

KUNSTHALLE EXNERGASSE

KNOTEN IM HALS: STÖBERN NACH EINER SCHWINDENDEN GEGENWART
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Time: 5.00 pm. – 7.00 pm.

Shared Walks for Climate Emergency

Shared Walks for Climate Emergency was developed as an extension of the Shared Walks project with the aim of responding to the climate emergency by tracing its influence on the human psyche and the more-than-human environment through workshops. It consists of a new card set including walking prompts that question different dimensions of climate change in our cities: the traces of climate emergency in the places we live/work/walk, the emotions emerging from our experiences of climate change (such as anger, anxiety, grief, hopelessness), the actions these emotions can bring about (ranging from collecting and maintaining memories to solidarity and passionate political action). How can we walk with others as climate change makes life increasingly difficult? The emotional, as well as physical loss suffered due to climate change, can be overwhelming, and debilitating. As a tool that helps investigate and reflect on the emotional and physical traces of climate change and the climate emergency, the Shared Walks for Climate Emergency researches how embodied experience can turn into reflection and awareness, and how this can, in turn, enable agency and action.

Shared Walks for Climate Emergency was developed by Eylem Ertürk in collaboration with Ayşem Mert, associate professor and director of IMPRESS Program on Environmental Social Science at Stockholm University.

Shared Walks is an initiative that opens a playful space for the exploration of the environment and others by walking. Participants walk together in pairs, collect and share observations, impressions, thoughts, feelings, memories, stories, associations etc, and map their surroundings from different perspectives. Different walks propose minor changes in the way we normally walk, to pave the way to an appropriation of places, connect with others and trigger self-awareness. Shared Walks is a project by Eylem Ertürk and Bernd Rohrauer.

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Eylem Ertürk is a researcher, artist and curator living and working in Vienna and Istanbul. She has a background in social design, fine arts photography and cultural management. Since 2005 she has led/initiated/worked in several projects and art institutions in Istanbul as a researcher, editor, curator or manager. She taught at Istanbul Bilgi University Arts and Cultural Management Programme and edited the Local Cultural Policies Handbook (2011). In her work at Anadolu Kültür (2010-2017), she focused on contemporary arts and cultural dialogue and curated BAK: Revealing the City through Memory project, publications and exhibitions. She is the co-curator of the Memory and Arts in Turkey project (2018-2021) and co-editor of the book Talks on Memory and Arts 2020. She is a PhD candidate at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna with a focus on memory, power and politics of the image in public space. She is the founding member of the Shared Walks initiative that creates social encounters and critical spaces by walking in cities. Her current work investigates possibilities of artistic research on social issues and creative platforms for urban participation.