
- E-Werk Galerie für Gegenwartskunst, Freiburg i. Br., GER «Material Worlds», 2021
- Centre d'Art Pasquart «Cantonale Berne Jura», 2021
- Nidwaldner Museum «NOW 21», 2021
- Kunsthaus Langenthal «Aeschlimann Corti Stipendium», 2022

«Notational System on Neutral Background» evolves from expanded ongoing research on problematic entanglements of Swiss economic policies. Swiss mythologies and self-identifications of neutrality and innocence still (partly) persist when it comes to discussions of colonial histories and racism. Strong economic involvements, be it in the transatlantic slave trade, or, more recent-

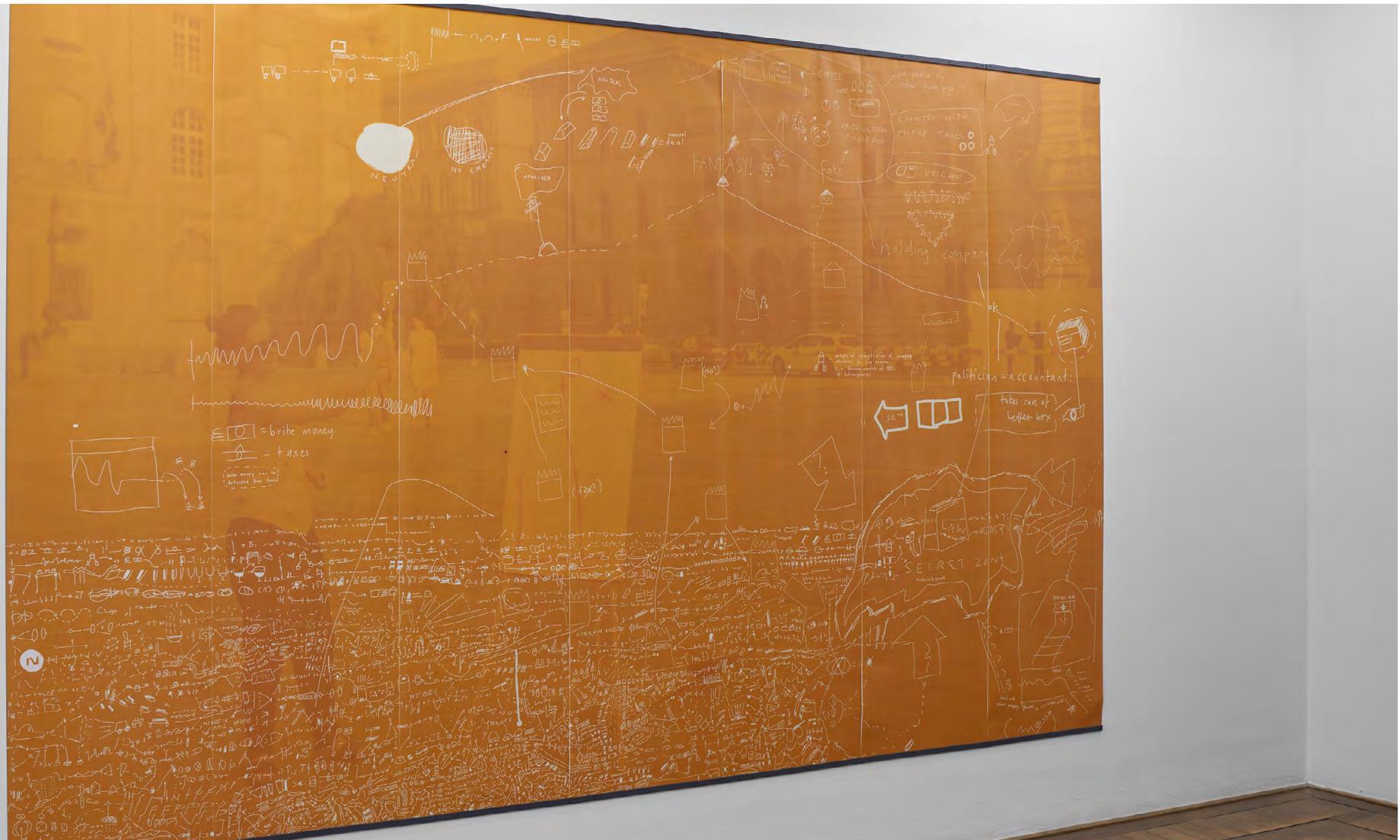
ly, human rights violations on behalf of global corporations, have been overlooked. This research focuses on such global involvements, and asks how Swiss policymaking is involved. [...]»
(Text: Tirdad Zolghadr)



↑ Exhibition view: «NOW 21», Nidwaldner Museum, Photo: Christian Hartmann



↑ Video Still: «notational system on neutral background»

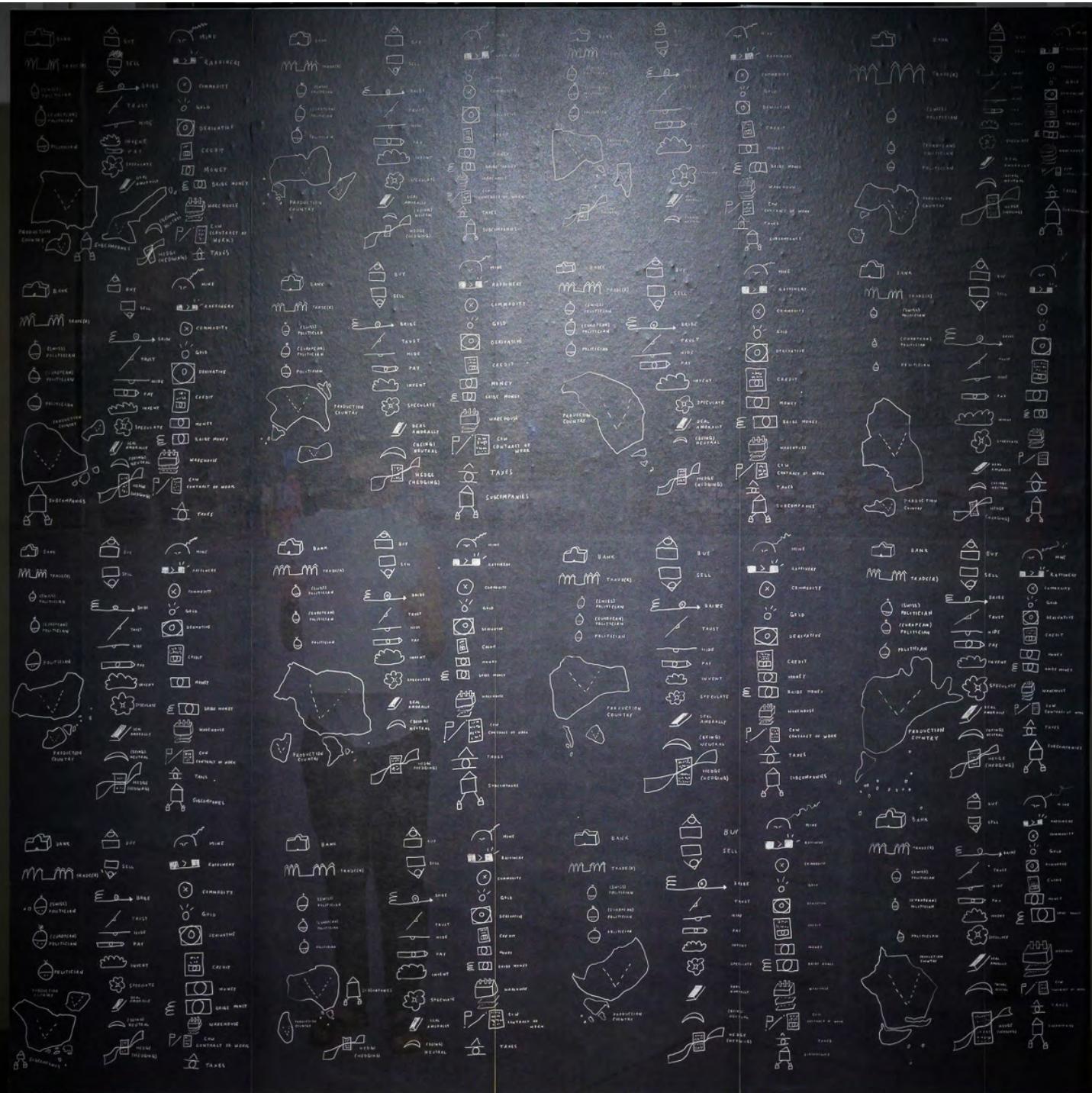


«neutral background»
2020
digital print on wallpaper
series, 3 parts
size mutable

- E-Werk Galerie für Gegenwartskunst, Freiburg i. Br., GER «Material Worlds» 2021
- Kunsthalle Basel «...von möglichen Welten» 2021
- Kunstmuseum Luzern «ZENTRAL!» 2020

The wallpaper series showcases the development of the visual vocabulary that makes the complex facts of economic policy more visually accessible. It highlights problematic entanglements in terms of their structural form and deep-rooted embedding within the system. The recurring forms of power structures in the trajectories of colonial and post-colonial relationships become

motifs for a reproducible and shareable product: a series of wallpapers, with the drawings / maps / network structures forming their pattern. The patterns use a unified vocabulary of symbols and shapes but are not directly repetitive as is typically the case with wallpaper. Instead, the wallpapers display the process of understanding: the development of the notation system.



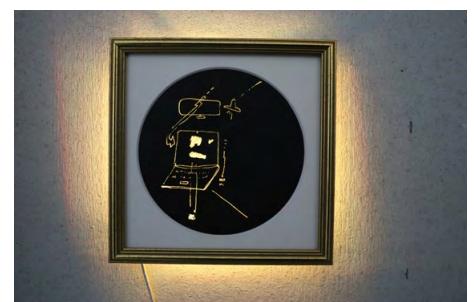
↑ Exhibition view: «Material Worlds – Storyed Matter», E-Werk, Galerie für Gegenwartskunst, 2021. Photo: Marc Doradzillo

credit of
about 420 billion
Swiss francs (...)

«credit of about 420 billion
Swiss francs (...)»
2021
12 lasercuts on paper, LED
strips, framed
20 x 20 cm

- E-Werk Galerie für Gegenwartskunst, Freiburg i. Br., GER «Material Worlds» 2021
- Kunsthaus Langenthal «Aeschlimann Corti Stipendium» 2022

Laser-cut paper silhouettes of twelve morally problematic events in Swiss economic history are backlit with LEDs.





↑ Exhibition view: «Material Worlds – Storied Matter», E-Werk, Galerie für Gegenwartskunst, 2021, Photo: Marc Doradzillo





How Do Stones Grow?

«How Do Stones Grow?»
2018, video
HD, stereo, loop
16:9, 13'43"
[Trailer Link \(vimeo\)](#)

- Stadtgalerie Bern, «Cantonale Berne Jura», 2019
- Nidwaldner Museum, «in cavo: where all the aims cross», 2018
- Baehdlistrasse 86, «Wesen», 2024

The study and staging of the «Other» was often used during the Enlightenment to construct a contrast in order to present and define one's own culture as superior. Olivia Abächerli addresses this in her video «How do stones grow?» by impersonating an anthropologist who discovered a previously unknown past society: beings that move, communicate, and live differently, exposing our way of

existence as just one of many possibilities. (Translation, original text: Karen Amanda Moser)



If they are a map

Iterations

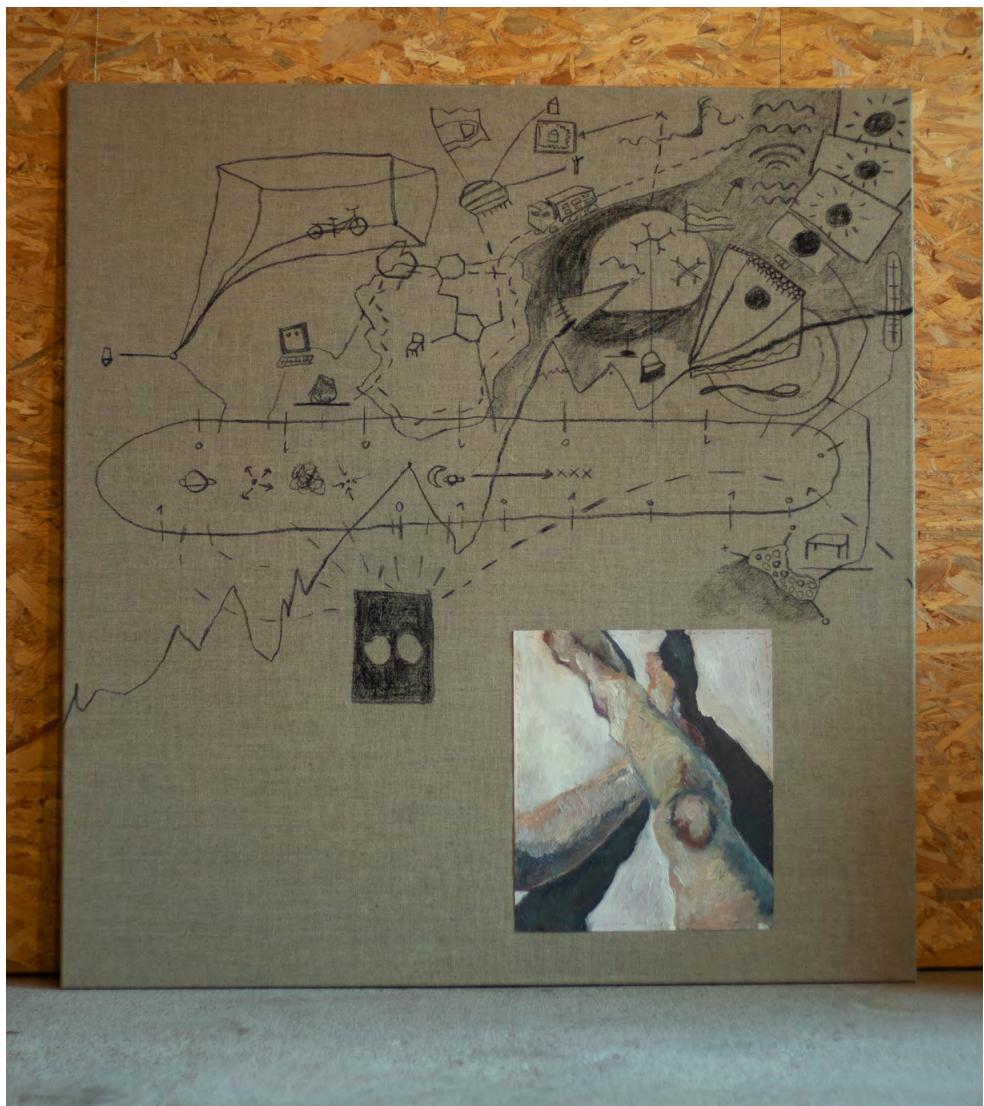
- «If they are a map» (mural),
2019
- «If they are a map» (mural),
2019
- «I saw convex equatorial
deserts and each one of
their grains of sand» (mixed
media on canvas), 2022



«if they are a map»
2019
oil pastels on wall
2,2 x 2,2 m

- Grand Palais, Bern «Les Environs (le voisin et son stupide chien)», 2019
- Hot Wheels Projects, Athens, GRC «How it comes to matter», 2018

«If they are a map» is a drawn investigation into how we can orient ourselves, locate ourselves, and contextualize in the complex present. How does anyone orient themselves in a multitude of parameters of time, space, and social contexts? In the large-format drawings, this question is addressed by layering a multitude of subjective cartographies – a variety of perspectives.



«I saw convex equatorial
deserts and each one of their
grains of sand»
2022
Mixed media on canvas
each 160 x 140 cm



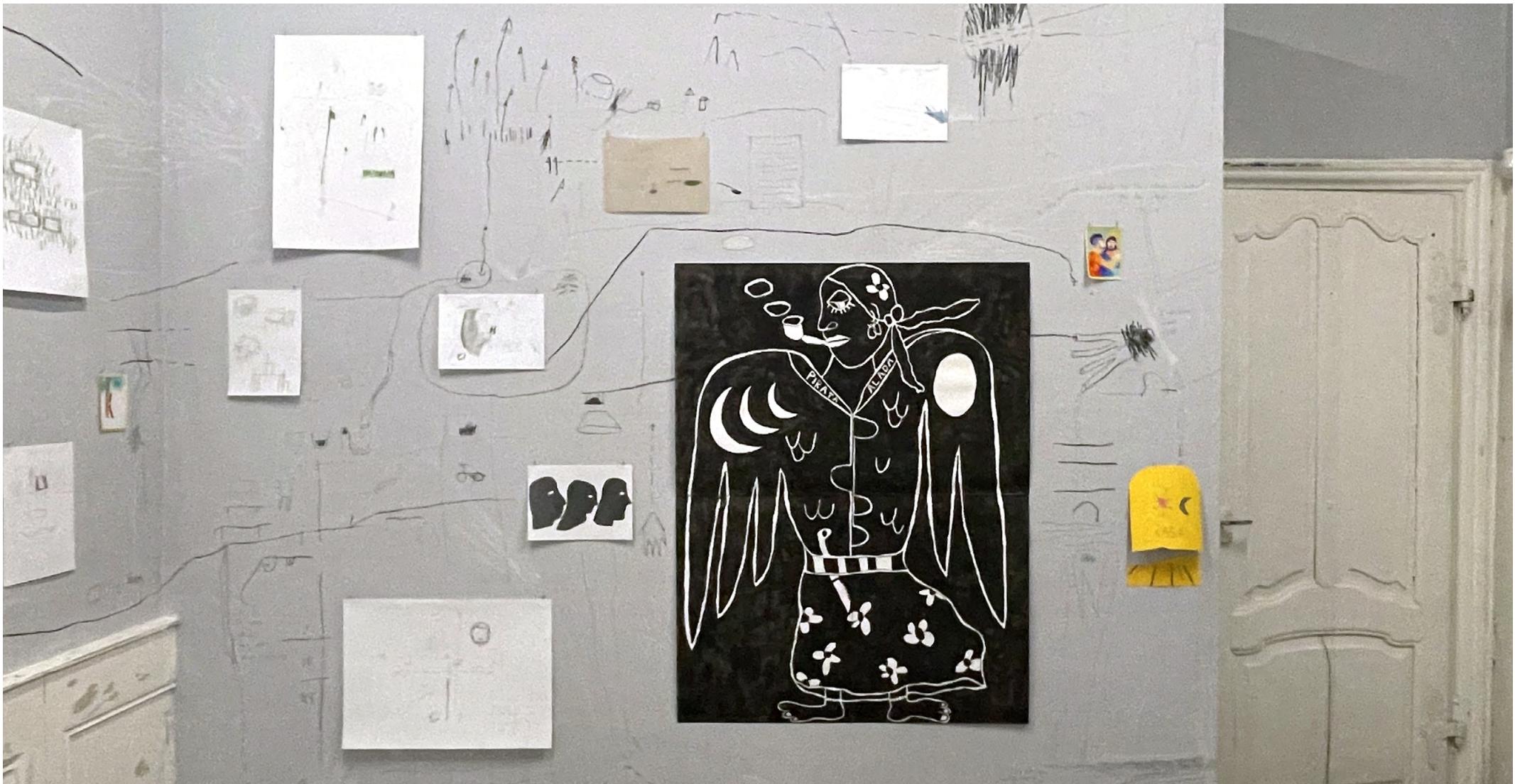
• Espace libre, Biel «global earth powder trace»,
2022

Companionship Euphoria

«Companionship Euphoria»
collective: Isabella Beneduci
(artist, social anthropologist
and activist from Brasil),
Line Rime (Illustrator and
feminist activist from Fri-
bourg) and Olivia Abächerli.

Projects:

- Reading group «Unlearning Imperialism», Cité internationale des Arts, Paris, 2022 - 2023
- «You are not here with me in the kitchen right now» (Exhibition project), 2023
- «Companionship Euphoria Letter Reading» (Performance), 2024
- «Companionship Euphoria», (Research project on political agency through feminist friendship), 2024 - ongoing



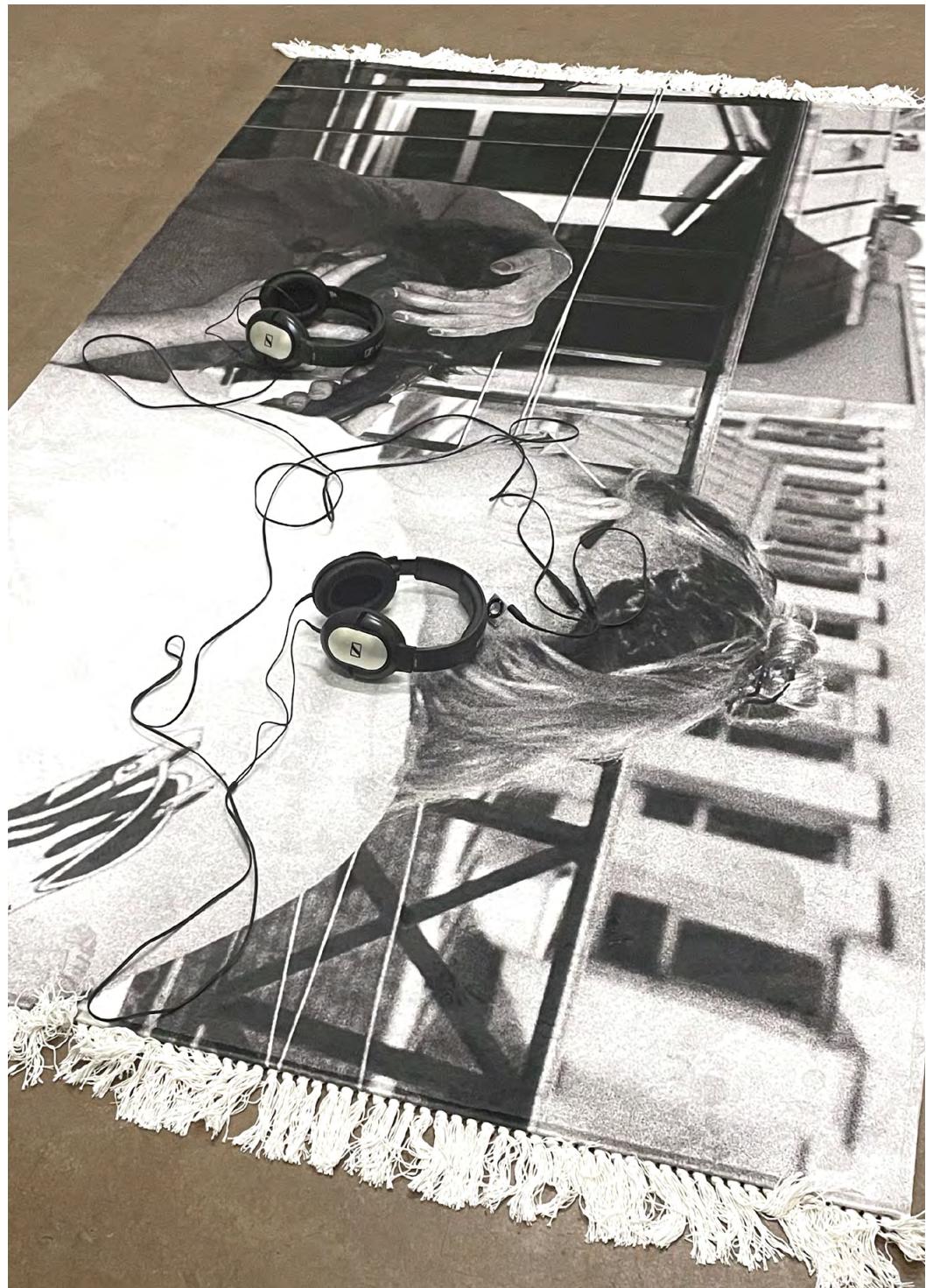
«You are not here with me in
the kitchen right now, but I
wish you were»
2023

Mixed Media on wall,
Print on carpet
Audio
WAC, stereo, 26'58''
[Audio Link \(Google Drive\)](#)

Galerie Duflon Racz Projekt LINKS, Bern «You are not here with me in the kitchen right now, but I wish you were», 2023

Through letters and exchanged drawings, the collective engages in dialogue with the respective political contexts – and how these influence personal lives. In a group exhibition, some of the drawings were displayed, while the letters – the connections – were translated into a wall drawing by Olivia Abächerli. A carpet with a photo (by Isabella Beneduci) depicting Olivia shaving Line's hair

formed the centerpiece of the space, where it was possible to listen to spoken passages from the letters.



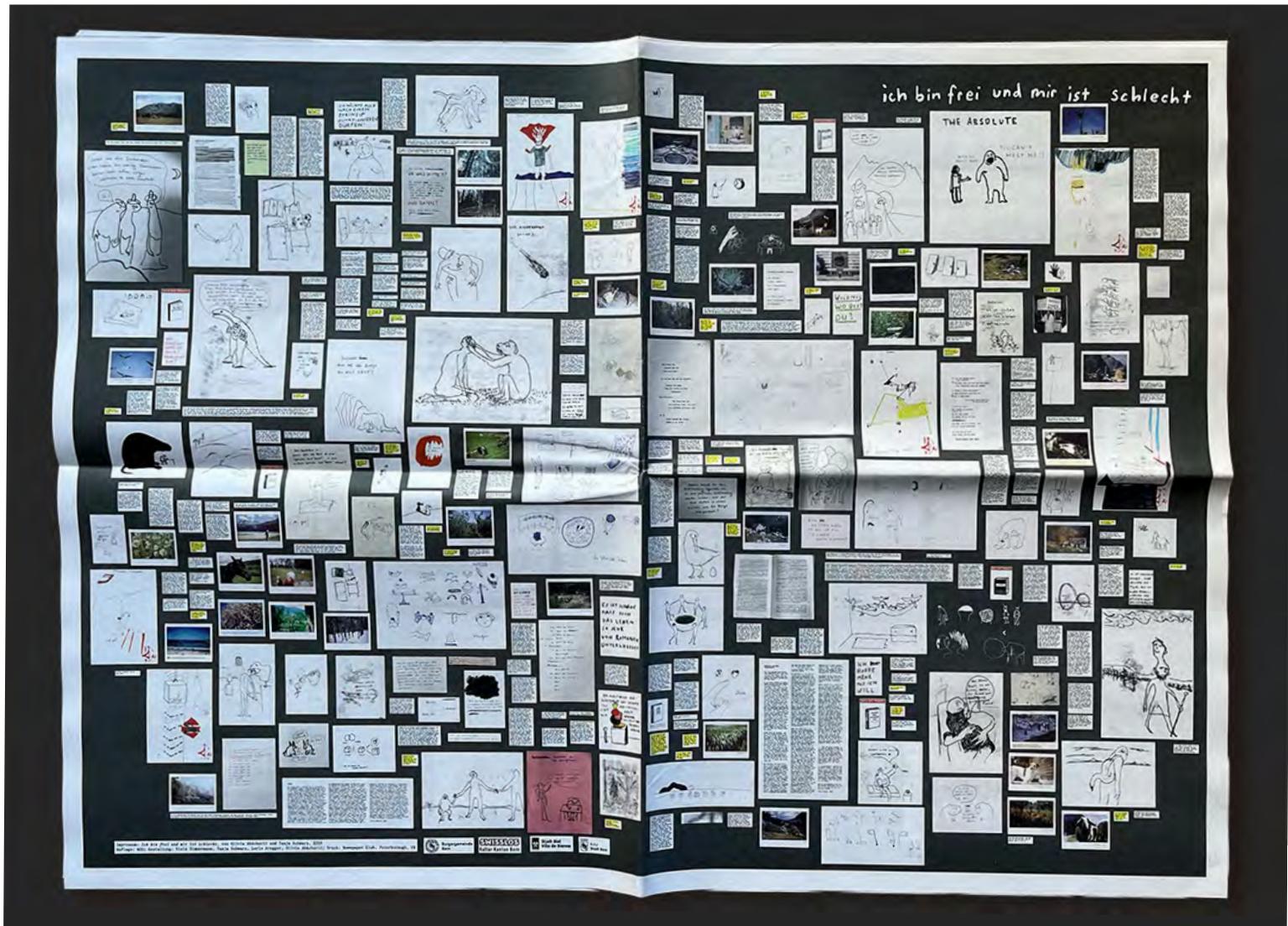
↑ Exhibition views: «You are not here with me in the kitchen right now, but I wish you were», Galerie Duflon Racz Projekt LINKS, Photos: Line Rime



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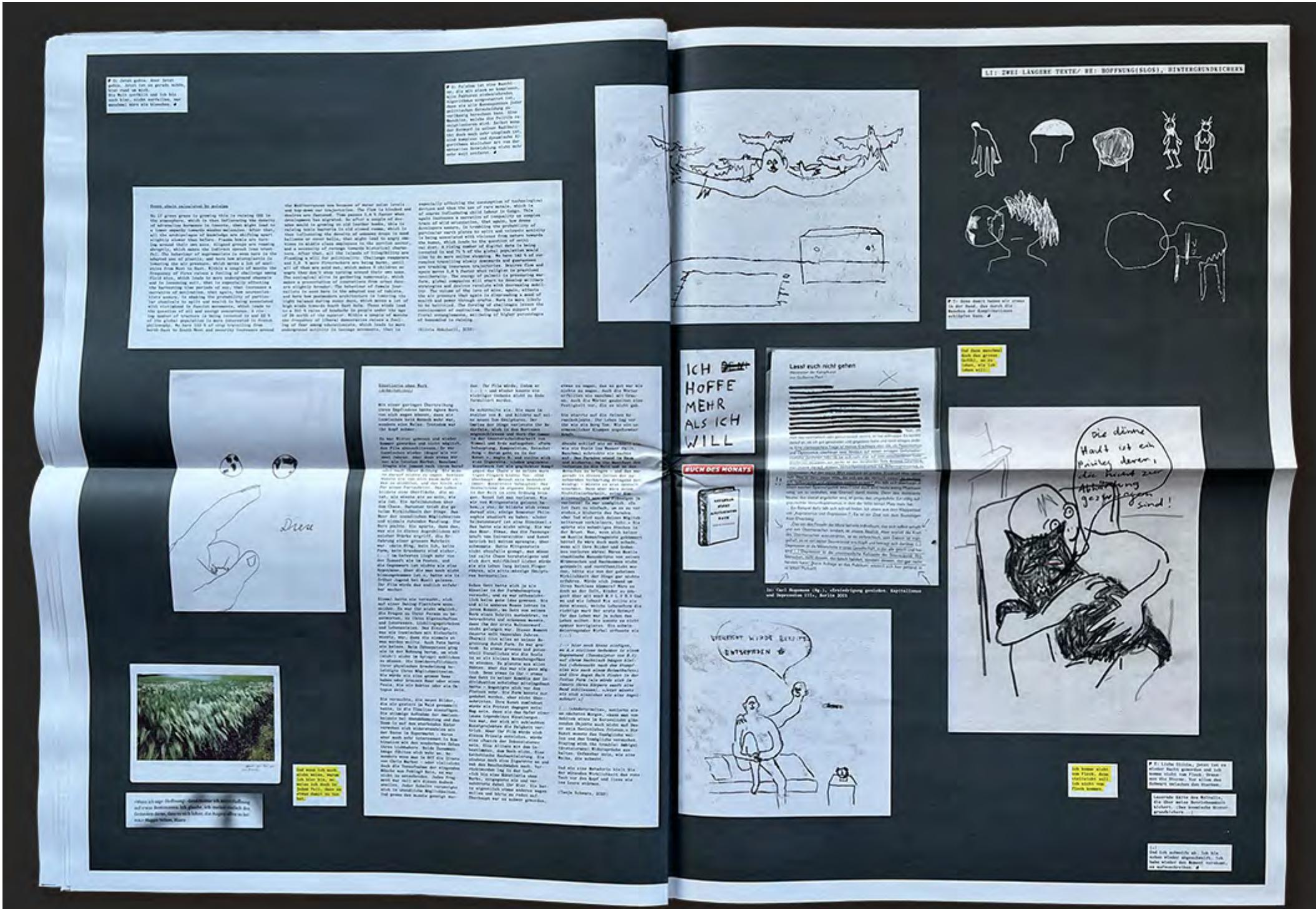
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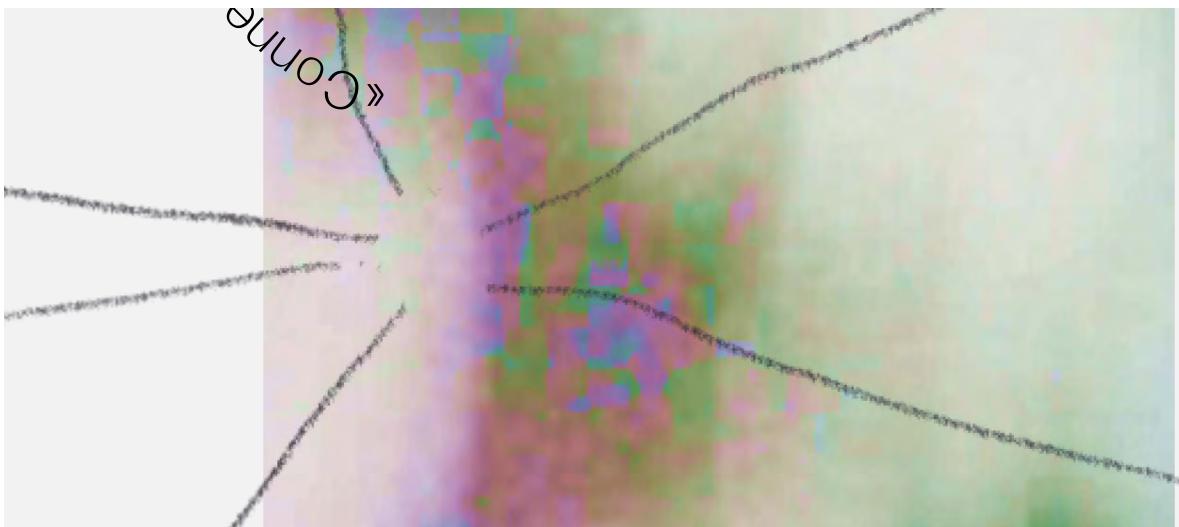
ich bin frei und mir ist schlecht

«ich bin frei und mir ist
schlecht»
2023
Publication by Tanja Schwarz &
Olivia Abächerli
35 x 50 cm
24 pages

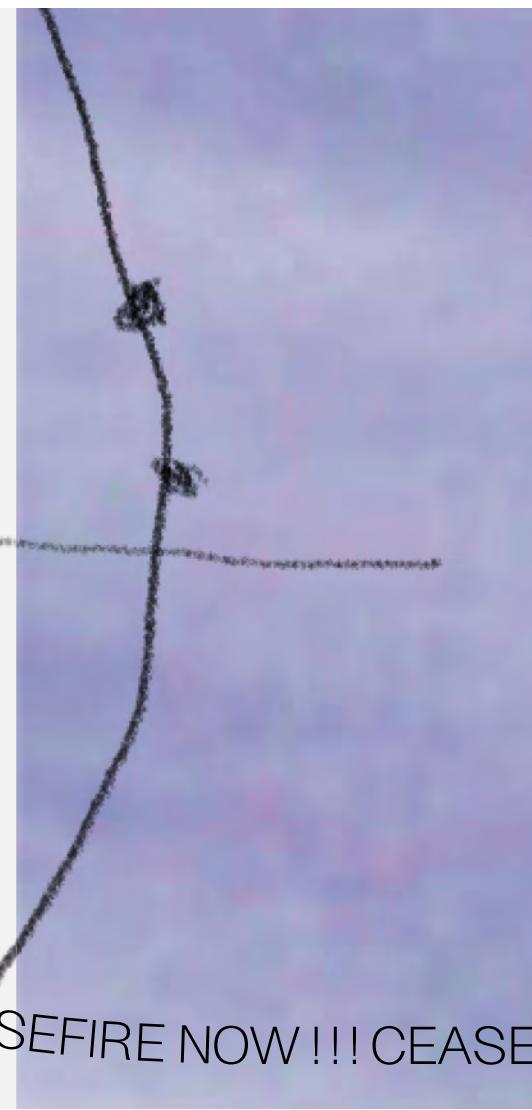
- Kunsthaus Interlaken «10+10+1», 2023
- Kunsthalle Bern «Cantonale Bern Jura», 2023



↑ Studio shot: «ich bin frei und mir ist schlecht». Photo: Tania Schwarz



CONNECTION



NOBODY'S FREE
UNTIL EVERYBODY'S FREE !!!

!! CEASEFIRE NOW !!! CEASEFIRE NOW !!! CEASEFIRE NOW !!! CEASE

Jelly Sunday
Zine

«Jelly Sunday Zine»
2023 -
digital Zine, released monthly
[Link \(Bandcamp\)](#)

Collective with:
Égle Šalkauskyte, Saskia
Winkelmann, Jasmin Christen,
Juliette Henrioud, Olivia
Abächerli

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just like me

when
i'm thinking

about

this (or that)

(or you)

(or us)

a small gesture

i'm holding

within my pocket a secret
not to be told

or

maybe sooomecedayyy
most likely someday...

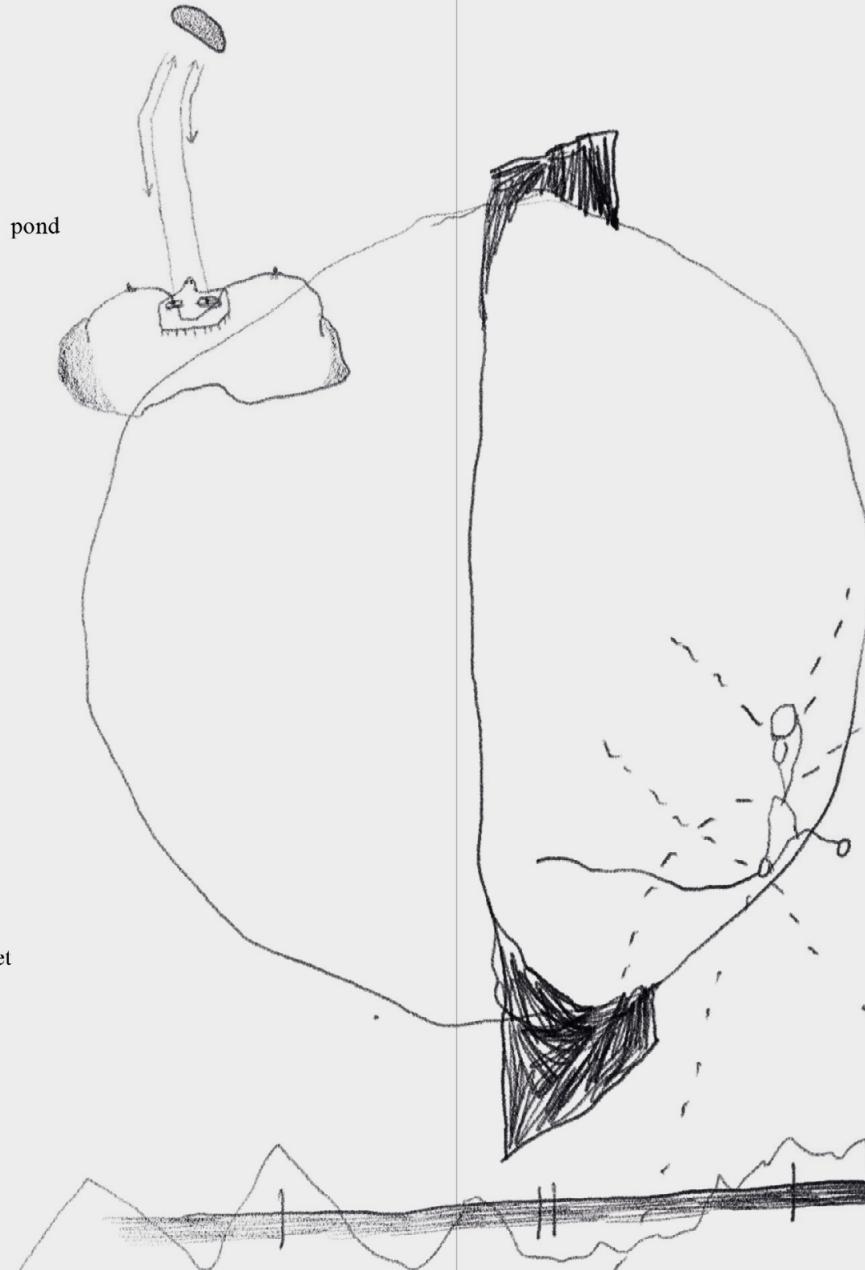
not today!

a deep

breath in

followed by
(you)

a cleansing breath out



finally,

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full of

p t i m e
i l l e s
l e d all
up

in past tense

i can see it so clearly now
that it all

(isn't that odd?) has passed!

a noise a sound
slips a cheerful hummmmm
o u t of my mouth

as i keep moving
forward it feels like

i don't believe in ghosts
(not anymore)

hush! the stone
is sleeping don't wake it

(me) up...
please



~~~~~ Material flows

Iterations
→ «-- -- - - - - Material
flows» (installation), 2022
→ «Where do I shoot my ar-
row», (performance), 2018



----- Material flows

2022

chalk and coal on 4 stone plates

each 1 x 2 m

Multiple: Offset print

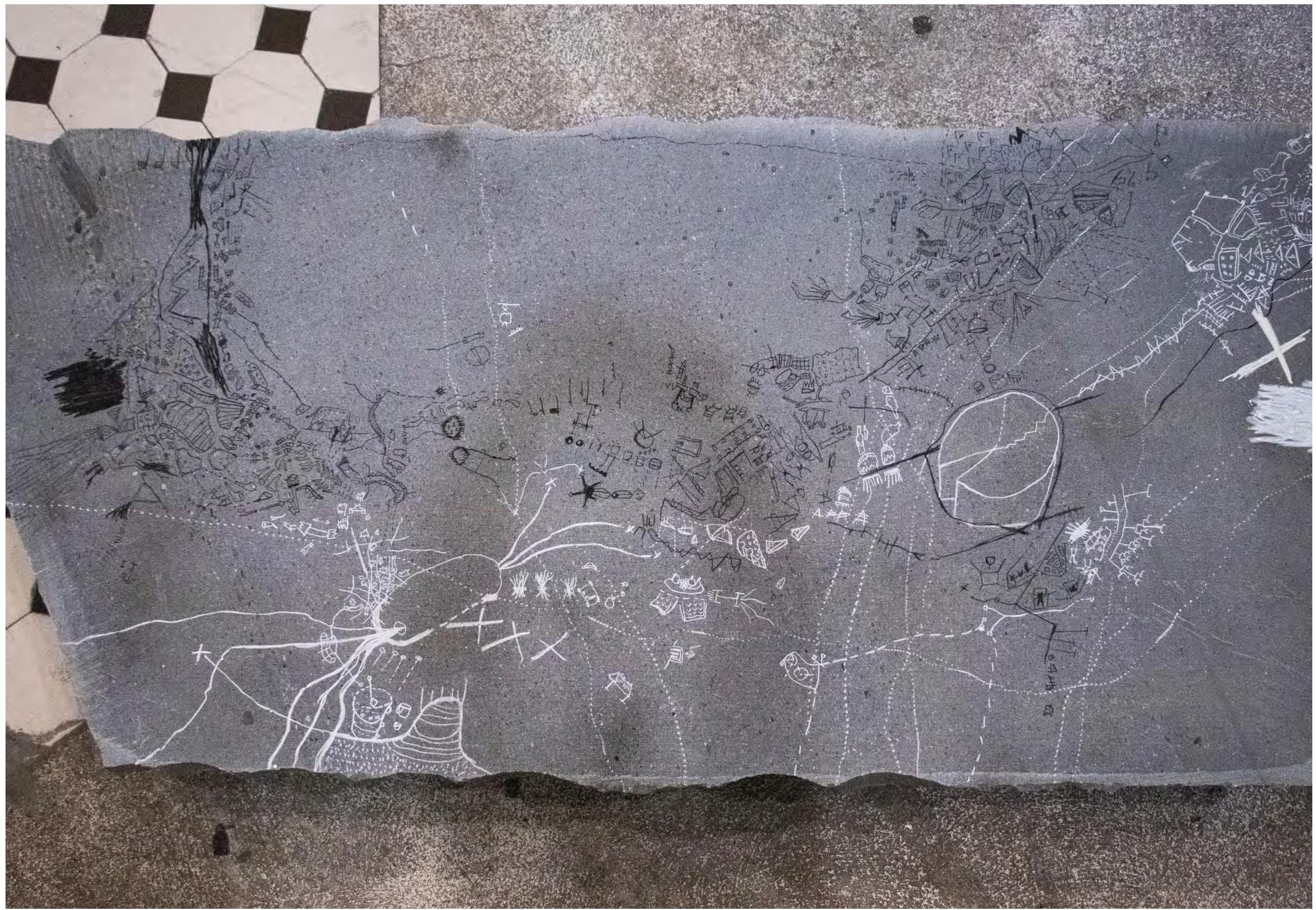
78 x 63 cm

• Turbine Giswil «Kulturlandschaft Obwalden»,
2022

What does it mean to own land? What responsibilities or privileges are associated with it?

Common lands or corporations («Commons») are historical models for communal property and land management, often of mountains, forests, or water. From the exploration of the meaning of land, territorial, and (agricultural) resource ownership, a visual vocabulary

emerged. Territories, paths, and trails were left as traces of chalk and coal on four local stone slabs. The accompanying map provides insight into the research and serves as an index for the visual vocabulary.



↑ Exhibition view: «Kulturlandschaft Obwalden» Turbine Giswil



↑ Exhibition view: «Kulturlandschaft Obwalden» Turbine Giswil

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