



Press information

Stefanie Kuhn +49 (0)30 505 852-45 s.kuhn@fhxb-museum.de www.fhxb-museum.de



FERNGESPRÄCHE

Vernissage

Thurs, 6. April 2017, 7 p.m. FHXB Museum, 3rd Floor

Exhibit

From 7. April Tues–So, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Free Admission

Film still "Reclaim Your Space" Wie-Yi Lauw

Ferngespräche (Distant Conversations) is an exhibition project in which new Berlin residents share their personal perspectives on the city. Over the course of **three workshop series**, the participants collaborated with film and performance artists to create twelve video collages about memory, protest, access, doubt, and the process of arrival. The films are part of the permanent exhibit *Ortsgespräche* at the Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Museum.

The films presented in the exhibit "Ferngespräche" were created in the following workshop series:

In **Euphrat und Spree** (Euphrates and Spree), the participants collected and recorded stories about water and rivers. They set off in canoes on the Spree to explore the city from a new perspective. Interviewing each other and picnicking together, they philosophized about similarities and differences between various bodies of water, from the Helmand to the Ruhr to the Tarcoles and the Kārun.

Refugees are often the object of societal inquiry and discussion. **Reclaim Your Space** aims to reverse that subject-object relationship. In this project the participants lay German society on the examination table, posing questions and expecting answers.

"What should I talk about?" "Anything. Whatever you want." In **Dialog am Ort** (Dialogue on Site), people new to Berlin discuss places and experiences of particular personal significance. The films vary as much as the narrators themselves, but they all touch on relationships between "here" and "there," between navigating memories and building something new.