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## SPeak, Lokal

March 4 until May 7, 2017

Press Reception: Friday, March 3, 2017, 11am

Opening: Friday, March 3, 2017, 6pm

The exhibition *Speak, Lokal* focuses on how artists worldwide investigate and broach local conditions.

All sorts of artistic practices come into play, from activism to "archivism", from photography to graphic novels, from documentaries to performances and research based communal efforts. Paradoxically, the restricted and highly connoted territory of the Local is perceived as a place of autonomy and liberation. It is a space where precision makes a difference to uncover discrepancies, where clairvoyance turns into relevance and passion into resistance. If *Speak, Lokal* is foremost an optimistic proposition, it does not gloss over the ambiguity of the Local as it neighbors on the territories of nationalism, provincialism, and commercialism – typified in the well-known slogan "Buy Local!". It is only a small step from regionalism to homeland security and building walls, and "Buy Local!" becomes "Us first!". After all, the Local has been gone for a long time; today it is no more than a fiction or rather, a powerful phantasy. In fact, the Local is the expression of the all pervading and more fundamental question of belonging. For decades, this has seemed to be a question of progress, but within a few years, "belonging" has turned into a battlefield dominated by class, race, religion, and nation. As belonging is turning into exclusion ("You are not..."), the artists in the show at Kunsthalle Zürich present their alternative visions and languages, whether they are from Dhaka, New York, Dubai, or Zurich.

With Yuji Agematsu (New York), Sarnath Banerjee (Berlin/Delhi), FPBJPC (New York), Ramin Haerizadeh/Rokni Haerizadeh/Hesam Rahmanian (Dubai/Teheran), Chantal Kaufmann/Marc Hunziker/Rafal Skoczek (Zurich), Samsul Alam Helal (Dhaka), Nana Kipiani (Tbilisi), Maggie Lee (New York), Sally Schonfeldt (Zurich/Adelaide), Rafiqul Shuvo (Dhaka), Ramaya Tegegne (Geneva), Theory Tuesdays / Philip Matesic (Zurich), Piotr Uklański (New York/Warsaw), Shirin Yousefi (Lausanne/Teheran)

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We are happy to provide additional information and digital visual material:

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### Theory & Events

*Speak, Lokal* is an exhibition of many voices, bringing together photography, film, sculpture, installation, scent, sound, and drawing. Our program reflects this variety.

### Talks

Artists, do you want to be paid?

Artist Ramaya Tegegne in conversation with Marina Vishmidt, a London-based writer, editor and critic occupied mainly with questions around art, labour and value

- Sat., 11.03., 4pm (in English)

Speaking about Local

- Thu., 27.04., 8pm

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## **POOL by Marc Hunziker, Chantal Kaufmann and Rafal Skoczek**

Bar, performances, talks and concerts

- Fri., 10.03., from 10pm. Unprofessional Live: Moon, Pullman Rose, DJ R.A.T.
- Thu., 23.03., from 7pm. Talk: Magaly Tornay – Zugriffe auf das Ich. Concert by Taimashoe & No I Don't, Fred Hystère. Design by Poggibonsi. Bar: Herbalista
- Thu., 06.04., from 10pm. Concert: Babylon Music: P.Vlex, Akira, Jaron, Dimeh, and DJ Baby Val
- Fri., 05.05., from 9pm. Destina & Destine and the Eight Eyed Scorpion, LOL Beslutning (Denmark), curated by Matthew Hanson and Ludovica Parenti. Followed by a concert

## **Guided Tours**

With Jan Hofer, Artist

- Thu., 16.03., 6.30–7.30pm

With Seline Fülcher, Art Educator

- Thu., 30.03., 6.30–7.30pm

Mit Daniel Baumann, Director / Curator

- Thu., 20.04. 6.30–7.30pm

## **Lokal, Speak**

Do you have questions about the exhibition? Drop in from 5pm to 8pm and talk to someone.

- Thu., 23.03., 5–8pm
- Thu., 06.04., 5–8pm
- Thu., 13.04., 5–8pm

## **Book Launch**

Ursula Biemann, Doreen Mende, and more

*Thinking Under Turbulence*, Geneva Colloquium / HEAD, Motto Books 2017

- Thu., 16.03., 7.30pm

Pierre Leguillon, Barbara Fédier

*Oracles – Artists' Calling Cards*, Edition Patrick Frey

123 calling cards of artists (painters, sculptors, photographers, architects, graphic designers, illustrators etc.) from the 18th century to the present day.

- Fri., 05.05., 6pm

## **Symposium**

The Art Review: Most Wanted, Most Neglected

- Sat., 06.05., 1–7pm

The one-day symposium focuses on the crisis of the art review. How do we deal with the most wanted and at the same time most neglected form of writing within the art world?

The current situation will be assessed in talks and panel discussions.

Organised by Kunsthalle Zürich in collaboration with Pro Helvetia and Office for Contemporary Art Norway, supported by The Critical Writing Ensemble.

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### Family Afternoons

With Seline Füscher, Art Educator

Entry CHF 20 / family (incl. exhibition tickets), booking: kids@kunsthallezurich.ch

- Sun., 12.03., 3-5pm
- Sun., 02.04., 3-5pm
- Sun., 23.04., 3-5pm

### School Workshops

With Seline Füscher, Art Educator

Entry CHF 50 / group, booking: kids@kunsthallezurich.ch

- 90 min., individual dates

We will be pleased to arrange special guided tours and workshops for you, also in English:  
fuescher@kunsthallezurich.ch

### Opening Hours

Tue/Wed/Fri 11am-6pm, Thu 11am-8pm, Sat/Sun/Public Holidays 10am-5pm,

Mon closed

### Public Holidays:

Good Friday, Easter, International Workers' Day

Please consult the up-to-date information on our website: [www.kunsthallezurich.ch](http://www.kunsthallezurich.ch)

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