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Rare Earths · Tierras Raras

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GlogauAIR in Berlin is thrilled to announce the exhibition *Rare Earths*, commissioned by the Spanish Embassy in Berlin and organized by GlogauAIR's curatorial team. The exhibition will run from July 7 to September 2, 2023. With a public opening on July 6 at 6:00 PM, this unique exhibition provides a platform for four contemporary artists to explore the cultural, political, and ecological significance of rare earth elements within the European context. Through a diverse range of media including sculpture, installation, video, and performance, these artists shed light on the complex relationship between humans, technology, and nature, challenging our assumptions about unstoppable progress and our relationship with sustainability while emphasizing the role of art in addressing contemporary issues.

The exhibition showcases works by Rosell Meseguer (Spain), Arturo Comas (Spain), Andreas Greiner (Germany), and Fadi Al-Hamwi (Syria). **Rosell Meseguer's** interdisciplinary approach combines scientific research, artistic expression, and social engagement to create a powerful experience for visitors. Her works confront the viewer with the political and economic dimensions of resource extraction and the social and ecological impacts of our relationship with raw materials.

Arturo Comas creates site-specific installations that prompt us to question our relationship to objects and resources. By recontextualizing objects, he challenges our perception of their value, inviting us to reconsider our connection to them and the world around us.

Andreas Greiner examines the anthropogenic influence on the evolution and form of nature in his works. His photograph "Mars on Earth" from the series "Jungle Memory" visualizes the often abstract relationship between our resource consumption and the resulting environmental impacts.

Fadi Al-Hamwi's artwork "Human Mistake" explores the consequences of human errors and the possibilities of repairing what is broken. By using rough and untreated materials such as glass and metal, Al-Hamwi invites us to reflect on the effects of action and inaction, as well as the complex interplay of construction and destruction.

Rare Earths at GlogauAIR offers a unique opportunity to explore the connection between art, Europe, and the significance of rare earth elements. By bringing together artists from different countries, common themes and experiences are explored, providing new insights and perspectives on contemporary art and a deeper understanding of the complex challenges we face in our modern society.

Visitors are invited to experience the exhibition at GlogauAIR that unites artists from Spain, Germany, and Syria in an exchange that celebrates the diversity and openness that define Europe today during our opening hours Wednesday to Saturday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM or by appointment to view these works by four Europe-based artists exhibited together for the first time.

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About GlogauAIR:

GlogauAIR is an international artist residency and platform for contemporary art in Berlin. With its diverse program, GlogauAIR provides artists from around the world with the opportunity to work in an inspiring environment and develop their artistic practice. Through organizing exhibitions, events, and workshops, GlogauAIR fosters intercultural dialogue and exchange between artists and the public. For more information, please visit www.glogauair.net.