# thoughts meet space *cairo* (2015)

## by claudia bosse

in collaboration with günther auer 39 voices in 8 spaces, projections, sounds, photographs, scratched murals, fabrics, plastic, foam, wood, felt, puppets, lightbulbs, wires, feathers, colour, found objects, dimensions variable open daily till 5th february 2015 3pm to 7pm

### welcome to thoughts meet space cairo!

**thoughts meets space** *cairo* is part of an ongoing project that claudia bosse started in 2011 across several cities and contexts to examine certain political ideas and concepts in the here and now. through talking to people, making interviews and collecting reflections and testimonials from different individuals in those different cities and contexts about their political reality, bosse created a mobile archive of sound and imagery that she experimented with in creating various formats of presentation. in each city where bosse presented one 'version' of the archive, she used the existing conditions of that city to create each particular format, depending on circumstances and available materials and objects. in doing so bosse is trying to raise questions about what it means to work with an archive in changing conditions and yet maintain a clear method and practice.

for the cairo presentation, claudia would like to invite participants to come into the installation that was created by the conditions of being in cairo, with the materials, and objects that she managed to get and interact with the archive and the materials according to how each participant thinks, feels and understands. the material in the space consists of objects that displays the archive (speakers, projections, wires,...etc), constructed objects (fragile sculptures and compositions) and tools that can be used to interact with the space.

the installation is conceived as a space where participants can come together and collaborate with materials, the objects and the archive in creating different scenarios and possibilities of engagement and participation. each scenario or possibility would be unique in its own way depending on the participants personal history and presence and how s/he relates to the space and its content.

by exploring multiple possibilities of experiments and collaboration with individuals from cairo (or whose lives are affected by being in cairo), bosse invites the audience/participants to discover the many ways things, objects, materials, memories, ideas, sounds, presences encounter each other and how that influences and shapes an artistic experiment or practice.

enjoy!

### **REFLECTION ZONE**

### 1st till 5th february, 7pm

as a performative and discoursive salon REFLECTION ZONE activates the installation space with acts, reflections, lectures and performances. All the guests are invited to deal with the frame and the subjects of the installation: the construction of history, the grammar of an archive, recent changes of the urban landscape of and social performance in the city, and the (artistic) methods in the appropriation or re-appropriation of the reality in times of paradigm shifts and transformation.

1st february shady elnoshokaty, abdallah daif

2nd february ezz darwiesh, adham hafez

3rd february samaher alkadi, paul geday

4th feburary huda lutfi, ismail fayed

5th february kaya behkalam, doa aly

and others...

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