

2017 Objects in mirror are
closer than they appear 2 videos
1 book

After a longer stay in Armenia and travels through the Caucasus Mountains and Iran, over the past two years Sebastian Stadler has put together the exhibition and series of the same name, 'Objects in mirror are closer than they appear', which was first displayed in 2017 at Kunstzeughaus Rapperswil. The exhibition comprised the artist's book 'Burnt Manuscript', a newspaper and two video works.

He is fascinated by the Caucasus Mountains and not only due to their enormous cultural wealth. In society, contradictions and gaps open up that can be quickly closed again in a variety of ways. The region is influenced by political players and the major neighbouring powers, and is in a constant state of flux. Armenia, one of the south Caucasian countries, is aptly described by Stephan Wackwitz as 'the forgotten centre of the world'. It is located at the last spiritual border post of Europe.

The video work '100 cars' depicts Mercedes G-class cars from different perspectives in a film sequence made up of individual images. The off-road vehicles display the new wealth of a young upper class, which, in addition to an expensive lifestyle, is also characterised by investment in luxury urban living space and western shopping centres.

The view of Mount Ararat is the leitmotiv of the second video work 'Apartment Ararat'. The verticality of the urban landscape draws attention to the holy mountain, which is before us as 'an unachievable ideal and for all intents and purposes a transcendent national landmark' beyond the closed border to Turkey.

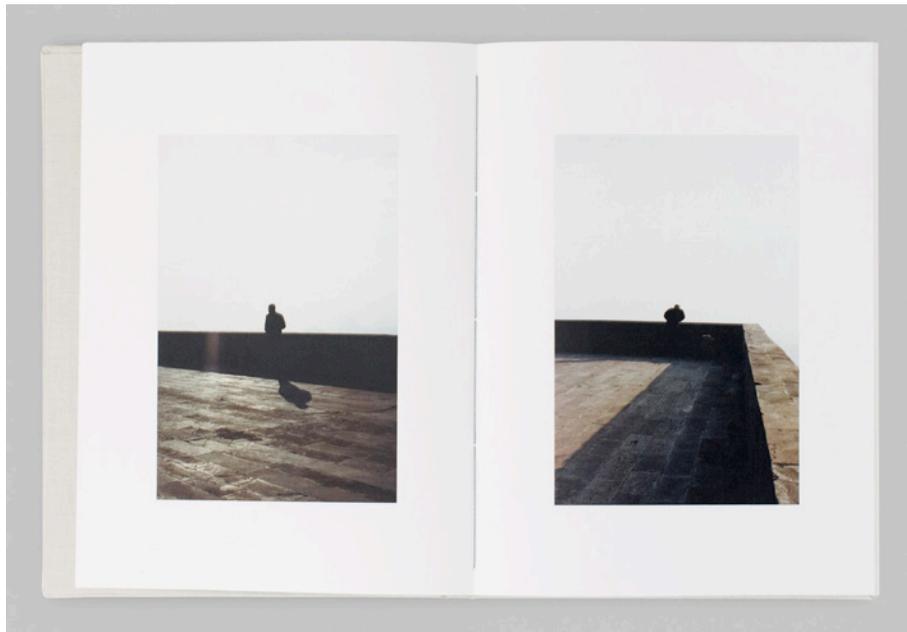
The newspaper 'Solar City' was conceived in parallel to the exhibition, and deals with issues such as urban development from the time of Tamarian through to the present day. Authors in the fields of architecture and urban development made contributions in the form of articles.

The exhibition will be shown in an expanded form in Yerevan this spring and in Switzerland this summer.

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Book: Burnt Manuscript

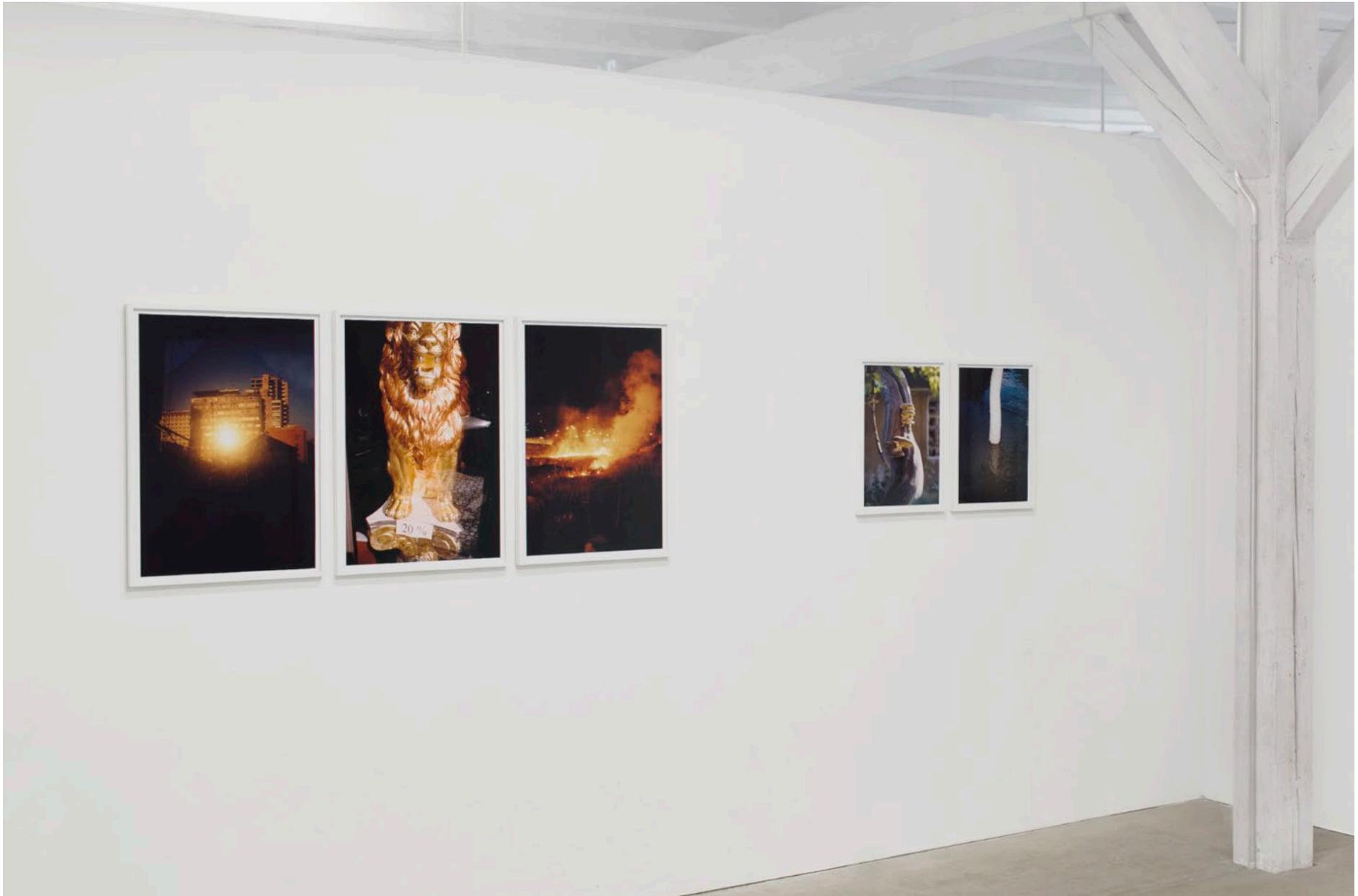


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C-Prints

Installation View: Kunstzeughaus Rapperswil



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Video: Apartment Ararat



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Video: 100 cars



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