

EDUCATION

2016/2018 MA Visual Arts, ECAL, Lausanne

2011/2014 BA Visual Arts, Accademia Di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020 Cosmopolitan Haze. Bungalow, Berlin. Curated by Francesco Tenaglia

2019 (+33) 7. 85. 92. 83. 67. La Plage, Paris

Visual Hell, New Location. Fanta MLN, Milan

You're In Business? I'm In Business. Plymouth Rock, Zürich

2016 Today Is Not That Great. Fanta-MLN, Milan

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 ZUFALL??? SCHICKSAL??? ELAC, Renens. Curated by Miriam Laura Leonardi (upcoming)

2020 Fuori. 17° Quadriennale d'arte, Rome. Curated by Sarah Cosulich e Stefano Collicelli Cagol Summer Of Suspance. Kunsthalle Zurich. Curated by Daniel Baumann and Matthew Hanson No Joke. Milieu, Bern

Creative Beginnings. Professional End. Villa Vassilieff, Paris. Curated by Julia Gardener

2019 We Thriller. We Comedy. Two-person show with Francesco Cagnin. Shoefrog, Vienna It Might Include Or Avoid Feelings. Hyphen, Milan. Curated by Attilia Fattori Franchini Protect Me From What I Want -15+1 years Helvetia Art Price. Kunst Halle St. Gallen Kiefer Hablitzel | Gohner Art Prize 2019, Basel

The Replacements. Museum Im Bellpark, Kriens

Capriccio 2000. Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin

Plattform19, Helvetia Kunstpreis. CACY, Yverdon-les-Bains

Who Knows What The Ostrich Sees In The Sand. Fanta-MLN, Milan

2018 Room Of Requirements. Nest (ZHdK), Zürich. Curated by 4th Exsistence

Ending Explained. ELAC, Renens. Curated by Stéphanie Moisdon and Will Benedict A Thin Sliver Of Night. Alienze, Lausanne

Ending Explained. DOC!, Paris. Curated by Stéphanie Moisdon and Will Benedict

2017 Tutto Subito, Possibilmente Due Volte. No Conformism, Prilly

If The Kids. Zabriskie Point, Geneva

2016 Idioletta. Spazio O', Milan. Curated by Idioletta

Where Wild Flowers Grow. Armada, Milan

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2020 Shizuko Yoshikawa Advanced Award for Young Women Artists Swiss Emerging Artist Prize 2020. Societe Generale

2019 Sitterwerk Guest studio artist residency grant. Sitterwerk Foundation, St. Gallen

2018 SOMA Summer. Residency grant awarded by ECAL, Lausanne

RESIDENCIES & WORKSHOPS

2018 SOMA Summer Residency 2018. SOMA, Mexico City

2014 Autocenter summer Academy. Autocenter, Berlin

2012 Accademie Eventuali. Fondazione Furla, Bologna

PUBLICATIONS

2019 Swiss Art Awards 2019. Exhibition catalogue.

Capriccio 2000. Exhibition catalogue. Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin

2018 Soft Truth, Hard Times. Curated by Thea Spittle. SOMA Editions, Mexico City

2016 Panorama. Curated by Zoe De Luca. Diorama Editions, Milan



is an artist living and working in Zürich and Milan. She was born in 1991 in Italy. She attended Visual Art Master at ECAL in Lausanne and previously studied at Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera in Milan.

Lorenza's works imply the reproduction or direct utilization of specific objects and visual elements - from furniture pieces to elements taken from advertisements and communication strategies.

She chooses elements which act as a statement that refer to, and serve as, power structures. This is obtained through reproduction with crafty techniques and methods, using non traditional yet highly specific materials and labors.

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Her objects and paintings have hoarding tendencies, and react to the immediacy of power through this insane way of resistance - the hoarding and craftiness - and a somehow ironic perishable minimal perfection, making of the moment something of permanence.



Installation View of *Cosmopolitan Haze.* BUNGALOW, Berlin. Curated by Francesco Tenaglia All Photography by Andrea Rossetti

With your eyes shut, think of the cities, the apartments, all the rooms you've ever visited. Perspectives start to emerge, like texts on the billboards and shop fronts. Geometries feel clear, but you have to focus to grasp details as they unfold into a somehow familiar composition. Now stop before the city, apartment or room acquires its final appearance, when things are still interchangeable to a certain degree.

Lorenza Longhi uses various techniques, which she masters, explores, or sometimes reverse-engineers, to produce works that flirt with industrial products, or rather with the ideas of "durability" and "efficiency" through which they find their way into our lives. Sometimes common objects, saved from the obsolescence to which some thrift store shelf condemned them, get involved, whether by camouflaging themselves or by retaining their unadulterated shapes yet getting caught in art's alchemical transmutation (in Michael Thompson's phrasing, one of those rare status climbs from "rubbish" to "durable goods").

(We understand, now, that the composition is made of promises: adequacy, gloss, and a frozen moment.)

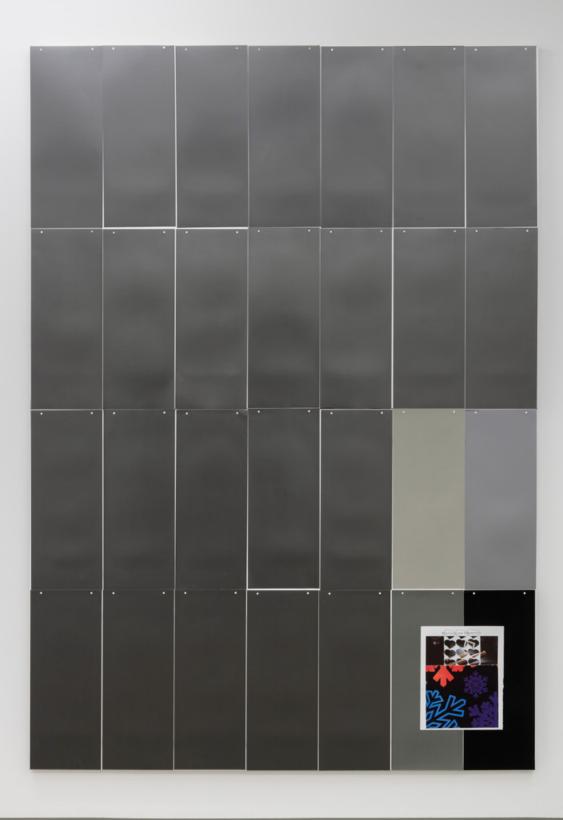
In Longhi's solo shows, the individual works are usually in the service of a meticulously choreographed holistic environment. They are condensed into measures, proportions, consonances, connections that entice us to discover new points of view, or to imagine more correct ones.

It is perhaps no coincidence that after our first site inspection at ChertLüdde, the artist and I went to see Aldo Rossi's *Quartier Schützenstraße*—a formative entity for Longhi, although not a direct influence. It is a set of facades and courtyards that playfully interlock design with different colors and materials, tracing lines between the city, other cities in other countries, and art histories.

"I remember the first time I visited Berlin, in 2014. I was brought to observe this Aldo Rossi building. I didn't know Aldo Rossi. I didn't know the Palazzo Farnese, which the building is partly based on. I didn't like the building that much. Yet its mechanism sat forever in my mind, and in 2020, when I went to see it again, things came full circle. As Louise Lawler said in that interview for Grey Room: Something is what you expect, but then not quite, so where does that leave you?" Lorenza later wrote me.

Untitled, 2020 Carboards, adhesive tape, found advertisement page, wrapping paper, stickers, wood panel 200 x 140 x 2.5 cm

Improved Accuracy V, 2019 Two half standard fluorescent tubes welded together in pairs, argon gas, transformer $121.5 \times 12 \times 5$ cm







Installation View of *FUORI*, 17° Quadriennale Di Roma. Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome Courtesy Fondazione La Quadriennale di Roma Photography by DSL Studio







Installation View of *FUORI*, 17° Quadriennale Di Roma. Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome Courtesy Fondazione La Quadriennale di Roma Photography by DSL Studio

"On the occasion of FUORI, Longhi intervenes in the space of Palazzo delle Esposizioni by arranging a number of different works. The silkscreens on the walls include objects trouves: a few cocktail napkins, which the artist bought in a tailor's shop in the centre of Rome. (...) The sofas of the exhibition venue - designed by De Lucchi in 2003 - are partly covered with fabrics designed by the artist and printed using the single silk-screen printing technique. Longhi thus customises the furniture, revealing its expressive potential through a game of combination possibilities. The temporary ceiling in thick PVC, finally, imitates the skylights of 19th Century exhibition galleries, spreading a cold zenithal light inside the room. The vertical development of the exhibition space is shaded and shielded by the presence of sheets of plastic material that conceal the contours of the architecture above. Opacity becomes the key to interpreting the space and stance with which to oppose the rhetoric of transparency. With interventions on the architecture and furnishing of the exhibition venue, Longhi comments on its magniloquence and the legacy of the power system of which it is the bearer. She does so by disguising, dirtying and partially concealing the symbols of representation to reveal even more clearly its hidden logic."

Text from the exhibition's catalogue FUORI - Quadriennale d'arte 2020

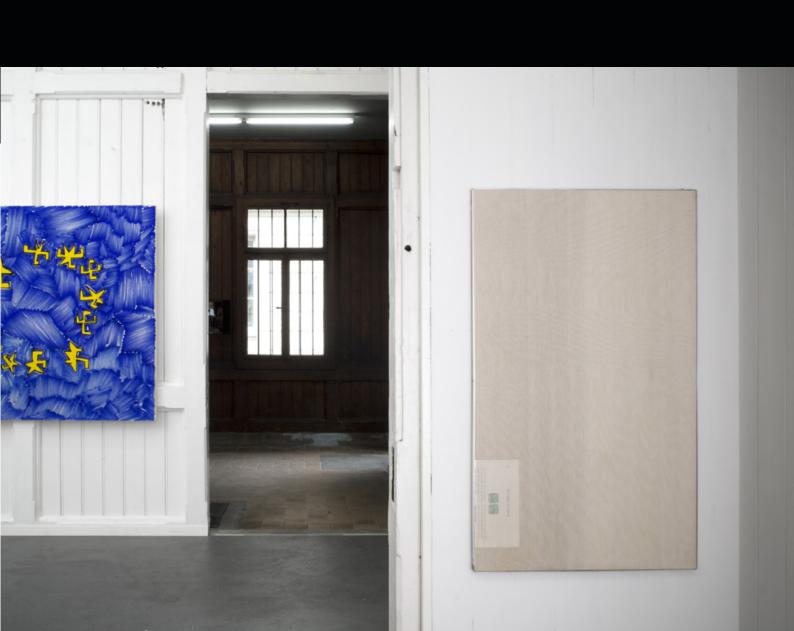




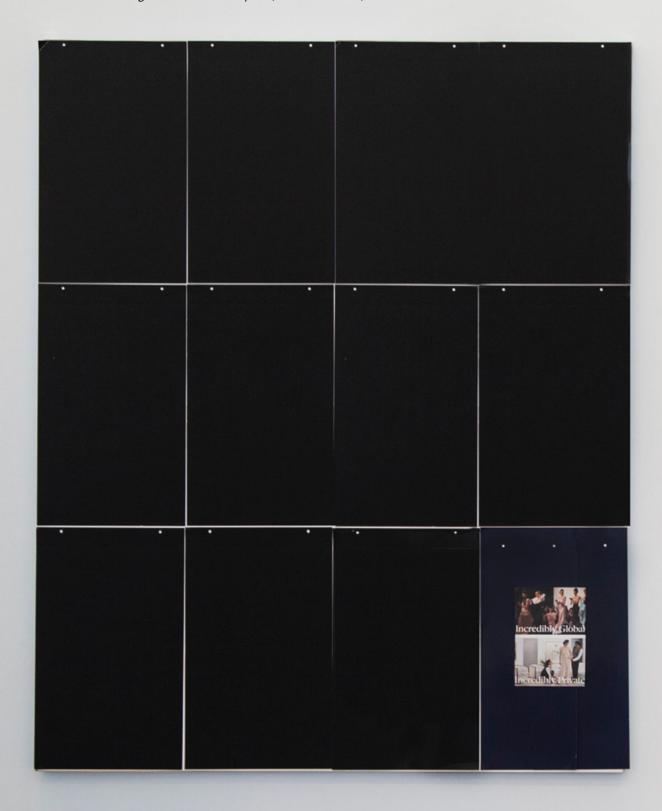


Exhibition views of *Anti Illusions* ,2020 Grand Palais, Bern. Curated by Deborah Müller

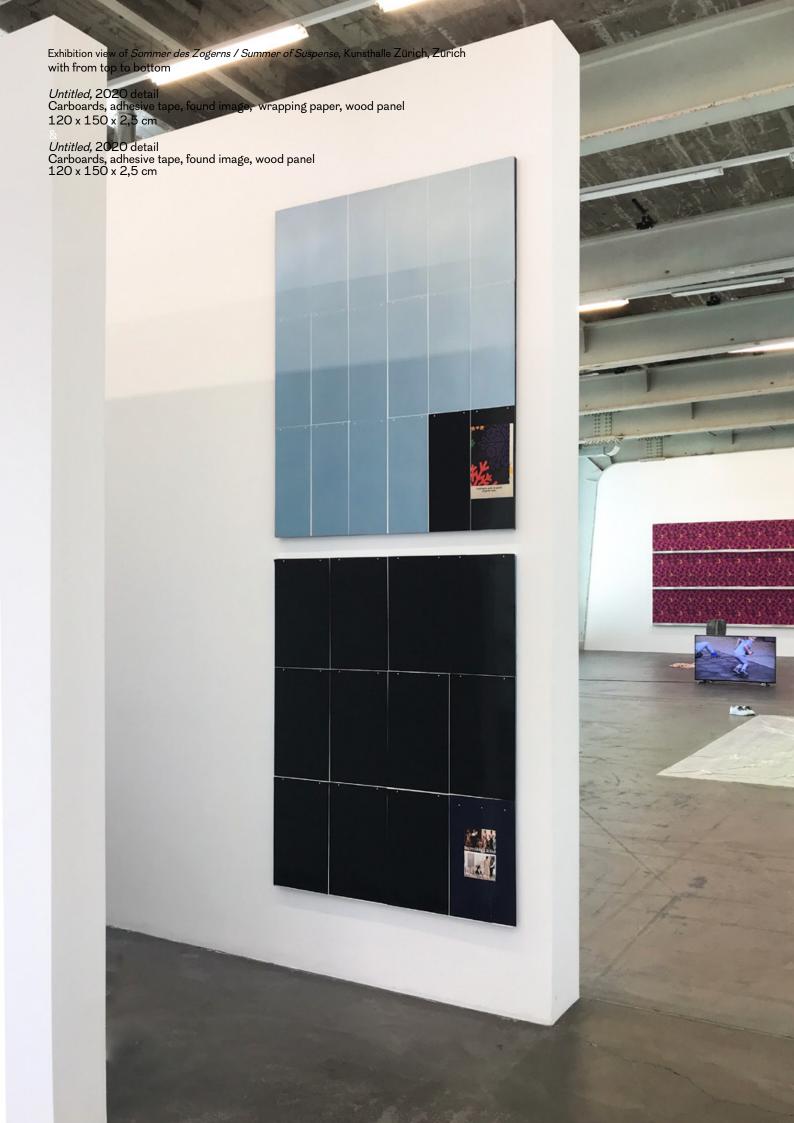
First photo Untitled (Ist falsch), 2020; second photo Untitled 2019 Photography by Nico Müller



Exhibition view of Sommer des Zogerns / Summer of Suspense, Kunsthalle Zürich, Zürich







Untitled (Awkward Hesitation), 2020 Silkscreen on paper and adhesive whiteboard mounted on wood, aluminum, screws 150 x 70 x 3,5 cm

Exhibition view of *Creative Beginnings. Professional End.* Villa Vassilieff, Paris



Untitled (Hesitation), 2020 Silkscreen on paper and adhesive whiteboard mounted on wood, aluminum, screws $100 \times 70 \times 3,5$ cm

By reproducing standardized objects – which are so present that they have almost become invisible – with techniques that are both wobbly and artisanal, Longhi contradicts their neutrality and their normality. In the same way, she adopts the silk-printing technique, used to endlessly create identical copies of an image. Longhi's screen prints result from an improvised and unsteady procedure; her works resemble billboards, with various slogans and dotted references. The words, seemingly nonsensical at first glance, are often taken from publicity materials or old magazines. Here, "à défaut d'être belle" ("if not beautiful"), repeats the title of a newspaper article describing the development of the nearby train station, and more widely, of the neighborhood of Montparnasse in the 1960s.



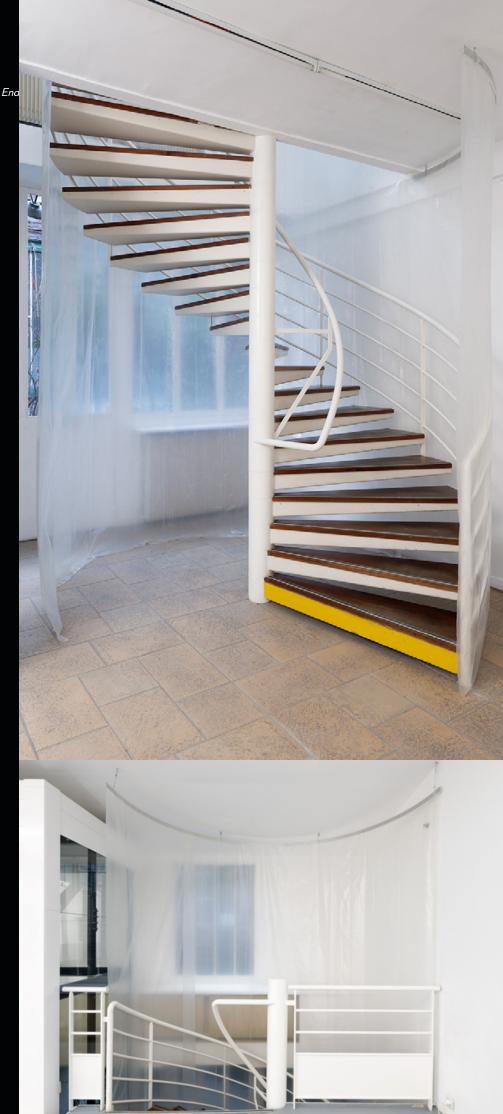


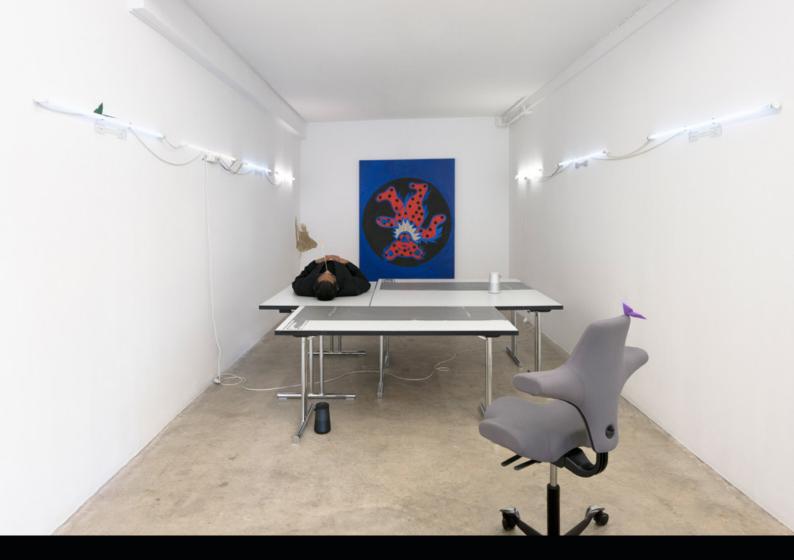


Untitled, 2020 Plastic film, metal bar, inox wire Environmental dimension

Exhibition view of *Creative Beginnings. Professional End* All Photography by Aurelien Mole

The works of Lorenza Longhi effortlessly blend into the environment of the Villa Vassilieff. The artist has chosen to position them in places of transit and passage: above the front desk and the bar, around the staircase, and between the two rooms upstairs. In her work, she articulates a reflection on the arrangement of space either professional or artistic - and on the functional aesthetics of corporations and institutions. The large rectangular panels cut out of plastic film that punctuate the exhibition galleries echo the glass walls of contemporary offices and museums Around the staircase, a plastic tarp obscures the outside view for the ascending or descending visitors: it mimics both the popular modular folding screens of the 1950s and the dizzying verticality of the Tour Montparnasse, which one can see through the windows.





Installation View of Improved Accuracies and Untitled (Tables) all 2020 at No Joke. Milieu, Bern.





Improved Accuracies, 2020 Six half standard fluorescent tubes welded together in pairs, argon gas, transformer each $12 \times 121,5 \times 5$ cm circa

In the series of work Improved Accuracy (started in 2019), industrial fluorescent lights are sectioned in two pieces and then re-welded together.

The welding junction is left unpolished, exposing the labor on its surface and revealing the gas running into the tubes. A standard, modular lighting fixture is hacked and reconfigured, losing its serial efficiency and compromising its productive lifespan in favor of a defiant sculptural uniqueness; an improper minuet of manners with the elements at play being the normalized ones.

For the exhibition *No Joke*, the usual lightning system of the main exhibition space has been removed and replaced by two groups of 4 and 3 re-welded neons, hang on the walls at a height of 185 cm.

For the whole duration of the exhibition one of the two groups of neons kept switching on and off at their own will affecting the whole room.





The Other Me Annoys Me, 2018 5 fictional short stories and 1 introduction Self-published

Read the full stories here https://drive.google.com/open?id=1v1jCy3AFqWNohChitnVTOukytMdBCgCP

This memoir consists of a series of six stories written in first person by 5 different characters - fictitious and not. And an introduction, written following the same logic - or display strategies.

By promoting the flow of consciousness and the first person, the stories tell of well identified and recognizable characters, who think and act as we would never expect them to.

The illustrative materials used in this study are mixed state: some are taken from respectable research in which qualified generalizations about reliably recorded regularities are provided; some are taken from informal memories written by people; many are in the middle.

The justification for this approach is that the materials fit together in a coherent framework that ties together pieces of experience that the reader has already gone torugh. There are all the different types of starting material in these stories of mine, but you can't believe everything they say first-hand, these stories.

The only real thing, is that by promoting the use of the first person, and adopting narrative strategies - and the appropriation and manipulation of these strategies - and confessional tones, my goal is to address the way in which values are constructed and distributed through characters or people who invite us to identify with them or in which we decide to reflect ourselves. In these short stories everything about life and culture happens... there is only one other way in which everything could have gone.

It is up to the reader to discuss, reconsider the structures of how to build reality by reading this investigation into the possible.



Installation View, *Visual Hell, New Location.* 2019 Fanta MLN, Milan.

For the exhibition "Visual Hell, New Location", the artist adopts typical modes and structures of institutional and corporate display, trying to push them to a point where they lose their neutral, polite functionality, revealing upon inspection an awkward, resisting presence.

The main intervention in the space is the work *Untitled*, which consists in a structure made of plastic film, wood, steel cables and tie rods, that lowers the height of the space to 2.10 meters.

The references for this installation are the glass ceilings and walls that often characterize museums and corporations, opening up to the surrounding environment, diffusing light and putting forward specific ideas of transparency. Here glass and metal are replaced with carpentry materials and the reduced height of the space, together with the precariousness of the structure, suddenly reveal a conventionally embedded condition, making palpable, to borrow another corporate metaphor, the pressure of the so-called *glass ceiling* concept, which refers to the invisible barriers that keep given demographics from raising beyond a certain hierarchical level.

Text from PR of the exhibition

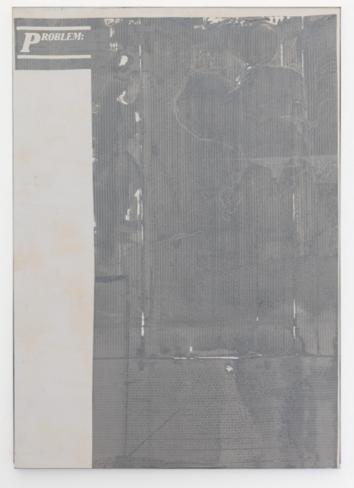


New Location"



The Limited Editions Club II, 2019
Magazine page, adhesive tape, found metal plate, rivet 32 x 15,5 x 3 cm BAEast 65th Street, New York 10021 (212) 737-7600 (800) 223 0768 FAX (212) 586 THE LIMITED EDITIONS CLUB uptsache, Sie haben eine Vorlage. Dann bekommen Sie jeden Ton. tur als Vorbild: broschüren gibt es in diesen Einrich- Name: hre Stimmung. tungshäusern oder bei interlübke Straße:
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Installation View, Visual Hell, New Location. 2019 Fanta MLN, Milan.





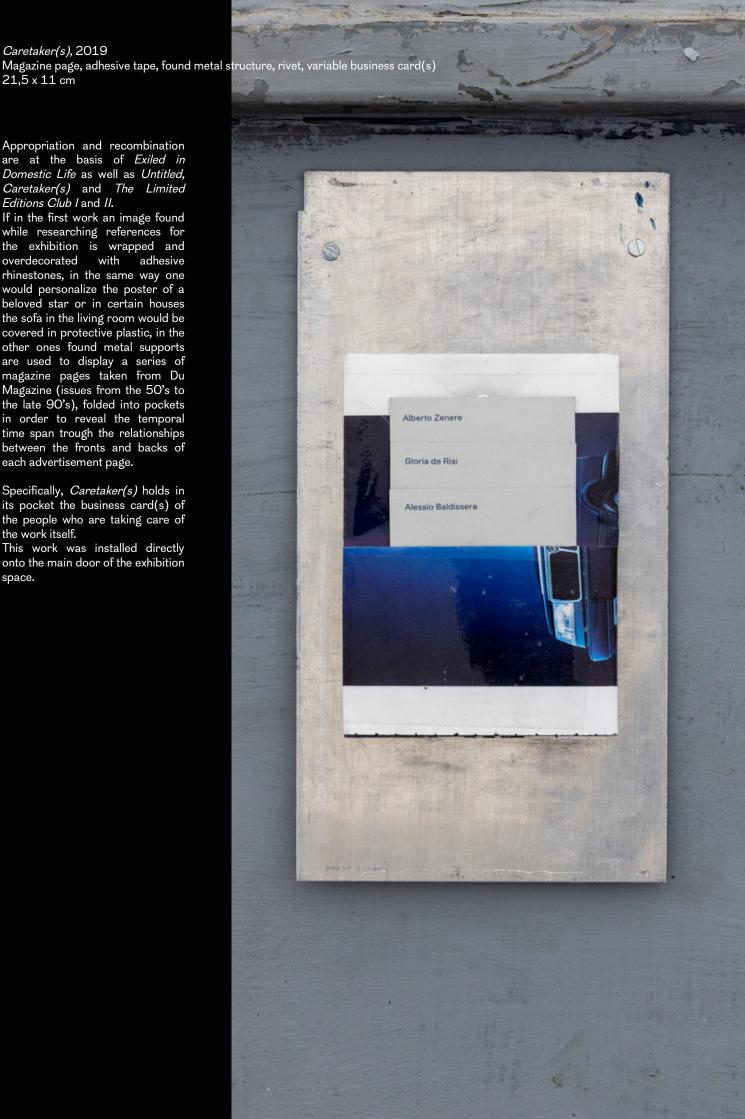
Caretaker(s), 2019 21,5 x 11 cm

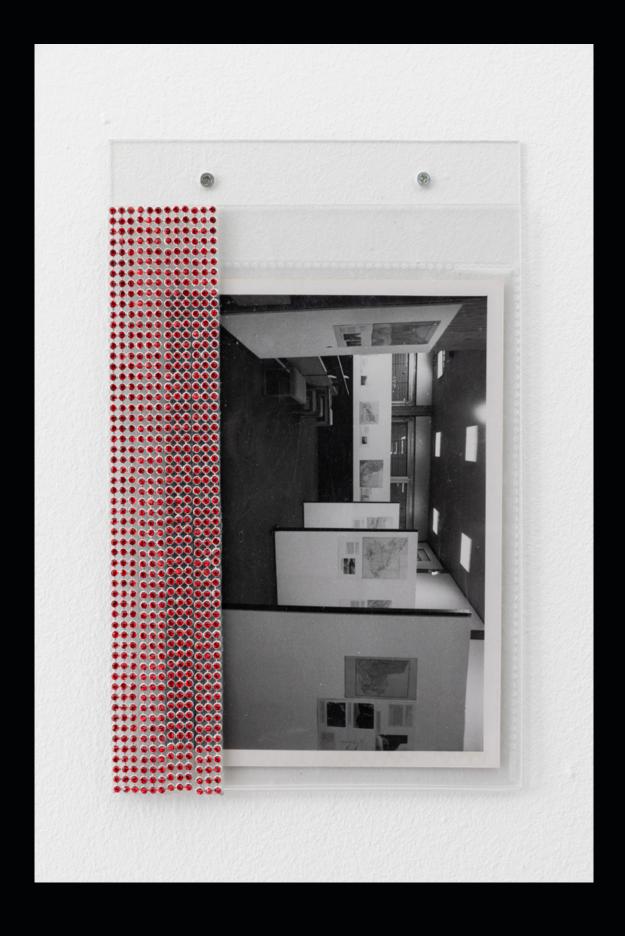
Appropriation and recombination are at the basis of Exiled in Domestic Life as well as Untitled, Caretaker(s) and The Limited Editions Club I and II.

If in the first work an image found while researching references for the exhibition is wrapped and adhesive overdecorated with rhinestones, in the same way one would personalize the poster of a beloved star or in certain houses the sofa in the living room would be covered in protective plastic, in the other ones found metal supports are used to display a series of magazine pages taken from Du Magazine (issues from the 50's to the late 90's), folded into pockets in order to reveal the temporal time span trough the relationships between the fronts and backs of each advertisement page.

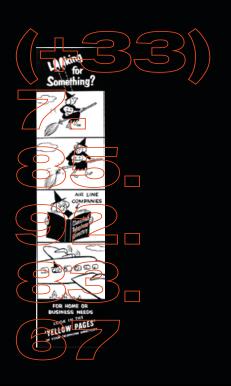
Specifically, Caretaker(s) holds in its pocket the business card(s) of the people who are taking care of the work itself.

This work was installed directly onto the main door of the exhibition space.

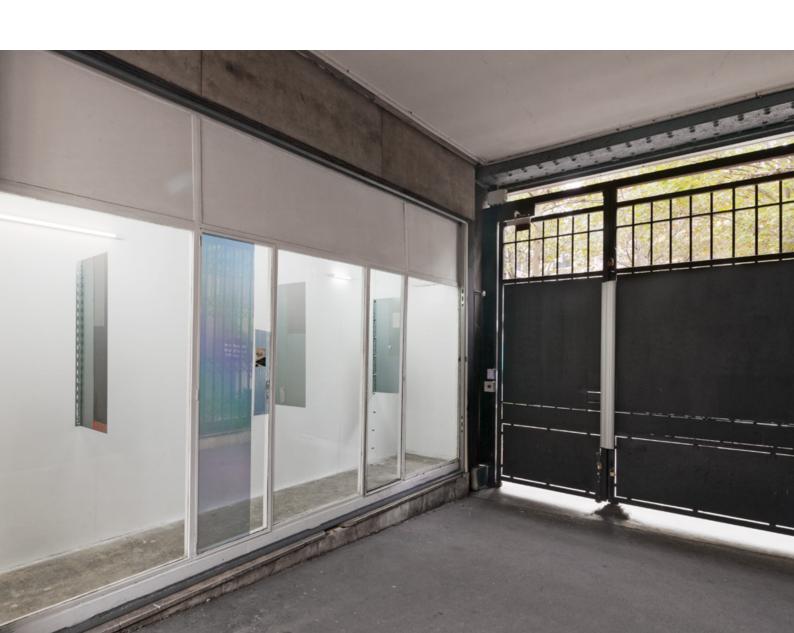




La Plage is a Parisian off space in a tiny window shop located in a passage near Place de la Republique. The exhibition expands to the window of a hat shop next door visible from the main street, where is displayed a silkscreen print mounted on metal portraying the telephone number of La Plage's director which is the title of the exhibition itself. The passage is now permanently closed by a gate and the works are visible just by appointment; the silkscreen act as an entry key. The show display confuses the actual exhibition space, and emphasize how this context was and still does recall an indefinite set up for goods and products, a shop window that seems to belong to the next door shop, as a sort of off-space or secondary part. The artworks mimicry the logic of advertisements and product display but are composed of leftover or cheap materials and obtained trough crafty means of production. A portion of the glass vitrine is oddly covered with a reflective silver film typically used as a privacy barrier for domestic windows, but its use in a public space triggers another inapt minuet of manners.

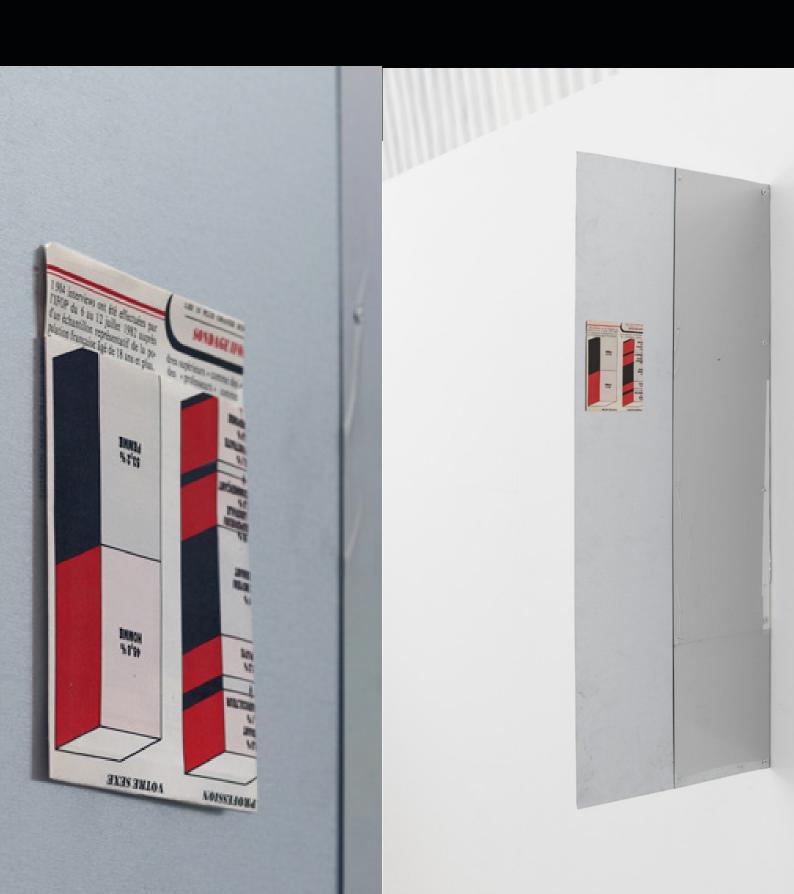






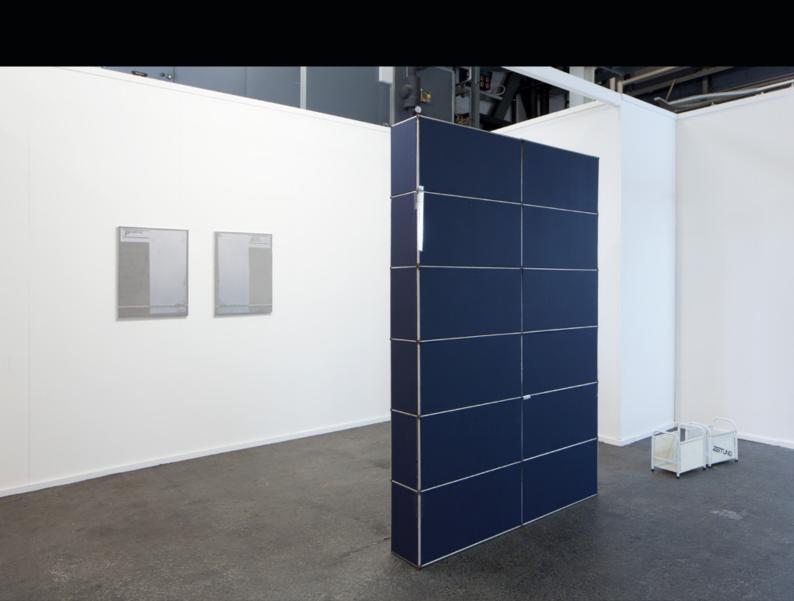






Untited (RAL 5011), 2019 Stainless steel, adhesive tape, honeycomb cardboard, painted $150 \times 210 \times 20$ cm

Installation View, *Kiefer Hablitzel Gohner Art Prize.* Messe, Basel Photography by BAK/OFC Guadalupe Ruiz, 2019











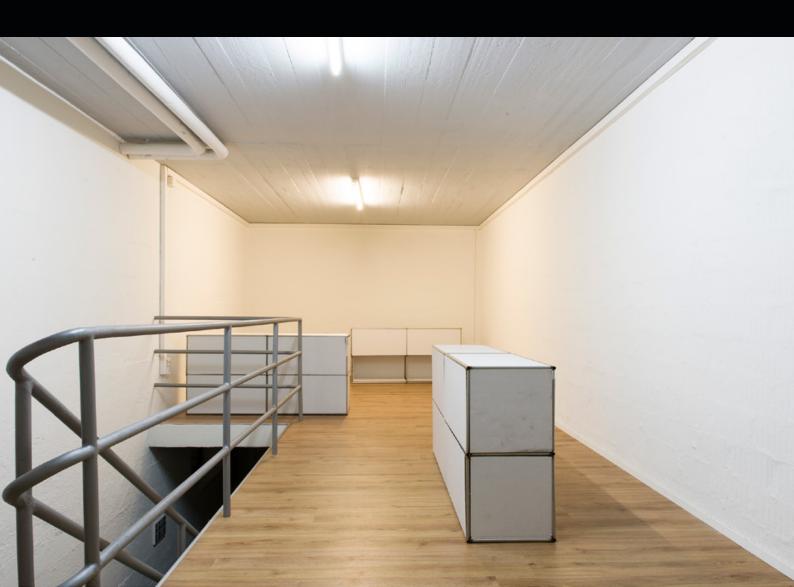
Untitled, 2019 Silk-screen on fabric mounted on wood panel, aluminium, screws $138 \times 100 \times 3$ cm each; diptych

Installation View, *The Replacements*. Museum Im Bellpark, Kriens Photography by Martin Stollenwerk





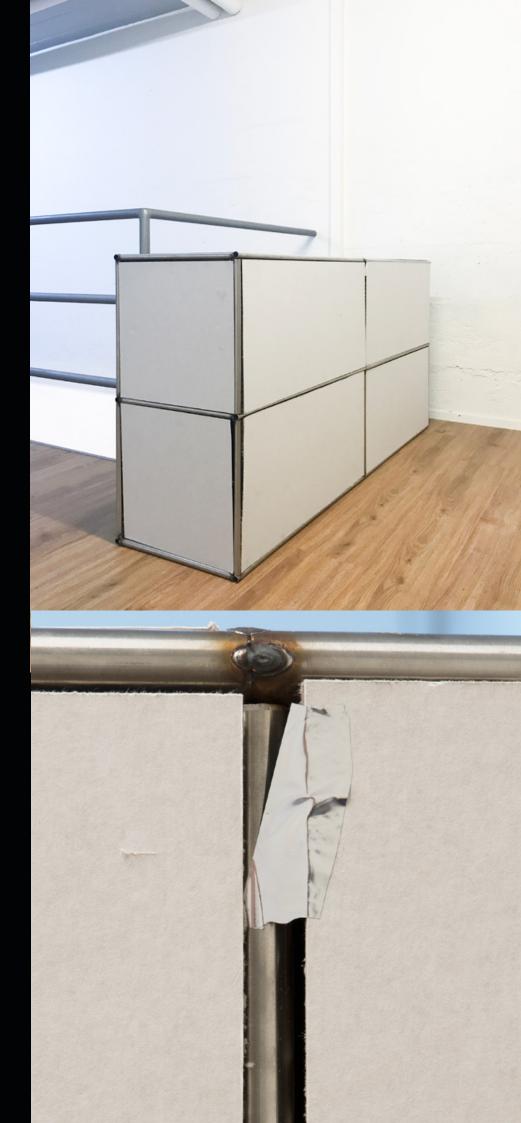




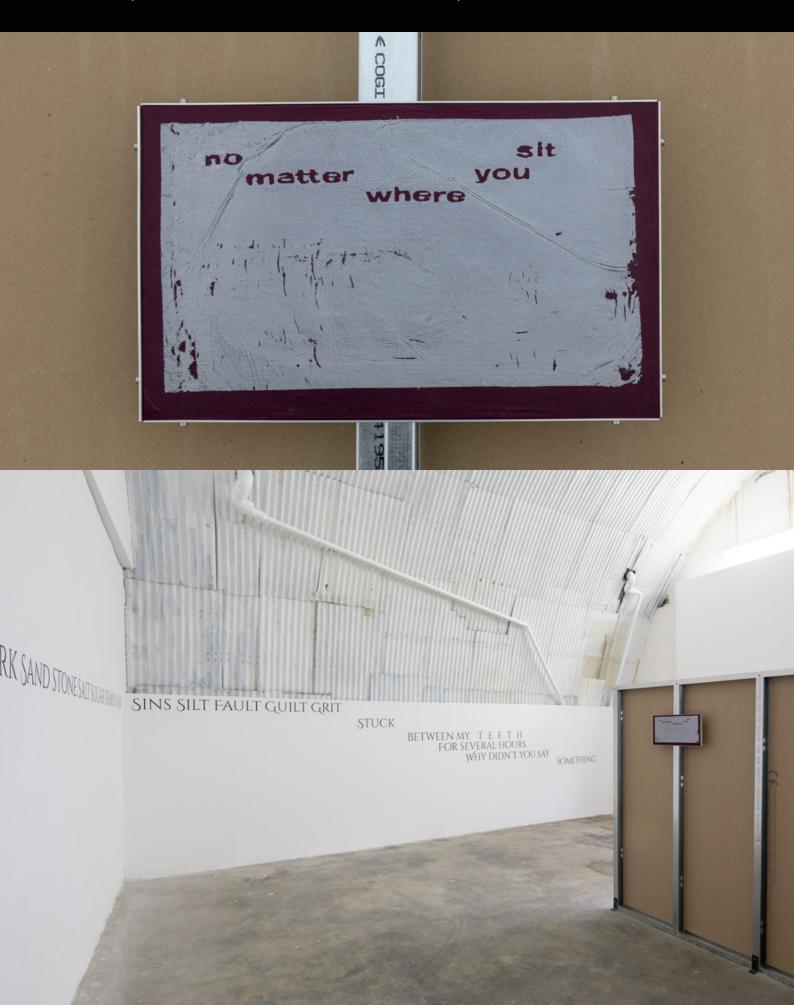


Untitled, 2019 Steel, honeycomb cardboard, adhesive tape 150 x 75 x 35 cm

All Photography by James Bantone



Installation View, Who Knows What The Ostrich Sees In The Sand. Fanta-MLN, Milan





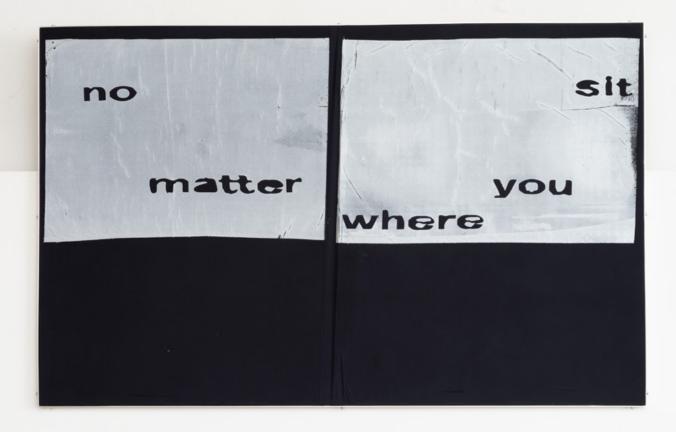
Untitled, 2019 Welded steel, honeycomb cardboard, adhesive tape 22x75x35 cm

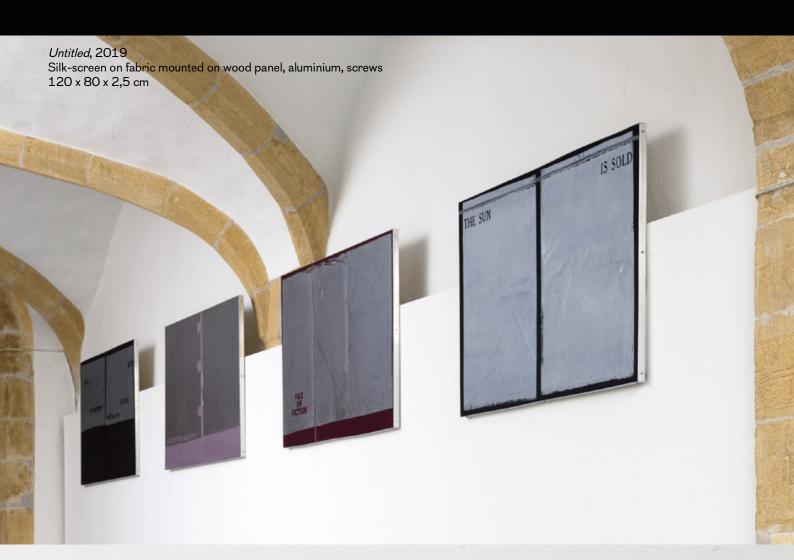
Installation View, *Who Knows What The Ostrich Sees In The Sand*. Fanta-MLN, Milan Photography by Roberto Marossi

Untitled, 2019
Silk-screen on fabric mounted on wood panel, aluminium, screws
120 x 80 x 2,5 cm

Untitled (Panoramic Vision), 2019 Silk-screen on fabric mounted on wood panel, aluminium, screws 120 x 80 x 2,5 cm









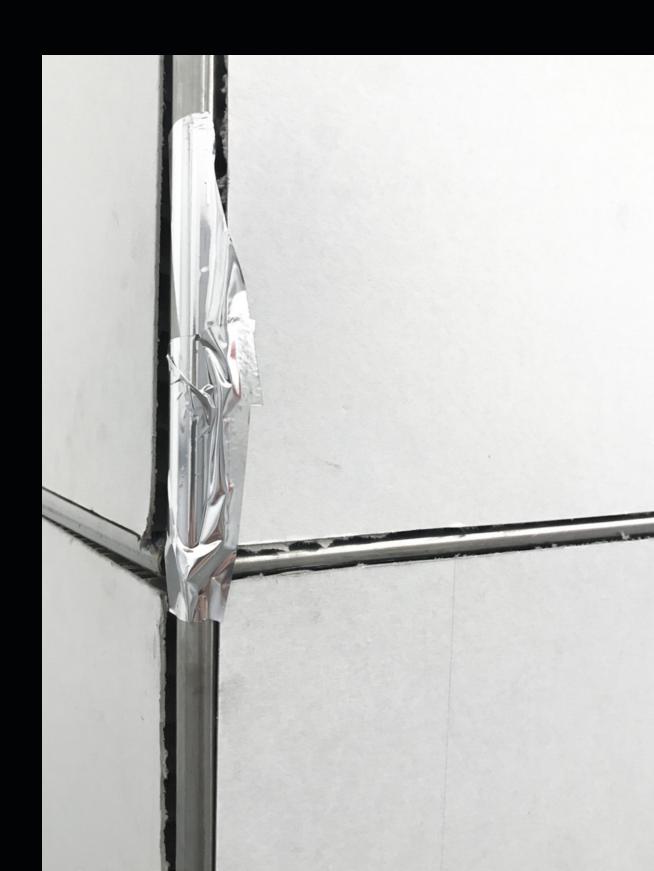


Untitled (Table 2), 2018 Silk-screen and adhesive tape on table Variable dimension

Exhibition View, *Room of Requirements*. NEST, Zürich, CH. Curated by 4th Existence Photography by James Bantone and 4th Existence







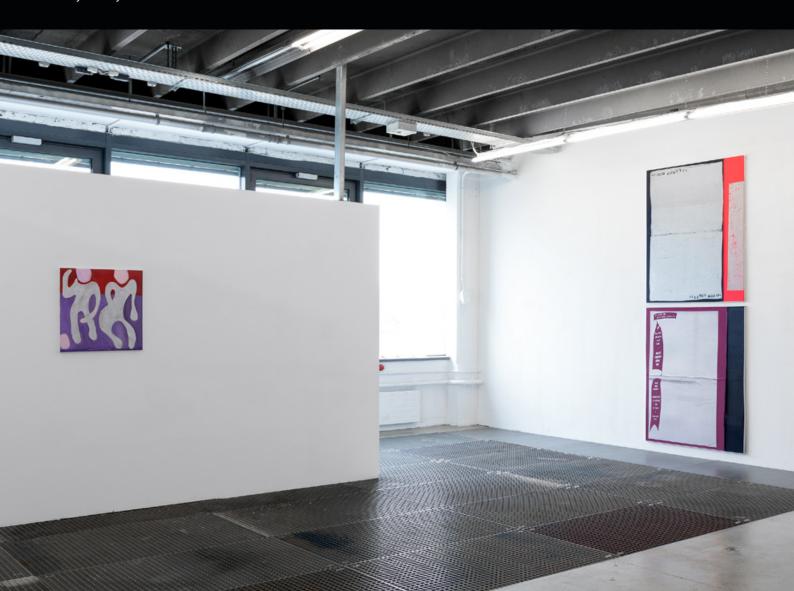
Untitled (Brocki), 2018
Untitled (Food Narrations), 2018
Silk-screen on fabric mounted on wood panel, aluminium, screws
150 x 120 cm each

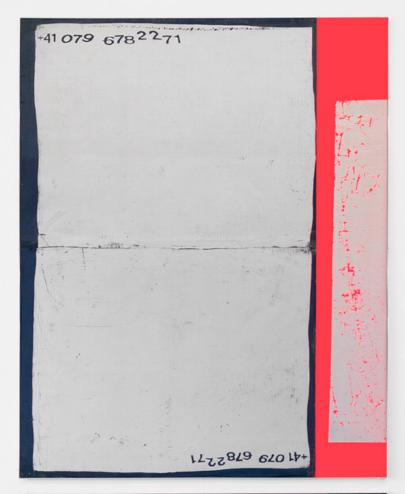
Installation View, Chesky's Manor, On The Matter Of Services. Zürich

Lorenza Longhi's sculptural and painting practice seeks to pervert concepts of mass reproduction, perception, and consumption. Using materials found in dumpsters, deserted garages or on street corners, she adopts laborious craft techniques to produce altered versions of ubiquitous furniture, billboards, and motifs from bygone advertisements. Since 2016, she has produced a series of silver mono-screen printed paintings that muse on the surfaces and protocols of urban space: how we pass through it and the marks we leave behind. Relocating from sprawling Milan to lakeside Lausanne during their production, the nuances of such spaces became particularly pertinent. In the paintings, the colour silver acts as a screen or space of possibility.

Paradoxically, a printing technique traditionally used to create identical, mechanical copies here serves to reveal the artist's hand. The silver ink used by Longhi cannot absorb easily into the nylon fabric surface, resulting in a clogged and irregular exterior. This purposefully clumsy method is highly susceptible to the marks of her labour, acting as a trace of elements in and out of her control. Initially appearing precise and clean, on closer inspection the works reveal themselves to be highly uncontrolled.

Text by Rosa Tyhurst





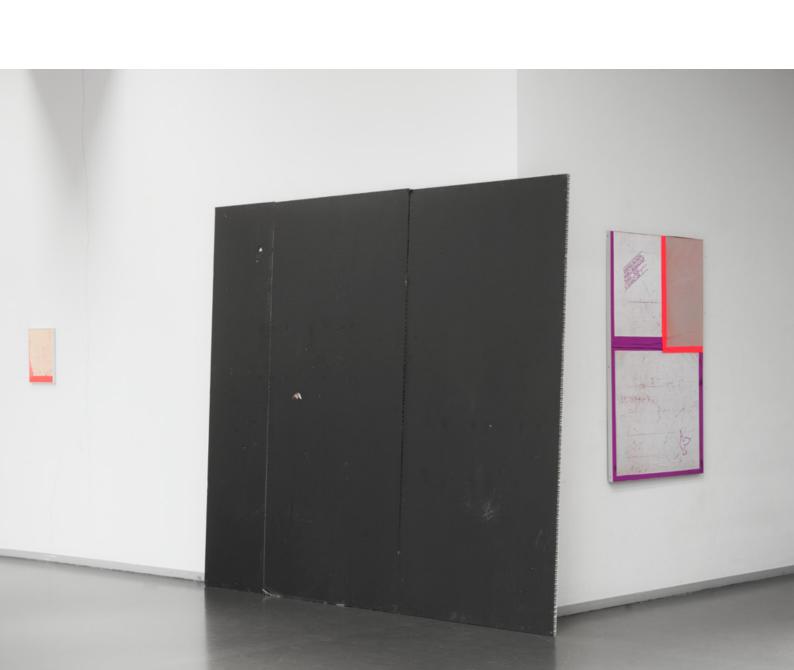


Untitled (Food Narration), 2018 Silk-screen on fabric mounted on wood panel, aluminium, screws $150 \times 120 \times 2,5$ cm



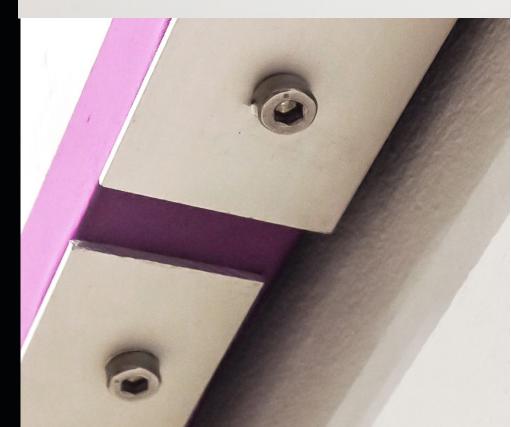
Business Card, 2017 Honeycomb cardboard 300 x 118 x 3 cm 0 Painting And Partition, 2017 Acrylic on honeycomb cardboard 290 x 250 x 3 cm

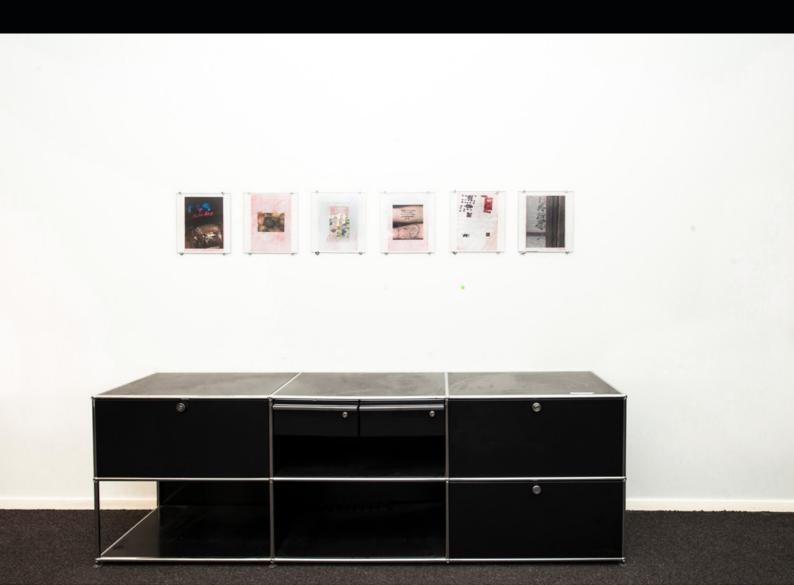
Installation View, ECAL, 2017

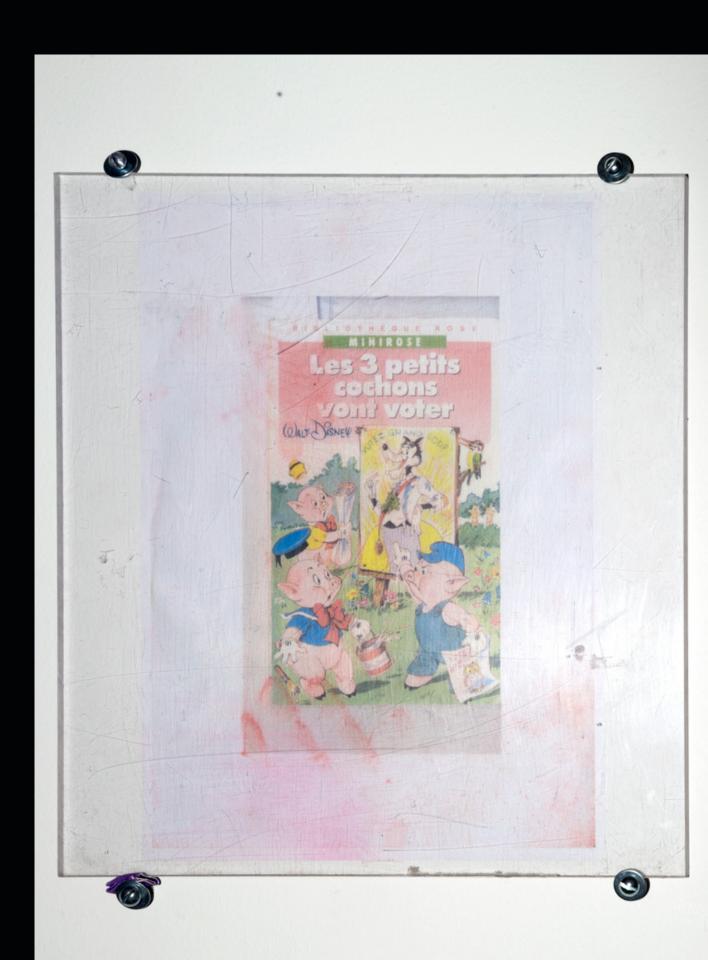


Untitled (Danke etc.), 2107 Silk-screen on fabric mounted on wood panel, aluminium, screws 150 x 100 x 3 cm

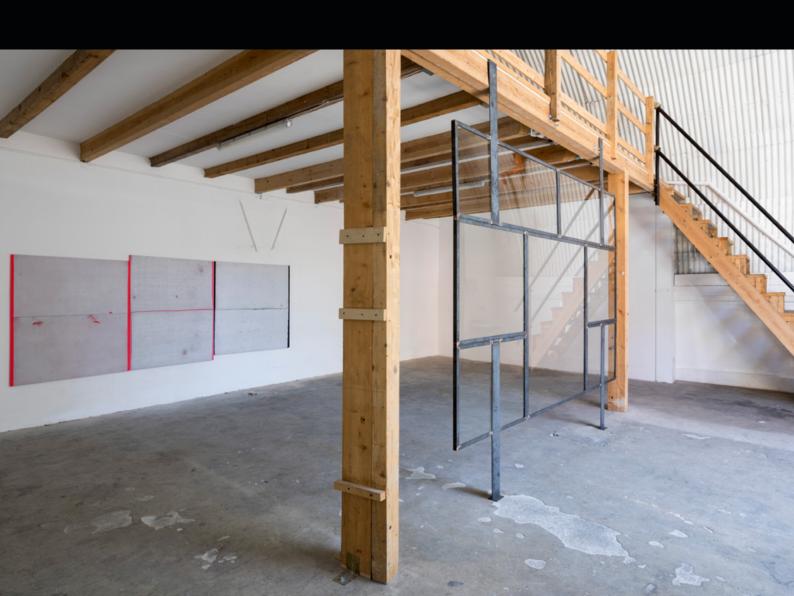












Installation View, Today Is Not That Great. Fanta, Milan.

