



Exhibition Press Release – For Immediate Release

Unknown Fields – The Dark Side of the City

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Architectural Association School of Architecture, 36 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3ES, UK

Admission Free

Opening Times: Monday to Friday 10am - 7pm, Saturday 10am - 5pm

Private View: Friday 30 September 2016, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Unknown Fields is a nomadic design studio that ventures out on expeditions through the shadows cast by the contemporary city to trace the alternative worlds, alien landscapes, industrial ecologies and precarious wildernesses that its technology and culture set in motion. These distributed landscapes, the iconic and the ignored, the excavated, irradiated and the pristine, are embedded in global systems that connect them in surprising and complicated ways to our everyday lives. Systems that form a network of vast but elusive tendrils, twisting threadlike over everything around us, crisscrossing the planet, connecting the mundane to the extraordinary.

In *The Dark Side of the City* Unknown Fields takes us on a road trip through a reimagined city that stretches across the ends of the earth. It is a portrait of a place that sits between documentary and fiction, a city of fragments; of drone footage and hidden camera investigations, of interviews and speculative narratives, of toxic objects, reimagined landscapes and distributed matter from distant sites. *The Dark Side of the City* is a collection of stories from the constellation of elsewheres that are conjured into being by the city's wants and needs, fears and dreams.

Press Images

A set of press images is available to download from:

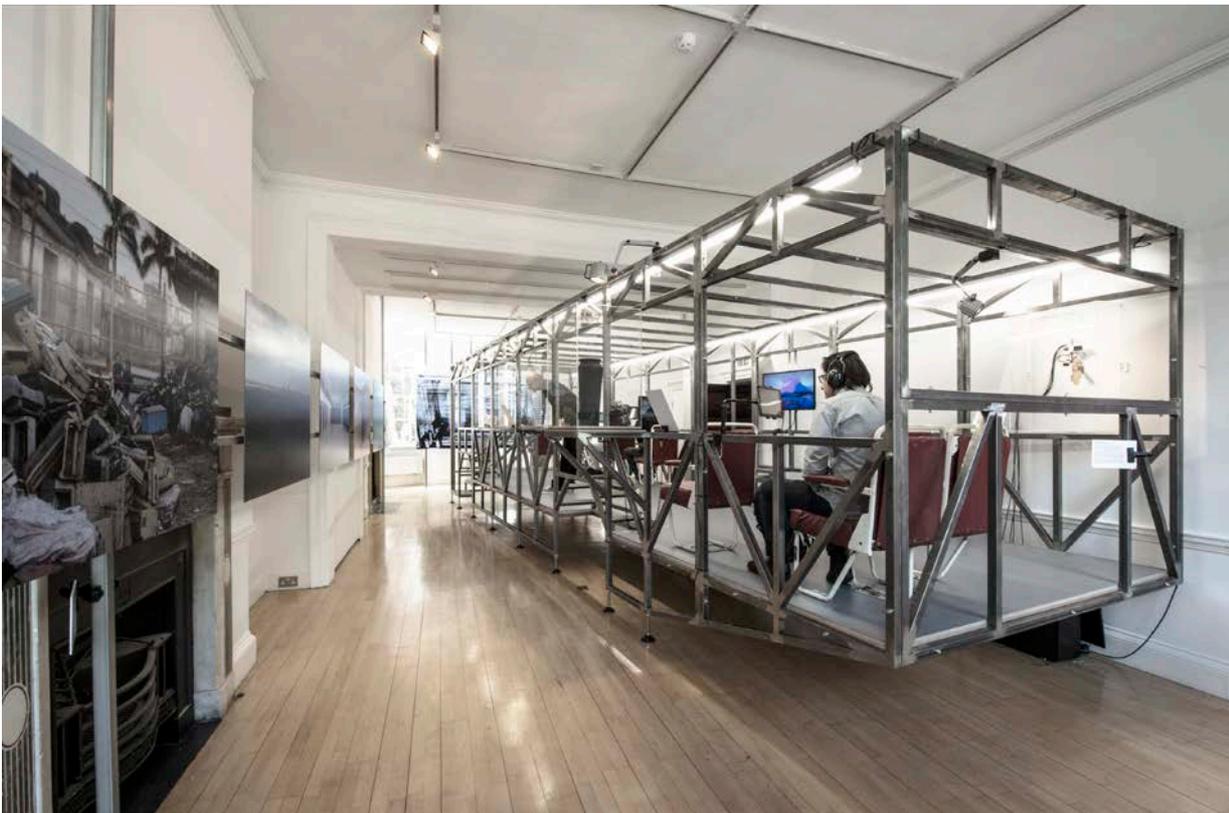
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