

Media Installation “Blackbox deportation”: 26.11.2012-25.01.2013 with a comprehensive accompanying program

in IBIS Cafe, Klävemannstraße 16, Oldenburg (Mon-Thr 10-17 / Fr 10-20Hrs)

Multimedia installation by Ralf Jesse and Mark Terkessidis.

The Blackbox-reality,

Deportation is taking place everyday: About 10.000 people every year are deported out of the Federal Republic of Germany. How their lives move on after they are taken out of their everyday life, often remains hidden. In fact, the “Blackbox deportation” stories and pictures are rarely returned to Germany.

The idea behind the Blackbox

Nine people who have been deported tell their stories in video interviews and recordings from digital cameras. They document their deportation as well as their arrival in the destination states and also their lives after deportation as reporters. They then sent the memory cards of the cameras back to Germany.

Blackbox – the media installation

In a Blackbox living room, with used furniture is a TV set. It could be the living room of one of the deportees, but they can only tell from what happened to be shown on the screen. The program which runs in an endless loop on the TV set provides the visitor with an insight of the realities of life which often remains in darkness.

And: Exhibition guided workshops

“Antira Plenum Oldenburg” (anti-racist assembly Oldenburg) and “Courage-Projekt der DGB Jugend Niedersachsen” (anti-racist project of German Trade Union Youth) together provide exhibition guided workshops. School classes and youth groups are invited to individually arrange dates, topics and duration of the workshops. For application and inquiries: blackbox.workshop@gmail.com

Accompanying program:

16.11.2012 – 25.01.2013	Multimedia Exhibition »Blackbox Abschiebung«
26.11.2012, Café IBIS	Opening event
04.11.2012, Uni Oldenburg	Lecture and discussion with Miltials Oulios
10. /11./13.12.2012, Cine k	Film: Revision
13.12.2012, ALSO	Lecture and Discussion: Deportations of Roma from Lower Saxony and the resistance against this action
18.12.2012, Café IBIS	Discussion about the exhibition with refugee activists of the “Antira Plenum Oldenburg”
14.01.2013, Cine k	Film: “Foreigners get out!” The container of Christoph Schlingensief
17.01.2013, Café IBIS	Presentation and discussion: Current situation of the international refugee protection
21.01.2013, Café IBIS	Panel discussion: Institutional racism from the perspective of anti-racist initiatives from Oldenburg

The video interviews in this exhibition are only available in German language.

There is also a comprehensive accompanying program. Translations in French, English, Kurdish, Arabic, Spanish & Romanian are going to be organised for some of the lectures and discussions. Translations in other presentations on request.

Free admission to all presentations (except the Cine K Cinema)

Accompanying program with details:

26.11.2012, 16hrs, Opening event, Cafe IBIS, Klävemannstraße 16, ibis-ev.de

04.12.2012, 18-20hrs, Lecture & discussion with Miltiadis Oulios, University, room: S2 206 (sports building).

Miltiadis Oulios, journalist and writer, presents his exhibition guiding book: »blackbox: Abschiebung« (will be released in January 2013). In this book he asks about the meaning of deportation in a world of mobility and about the factors of abolishing the institution deportation. There will be open space for questions and discussion with Miltiadis Oulios.

10./11./13. December 2012, 20:15/18:00/18:00, Revision, Cine k, Bahnhofsstraße 11, cine-k.de

(In German language with English subtitles)

Phillip Scheffner and Merle Kröger took a case which happened 20 years ago: the deaths of two Romanian citizens who were shot by hunters while they tried to cross the EU-border. The case was then quickly dismissed as a shooting accident. In this documentary the case has been revised showing many contradictions and gaps as it came out in the interviews with witnesses, expert witnesses and last but not least the families of the killed persons.

13 December 2012, 19:30hrs, Lecture and Discussion: Deportations of Roma from Lower Saxony and the resistance against this action, at the ALSO, Donnerschweer Straße 55, also-zentrum.de

(Translations in Spanish, Romanian, French, English & more languages on request).

A representative of the Roma Center Göttingen and the campaign "alle bleiben!" ("all stay!") will give a report on the latest anti-Roma policy. After the decision taken by some interior ministers, several thousands of Roma are going to have their lives destroyed as they are going to be exposed to poverty and persecution in the countries of destination. In this report we are going to hear also about the resistance which is already taking place against this policy organised by Roma groups and some supporting groups.

18 December 2012, 19hrs, Discussion about the exhibition with refugee activists of the "Antira Plenum Oldenburg" (Anti-racist assembly Oldenburg) about the exhibition at Café IBIS, Klävemannstraße 16, ibis-ev.de

(with translations in Arabic, French, English & Kurdish).

(Anti-racist assembly would want to create open space for discussions on the subjects of the exhibition, for example the reasons to flee, institutional racism, everyday racism. You are all invited to take part in this discussions.

14 January 2013, 20:15hrs Film: "Ausländer raus!" Christoph Schlingensief's Container ("Foreigners get out!" The container of Christoph Schlingensief), at Cine k, Bahnhofsstraße 11, cine-k.de

After the won elections of the chauvinist and racist party FPÖ in Austria, Christoph Schlingensief staged an interactive deportation camp in the touristic area of Vienna. Thousand of screaming people, almost a million via internet. Knife attacks, affrays, political intrigues. A quite incredible week with offended mood features the European shift to the right. A Film of Paul Poet. Tickets 3 to 5€ if affordable.

17. January 2013, 18:30hrs, Presentation and discussion: Current situation of the international refugee protection, , Café IBIS, Klävemannstraße 16, ibis-ev.de

Dr. Reinhold Friedl, head of the "UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe" (UN Aid Agency for Refugees), invites to New Year's reception to Café IBIS. Dirk Sabrowski (Bonn), director of the "UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe", will discuss the current international security situation of refugees. All co-organizers and interested people are warmly welcome.

21 January 2013, 19hrs, Panel discussion: Institutional racism from the perspective of anti-racist initiatives from Oldenburg, Cafe IBIS, Café IBIS, Klävemannstraße 16, ibis-ev.de (translations in Arabic, French, English & Kurdish).

- The anti-racist assembly will refer to political struggles in everyday life, discrimination of refugees (Residenzpflicht- "houses for refugees", bans on employment, mass accommodation, deportations).
- The "Arbeitslosenselbsthilfe Oldenburg (ALSO)" (self organised aid for unemployed persons in Oldenburg) deals with the ways/possibilities in which the decision to the German Federal Constitutional Court against the Asylum Seekers' Benefit Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz), changes the social security legislation for people without a EU-passport.
- The alliance against the Voucher System (Gutscheinbündnis) will refer to the racist Voucher System (Gutscheinsystem), to self organised change of anti-racist groups and to the current situation in the struggle for abolition of the Voucher System.
- The Anti-Discrimination Agency of IBIS will refer to the experiences of discrimination of refugees, possibilities and limits of the German General Equal Treatment Act (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz, AGG) concerning discrimination of refugees.

The project was implemented by: Arbeitslosenselbsthilfe Oldenburg (ALSO), Antira Plenum Oldenburg, Center for Migration, Education and Cultural Studies (CMC), Cine K in cooperation with Medienbüro Oldenburg e.V., Courage-Projekt der DGB-Jugend Niedersachsen, Fluchtmuseum e.V., Gutscheinbündnis Oldenburg, IBIS – Interkulturelle Arbeitsstelle, UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe and many individuals. In Cooperation with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Niedersachsen e.V., Promoted by AStA der Carl v. Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg and Integrationsbeauftragte Stadt Oldenburg i.O.

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