Portfolio

Born in 1959 in Lerik (Republic of Azerbaijan). Lives in Paris.



Babi Badalov (born 1959 in Azerbaijan) works with visual poetry, which he defines as "Migrant Poetry" or "Actuality Poetry". Since 2008 he has been living in Paris as a refugee. His freedom is restricted by his political status and his life is daily dominated by confrontation with huge cultural differences. Language represents for Babi Badalov one of the biggest cultural obstacles to the process of integration, a barrier he must deal with on a daily basis.

In his visual poetry the viewer is confronted with language barriers, which can lead to both linguistic confusions and conflicts of cultural identity. In his writings he experiments with words and texts, mixes languages and mentalities of western and eastern cultures. He combines Cyrillic, Latin, Persian, and Russian letters with different languages creating unexpected connections and free associations of ideas, as well as plays on words composed of ironic political commentaries.

Babi Badalov

Exhibition view of *Soul Mobilisation*, 2019 La Verrière Hermès, Bruxelles (BE), Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

" Babi Badalov's generous, fertile oeuvre is a concrete exploration – through drawings, collages, publications, wall painting, textiles and objects – of the connection between words and pictures. It delves into the ways in which the non-mastery of a language can reinvent our relationship not only to knowledge, but also to others and the wider world, through a practice of alienation, alterity and poetry. Drawing on art brut, classicism, baroque and punk, his works offer a virtuosic play on form and colour, exploiting the arabesque in a handwritten script of words and slogans on supports of every kind. This obsessive calligraphy —the defining characteristic of his art— experiments with a kind of visual language, through wordplay, repetition and homophones combined with images and materials.

Closely related to graffiti, his work bears the stamp of decorative art and ornamentation, and enacts the close kinship between script and drawing, obliterated by the West but which persists in the Muslim tradition, from which Badalov is partly descended. Using fragile or recycled materials, in an aesthetic of urgent immediacy of expression, his work draws on a distinctive, stylised artisan tradition, imbued with immense dignity and undeniably seductive appeal, despite its inherent poverty of means. Through this direct channel of communication, the artist addresses the social and geopolitical issues reflected in his own life and experiences.

Cultural integration, globalisation, migration, gender, activism, post-colonialism: these are the themes and motifs that populate his graphic poetry. In a practice identifiable as 'contemporised agitprop', Badalov launches a broad gamut of attacks on the dominant ideologies of today's world."

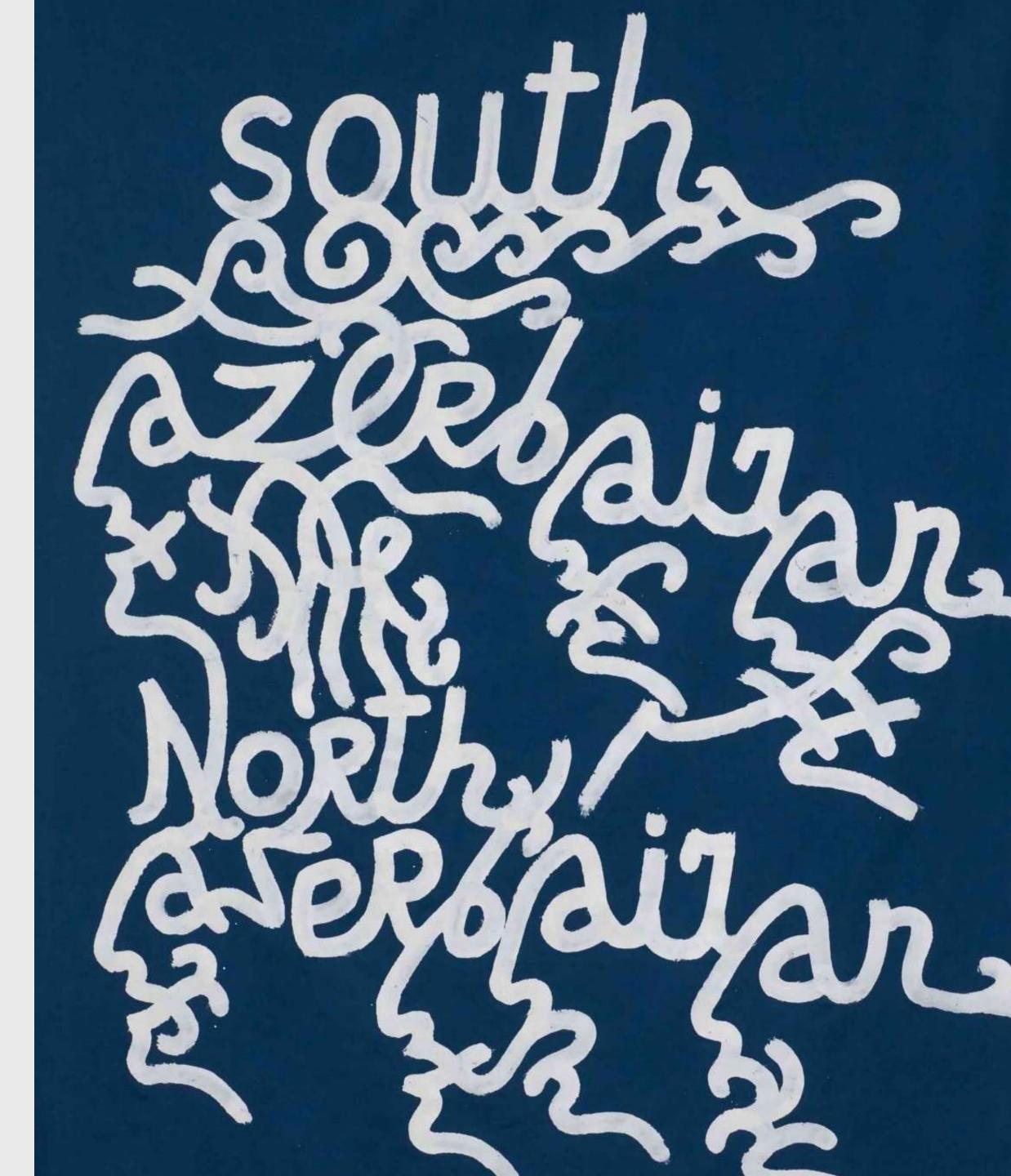
Guillaume Désanges 2019 Babi Badalov was recently in the spotlight for participating at the <u>first ever Metaverse</u> <u>protest</u>, by providing NFT t-shirts and protest signs to the participants.

Several of Babi Badalov's works are part of international major collections, such as:

- the **Museo Reina Sofia** (Spain)
- the **City of Paris Museum of Modern Art** (France)
- the Stedelijk Museum of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- the **Centre National des Arts Plastiques**, Paris (FR)
- the **Middlesborough Institute of Modern Art**, Middlesbrough (UK)
- Musée National de l'Histoire de l'Immigration Palais de la Porte Dorée, Paris (FR)
- FRAC Ile-de-France and FRAC Midi-Pyrénées (France)
- **Les Abattoirs**, Toulouse (France)
- the **Russian Museum in St. Petersburg** (Russia)
- the **MuHKA Museum Contemporary Art Antwerp** (Belgium)
- the **Azerbaijan State Museum of Art in Baku** (Azerbaijan),
- the **Kunstmuseum of Emden** (Germany)
- the **Martigny Art Museum** (Switzerland)
- the **Oetcker Collection in Bielefeld** (Germany)
- the **Arina Kowner Collection in Zurich** (Switzerland)
- the **Zimmerli Art Museum** (New Jersey, USA).

Babi Badalov

South Azerbaijan, detail, 2021
Painting on canvas
204 x 111 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



"I AM INTERESTED IN THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES THAT LANGUAGE IMPOSES ON PEOPLE."

Babi Badalov

Exhibitions

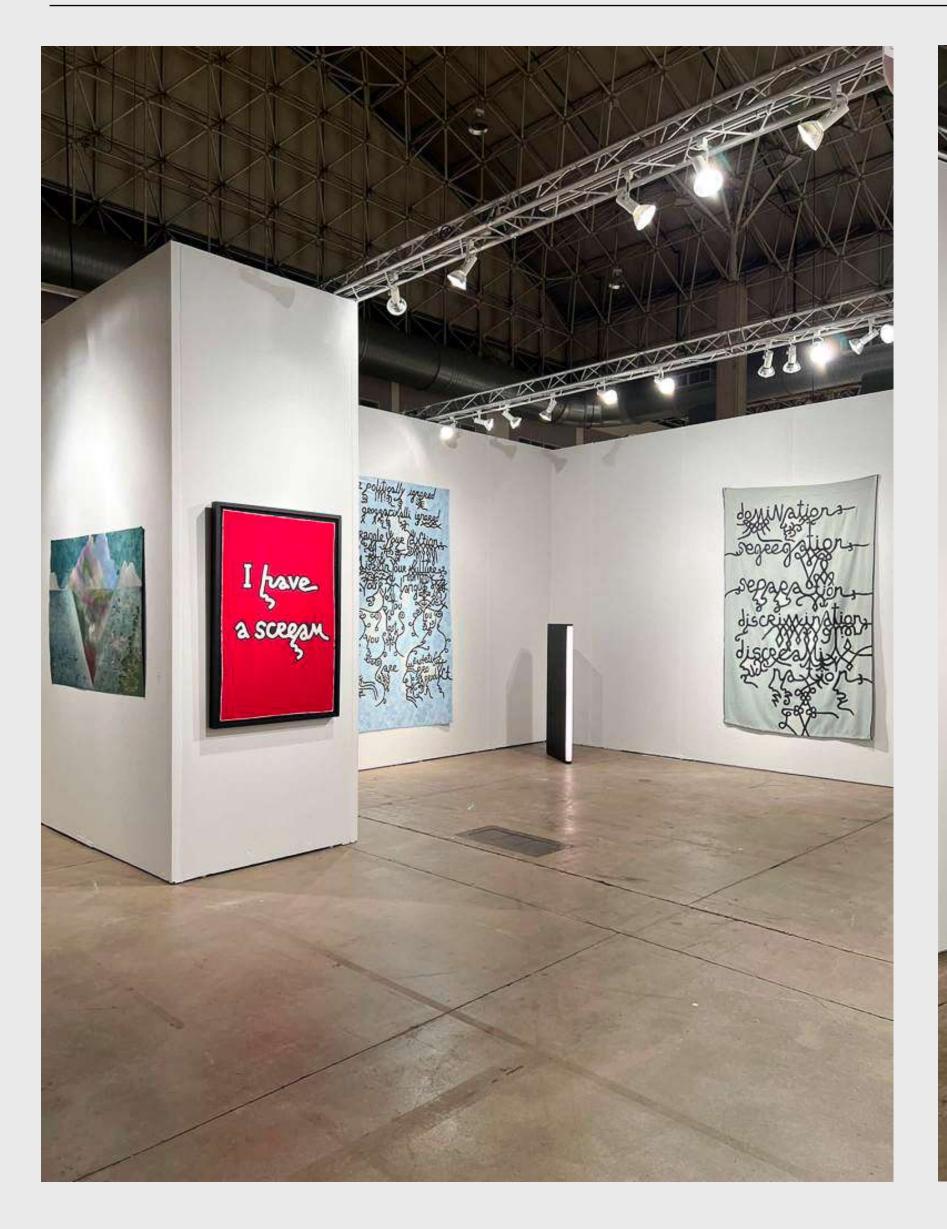
Selection

2015 - 2023

GALERIE POGGI

EXPO CHICAGO (USA), 2023

Galerie Poggi, Booth view (group show)







Aspan Gallery, Almaty (KAZ), 2023

To See, To Read, To Tell, Exhibition view (solo show)





Yapi Kredi Culture Center, Istanbul (TUR), 2022

Life, Death, Love and Justice, Exhibition view (group show)





Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art, Paris (FR), 2022

Lost in Languages, Exhibition view (solo show)





Hôtel Puyricard d'Agar, Cavaillon (FR), 2022

Ecce Homo, Exhibition view (group show)



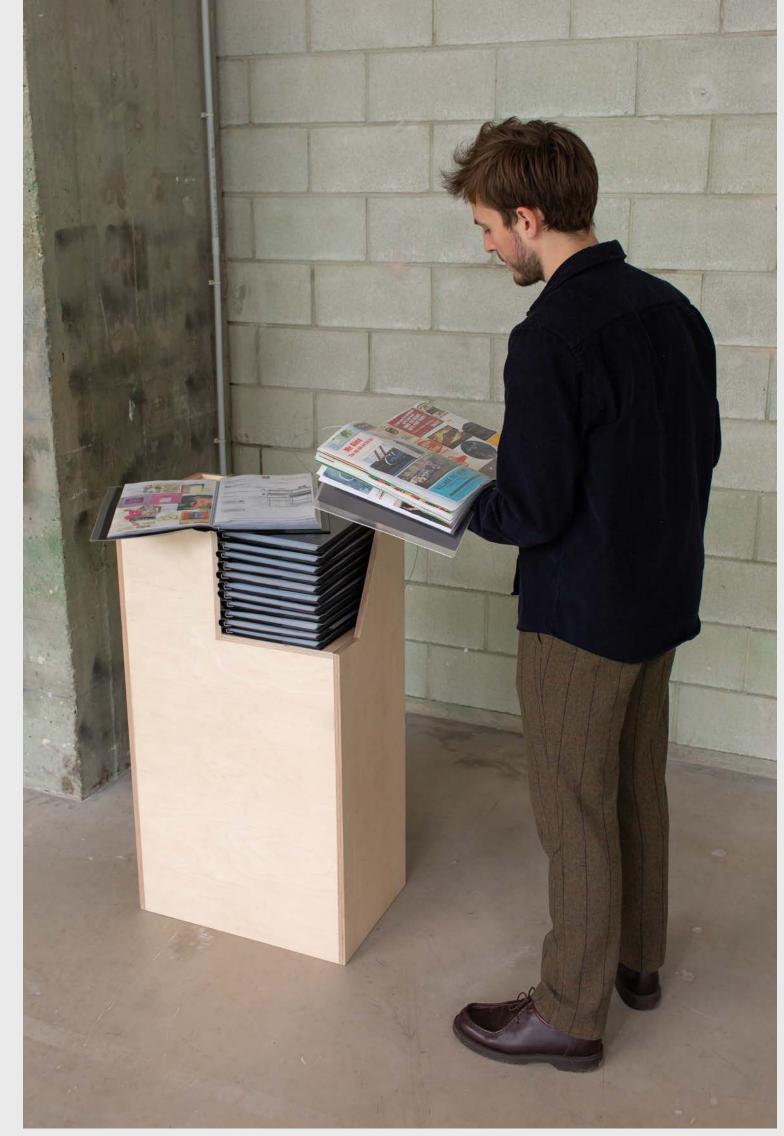




Bétonsalon, Centre d'art et de recherches, Paris (FR), 2021

Le corps fait grève, Exhibition view (group show)







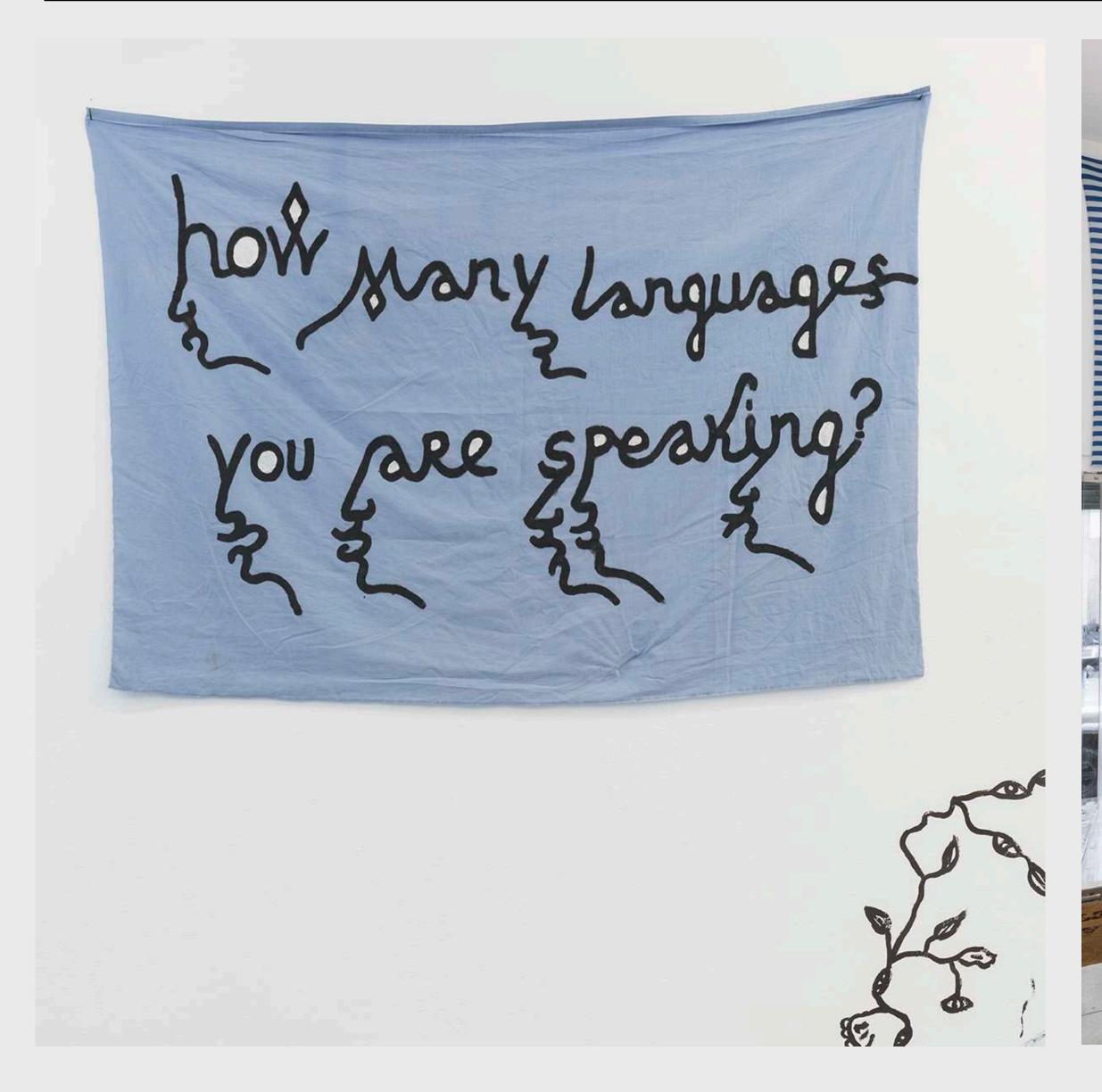
Kunsthalle Wien, (AUT) 2021

And if I devoted my life to one of its feathers?, Exhibition view (group show)



Bombon Projects, Barcelone (ES), 2020

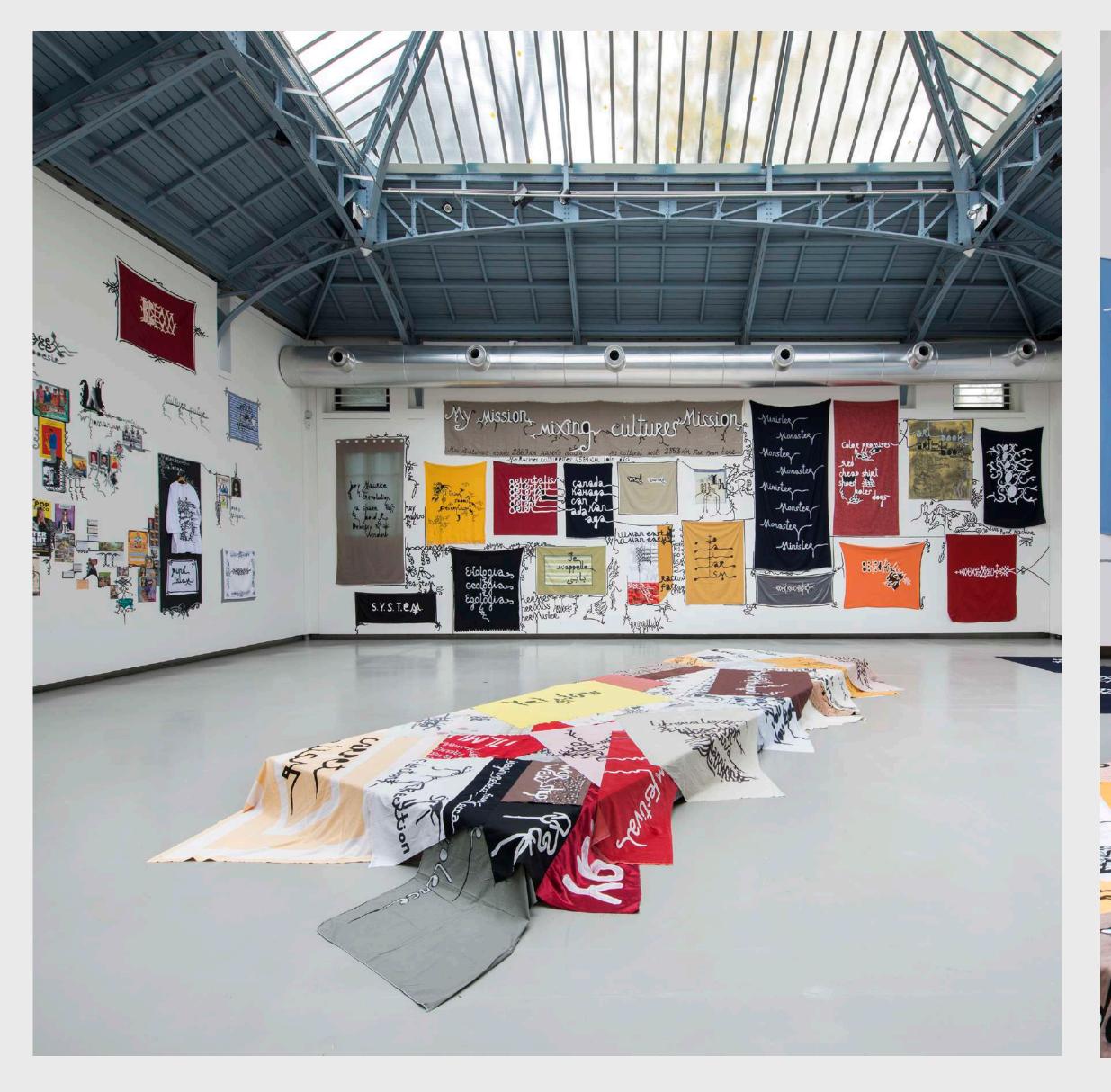
Everything is too much, Exhibition view (group show)





Fondation Hermès - La Verrière, Bruxelles (BE), 2019

Soul Mobilisation, Exhibition view (solo show)





CASCO Art Institute, Utrecht (NL), 2019

Het is of de Steven spreken, Exhibition view, (solo show)







Tripostal, Lille (FR), 2019

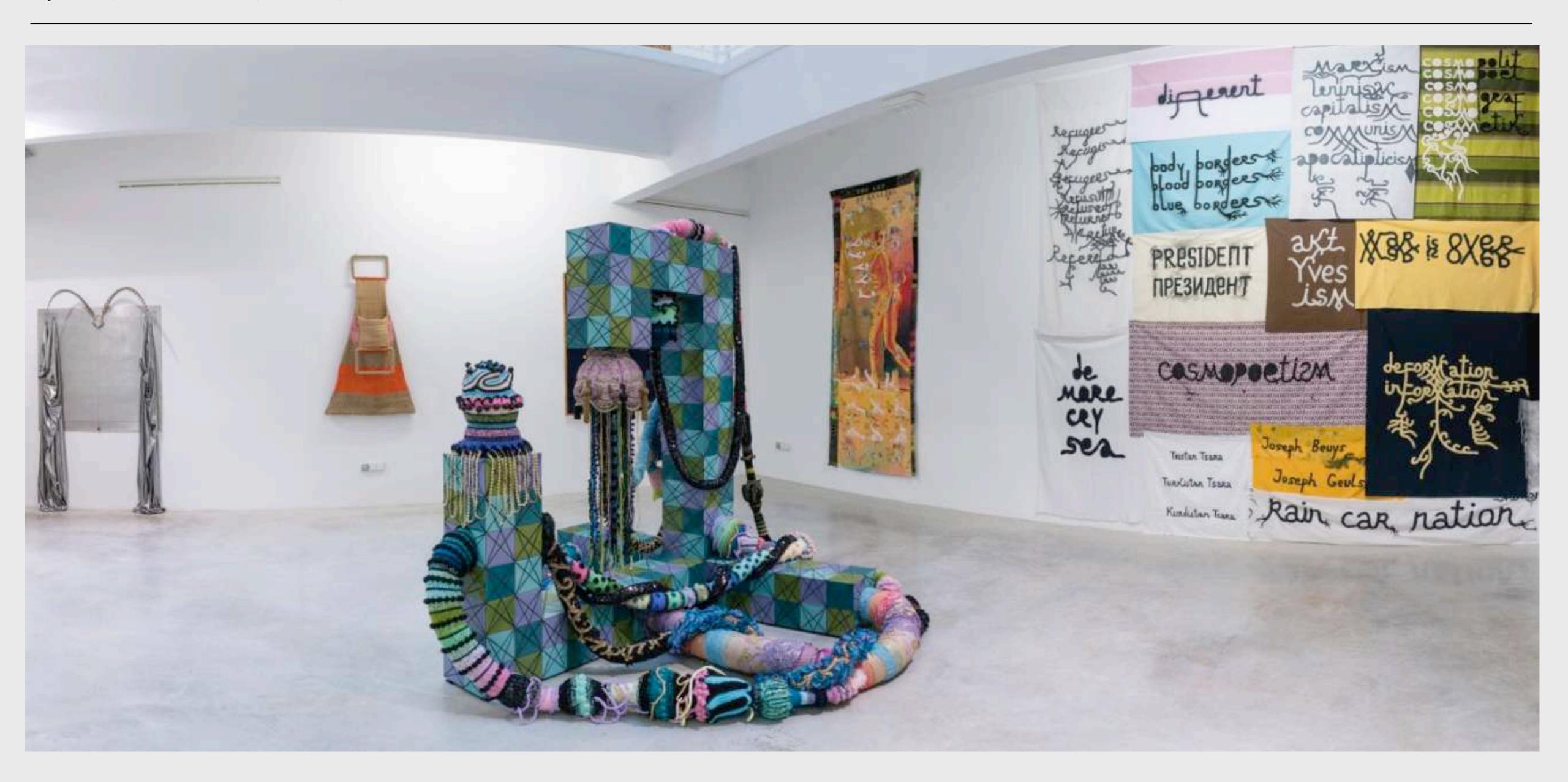
Eldorama, Exhibition view (solo show)





Transpalette, Bourges (FR), 2019

Soft Power, Exhibition view (solo show)



Centre Pompidou, Paris (FR), 2018

Festival Extra!, Exhibition view (solo show)

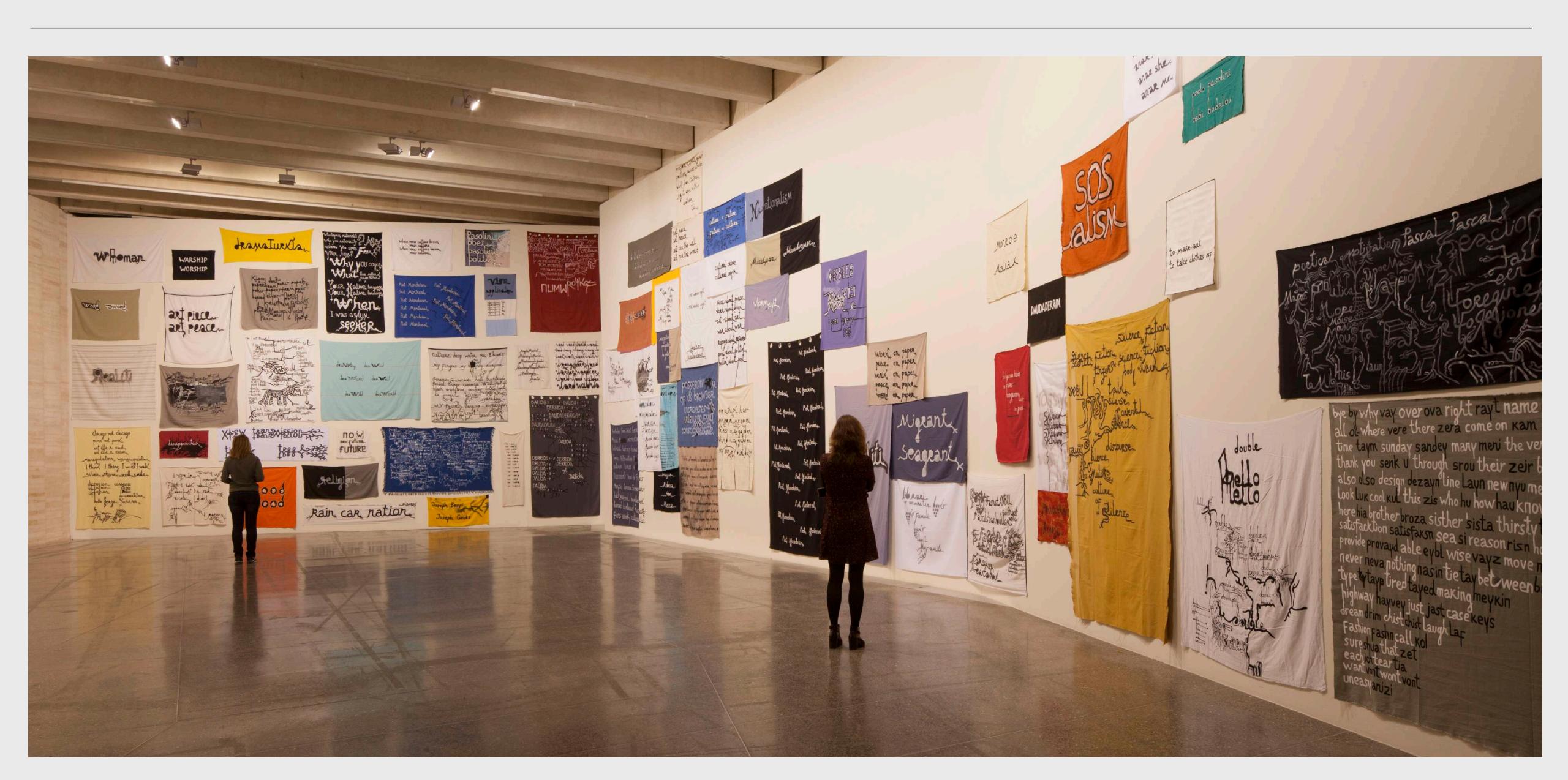






MUSAC, Madrid (ES), 2018

To Make Art to Take Clothes Off, Exhibition view (solo show)



Size Gallery, Rijeka (HR), 2016

Migration Yougration Hegration, Exhibition view (solo show)

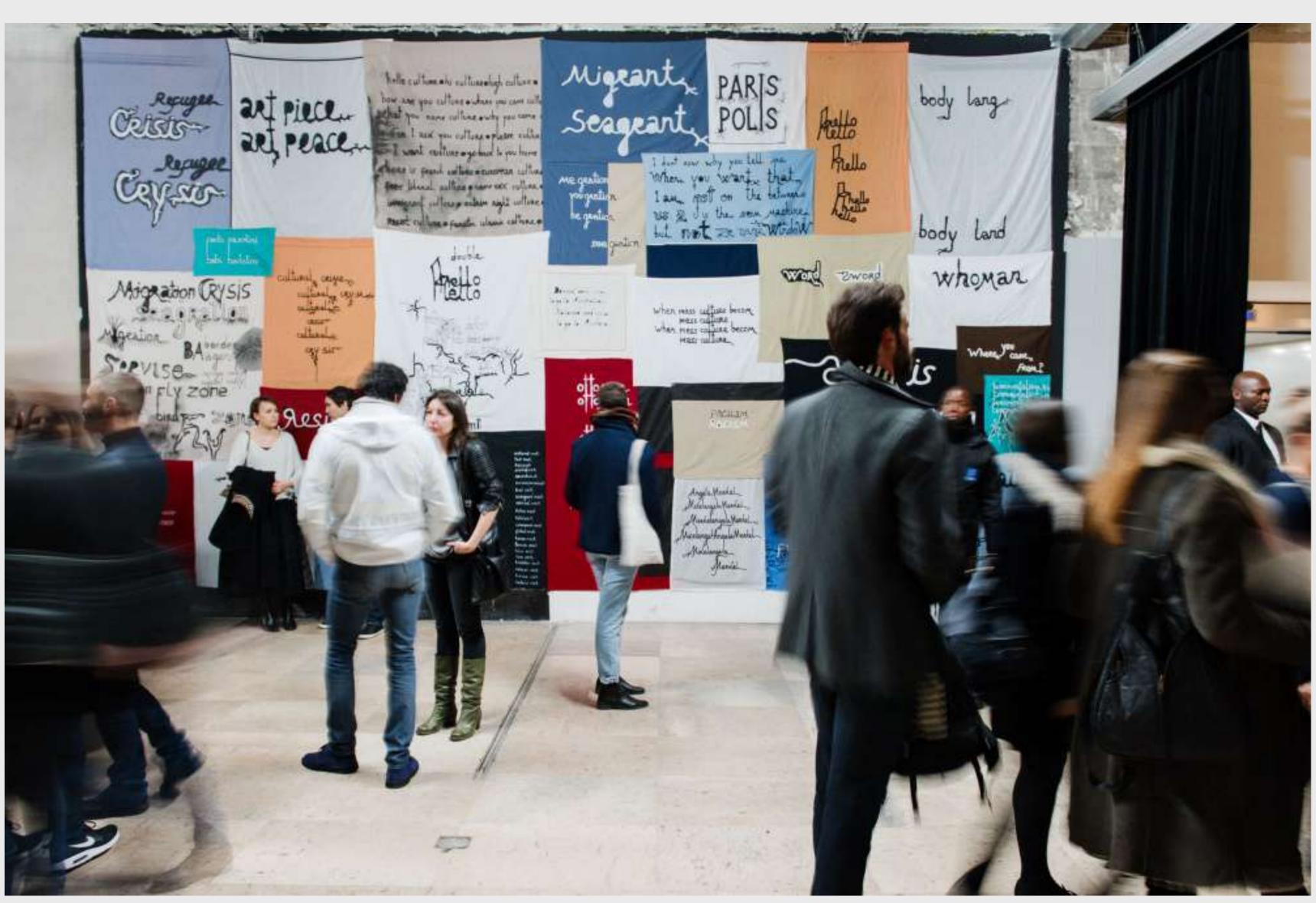


Palais de Tokyo, Paris (FR), 2016

For the Wall for the World, Exhibition view (solo show)







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Marx-east

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social-east

national-east

MUKHA, Anvers (BE), 2016

Manifesta, Exhibition view (solo show)



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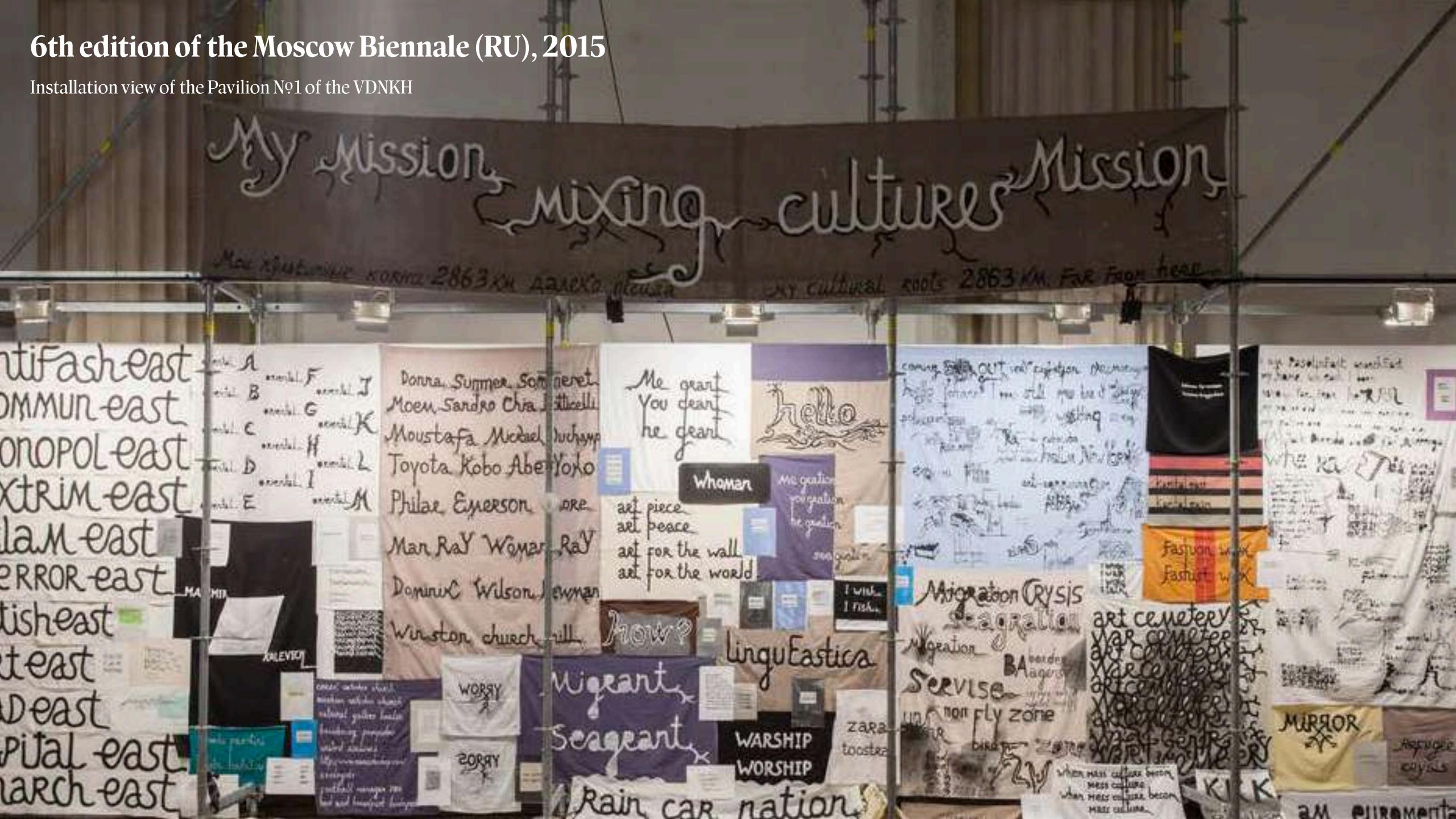
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Galerie Poggi, Paris (FR), 2015

Art is Myth I am Real, Exhibition view (solo show)



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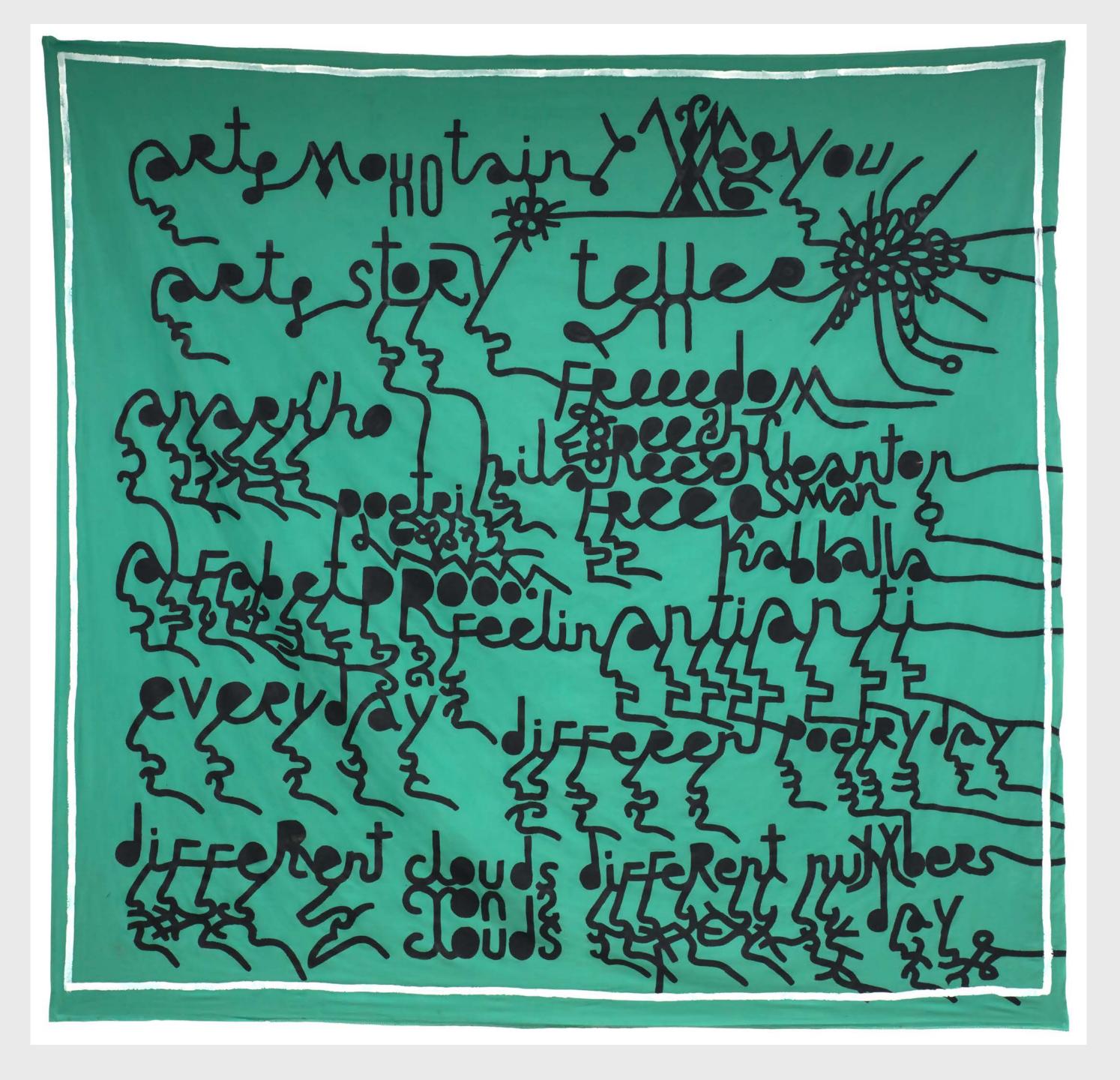
Selection

2015 - 2021

GALERIE POGGI



Art is Myth I am Real, detail, 2015
Painting on fabric
122 x 73 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Arte mountain, Undated
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Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

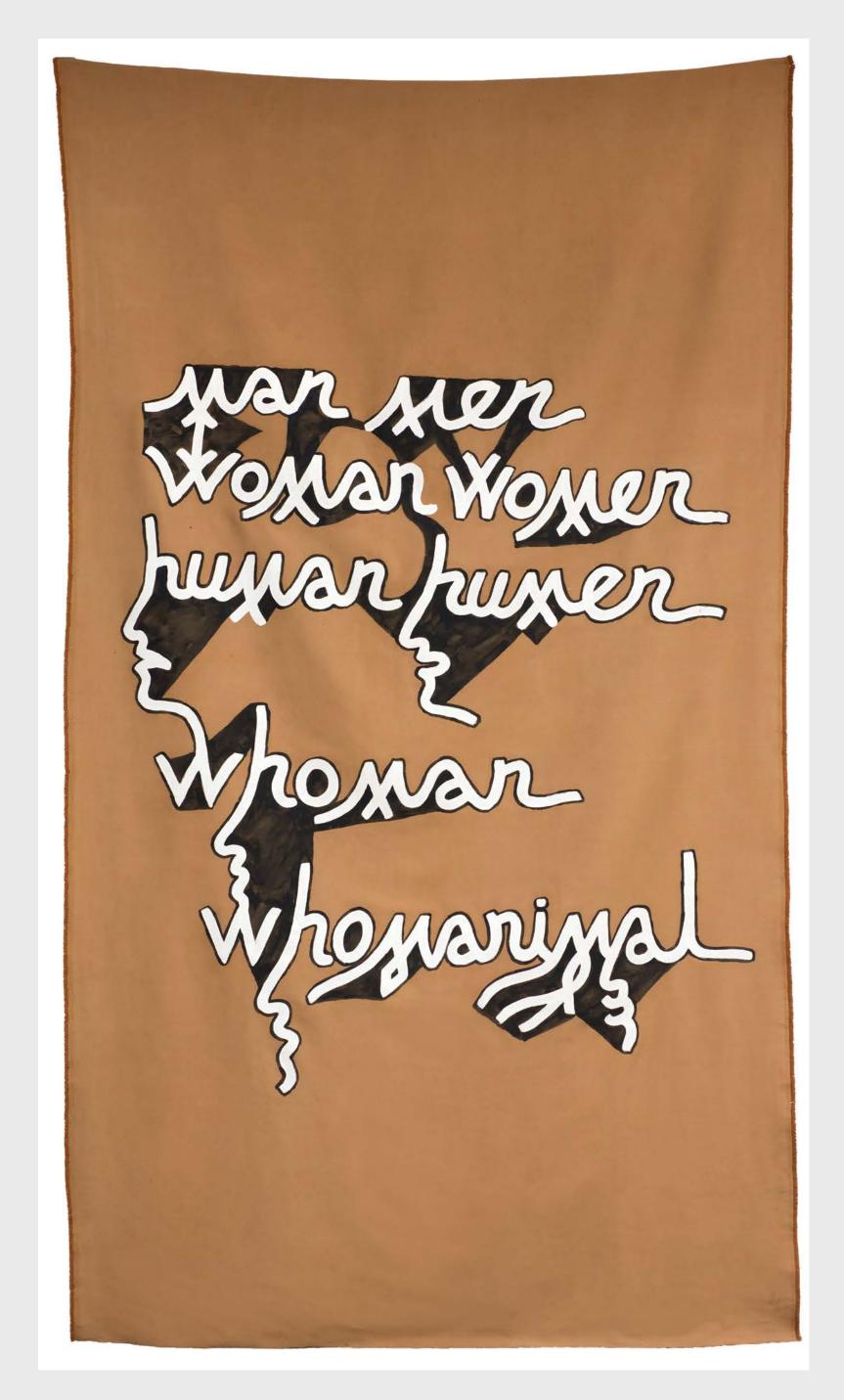


Babi Badalov

Humanature, 11/2020
Painting on fabric
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Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Babi BadalovArtportrait, 2020
Painting on fabric
202 x 140 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



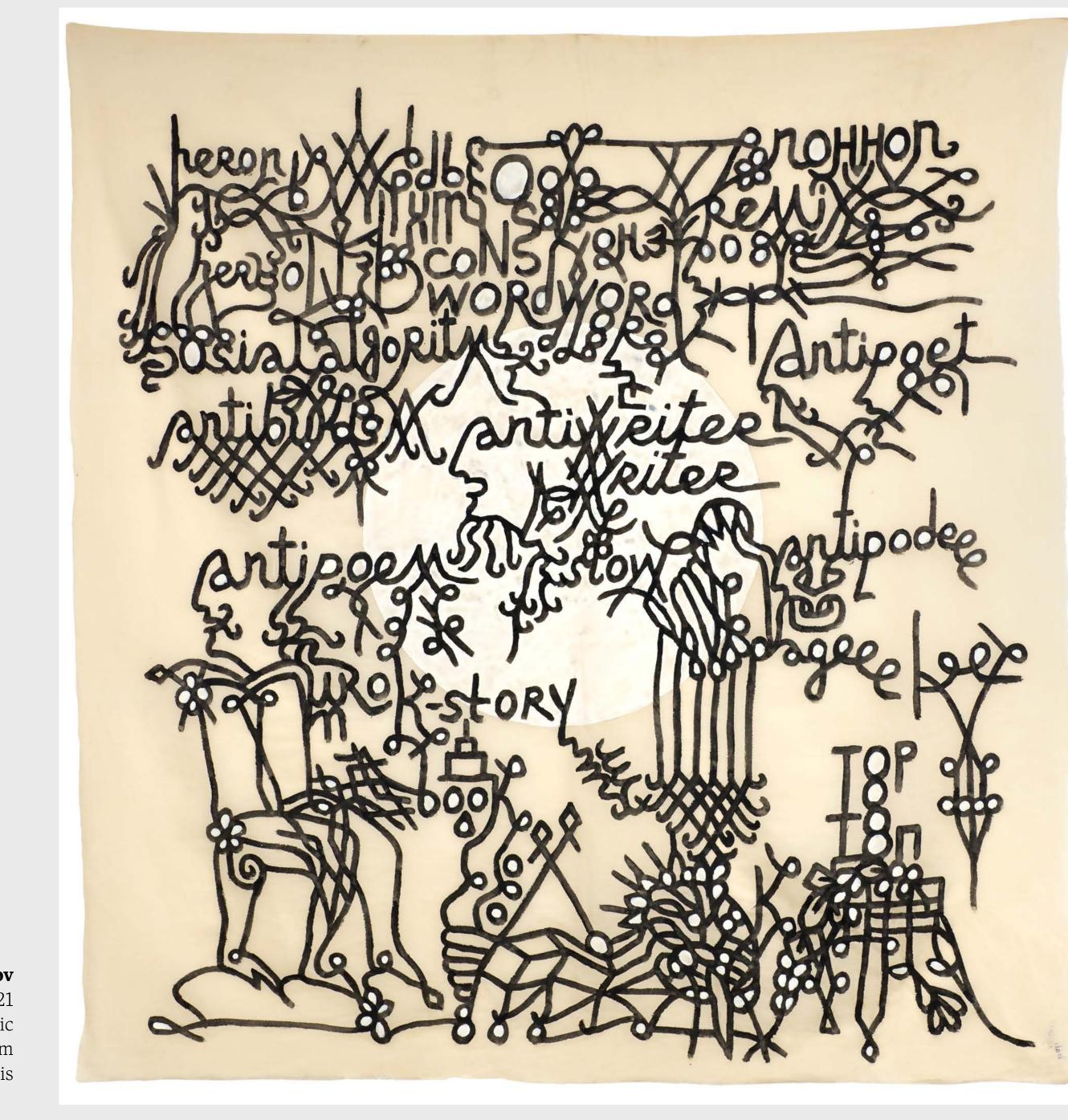


Work, 2020
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State of art

Babi Badalov

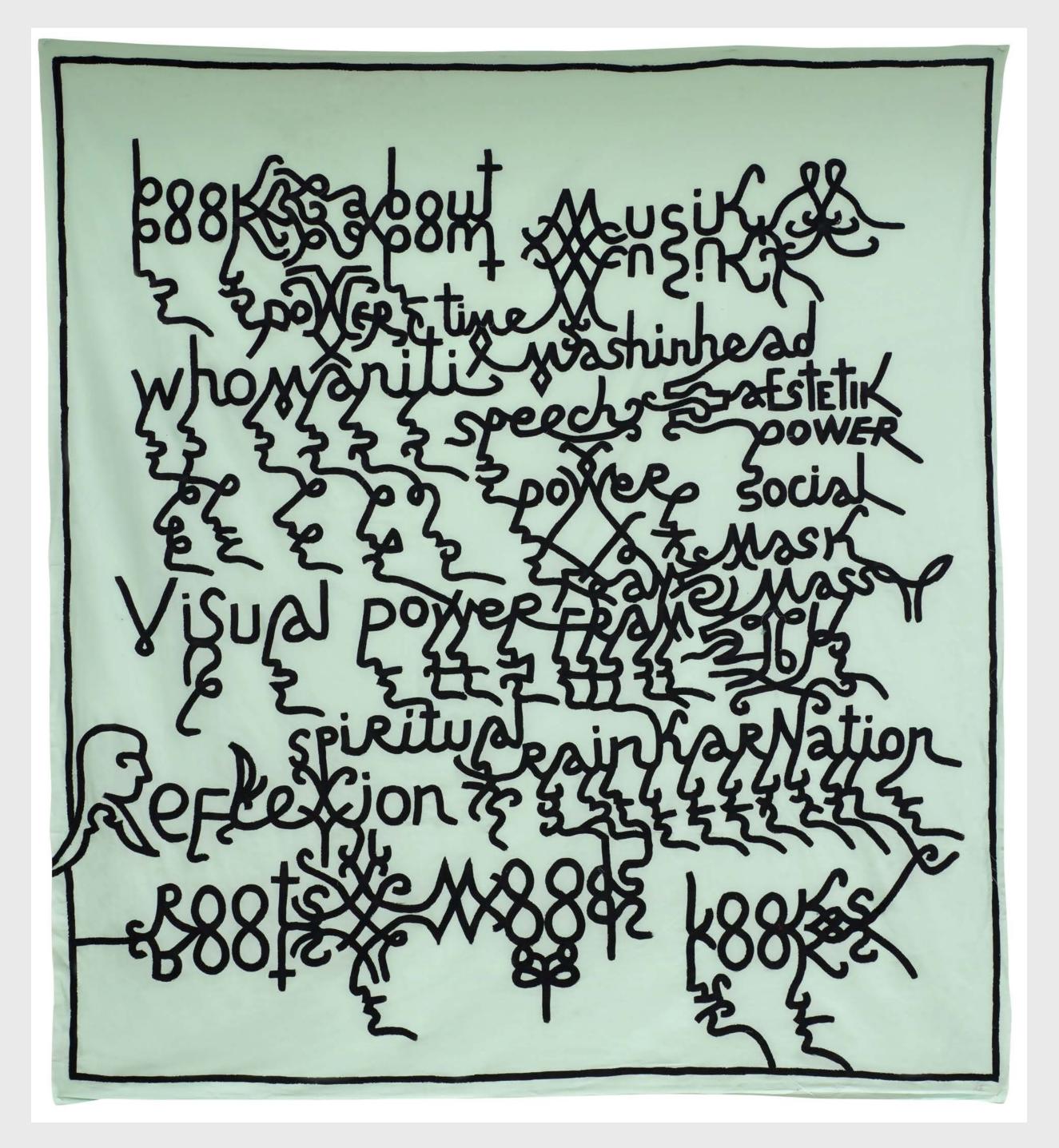
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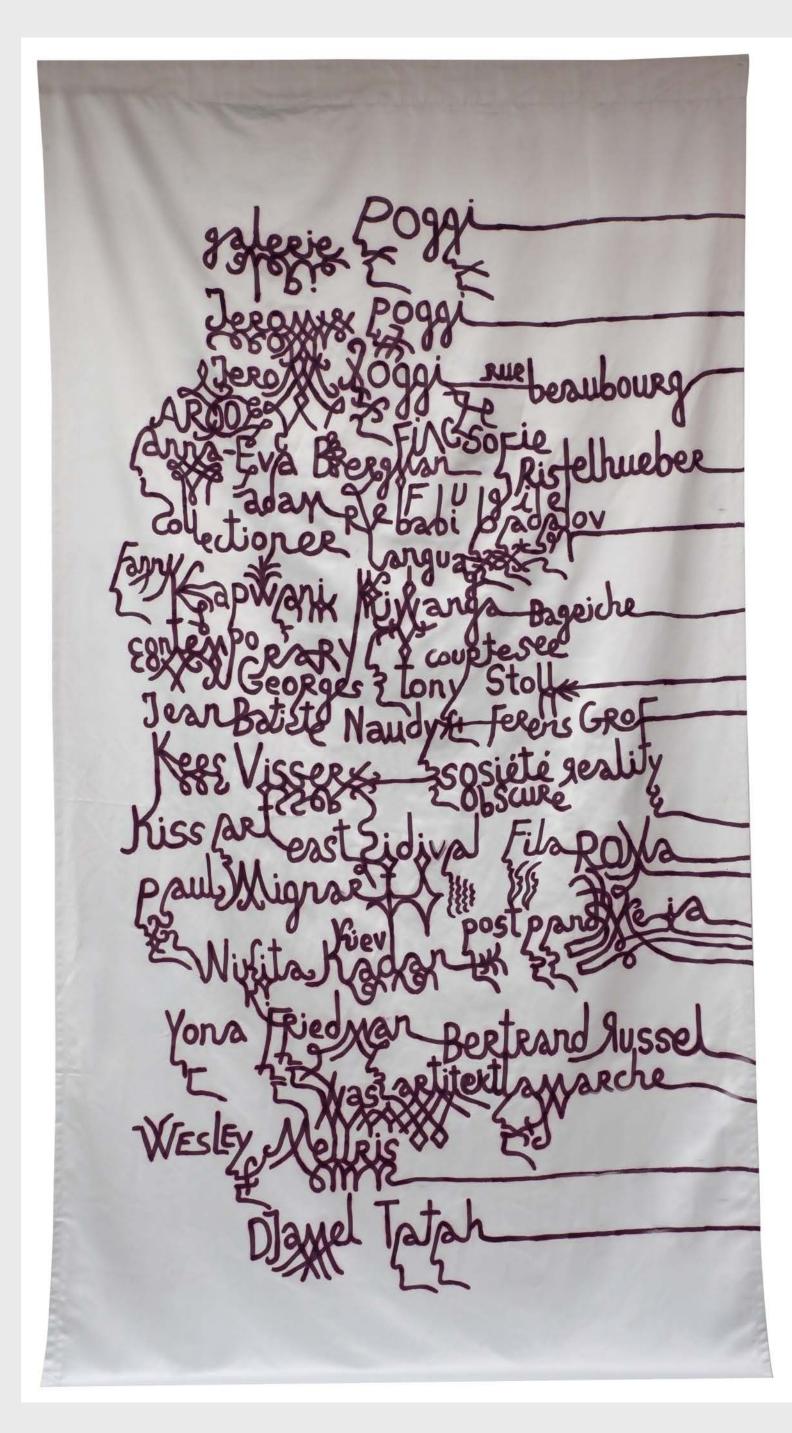
Antipoem, 02/2021
Painting on fabric
197 x 195 cm cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Whomanright, detail, 2020
Painting on fabric
84 x 148 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Musik, 2020
Painting on fabric
235 x 210 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Moretrospe, 2020
Painting on fabric
276 x 147 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Babi Badalov

Galerie Poggi, 07/2020
Painting on fabric
288 x 143 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris





Babi Badalov

Work, 2020
Painting on fabric
113 x 62 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

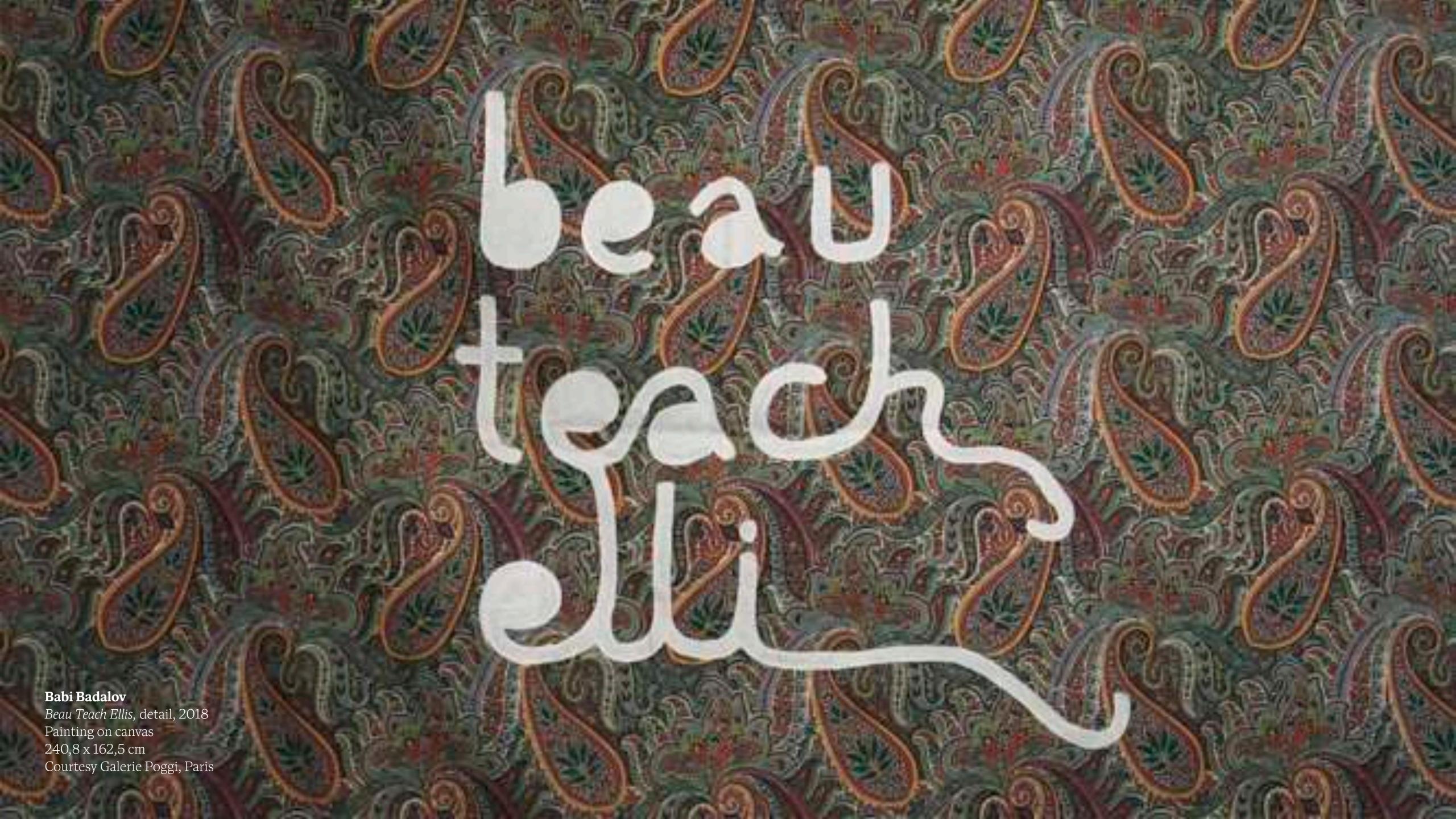
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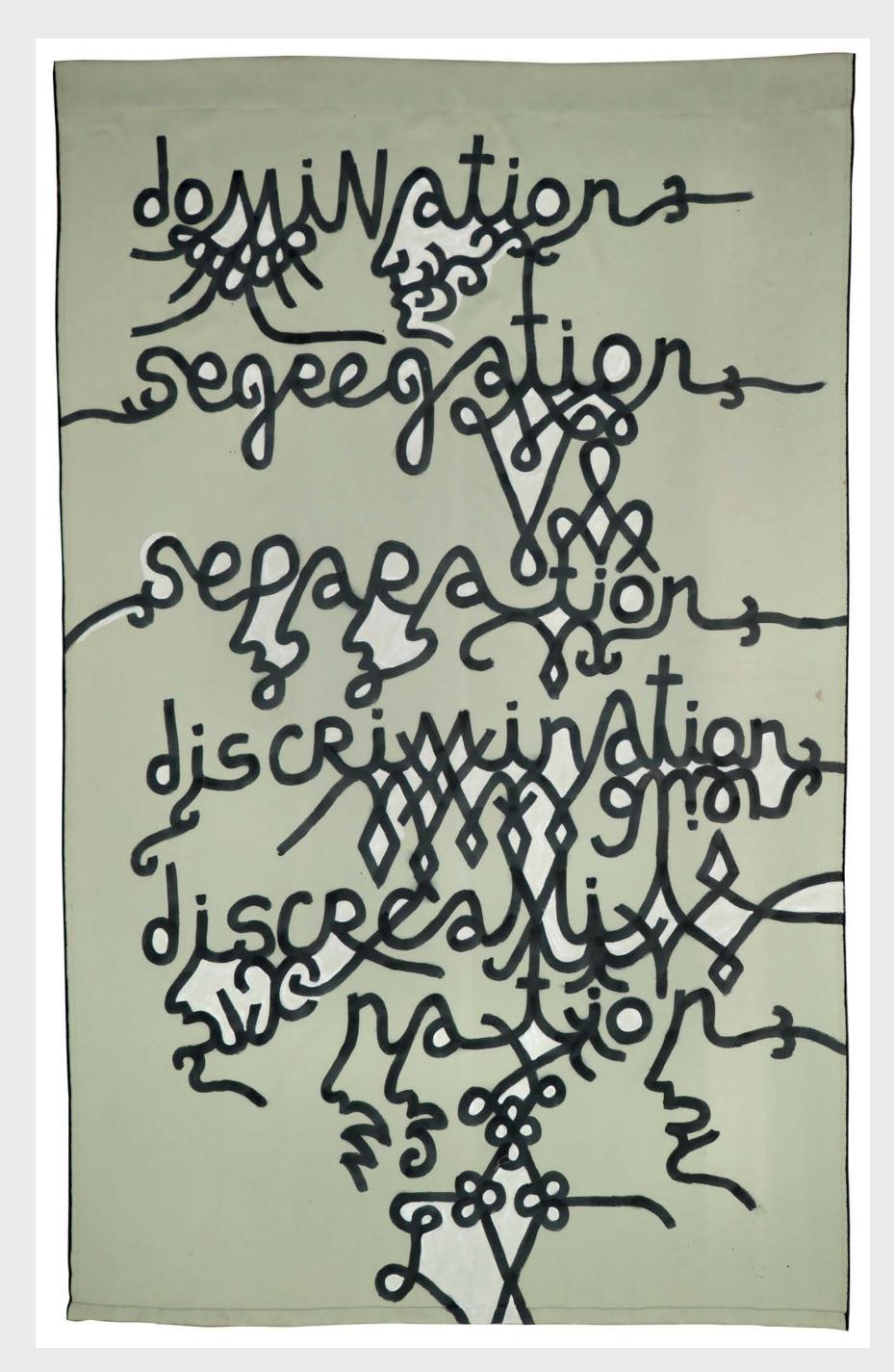




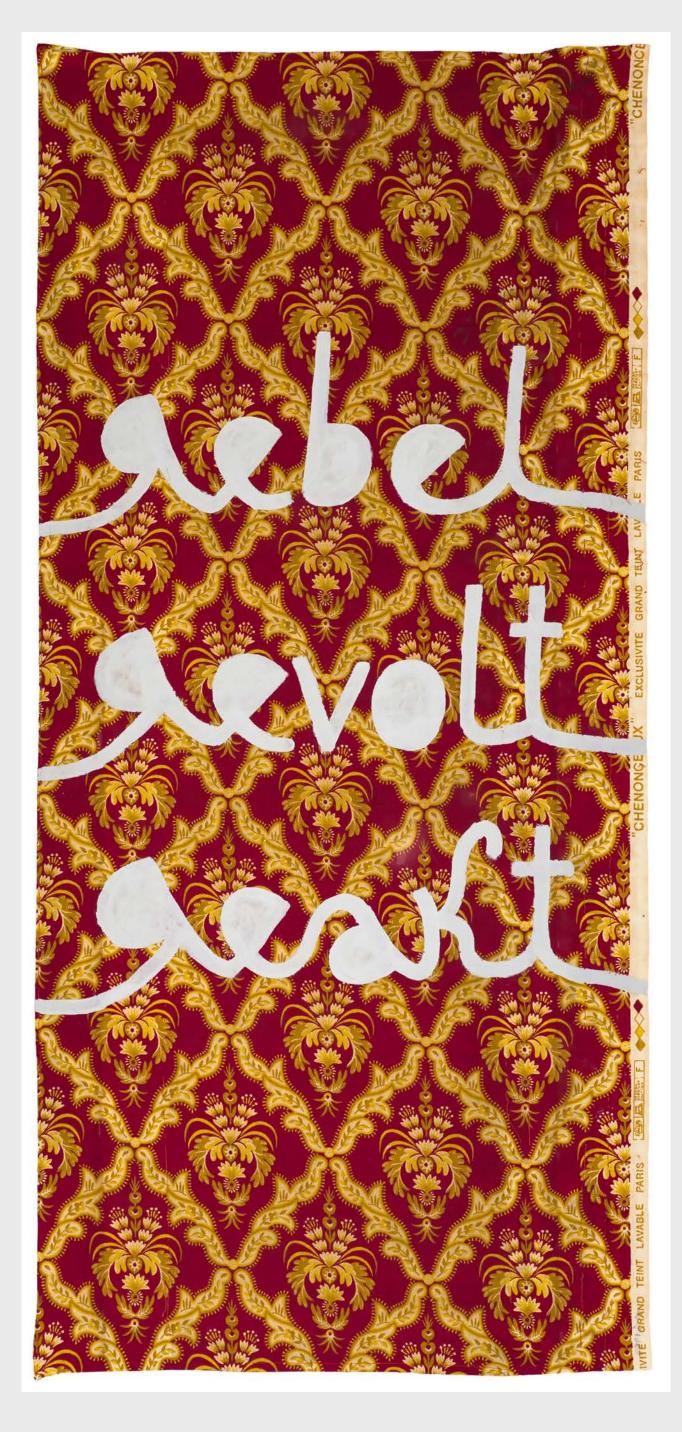
Hi High Hay Hai, Undated
Painting on fabric
154 x 148 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Pandemia, 2020
Painting on fabric
193 x 191 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Babi BadalovRebel Revolt Reakt, 2020
Painting on fabric
119 x 55 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

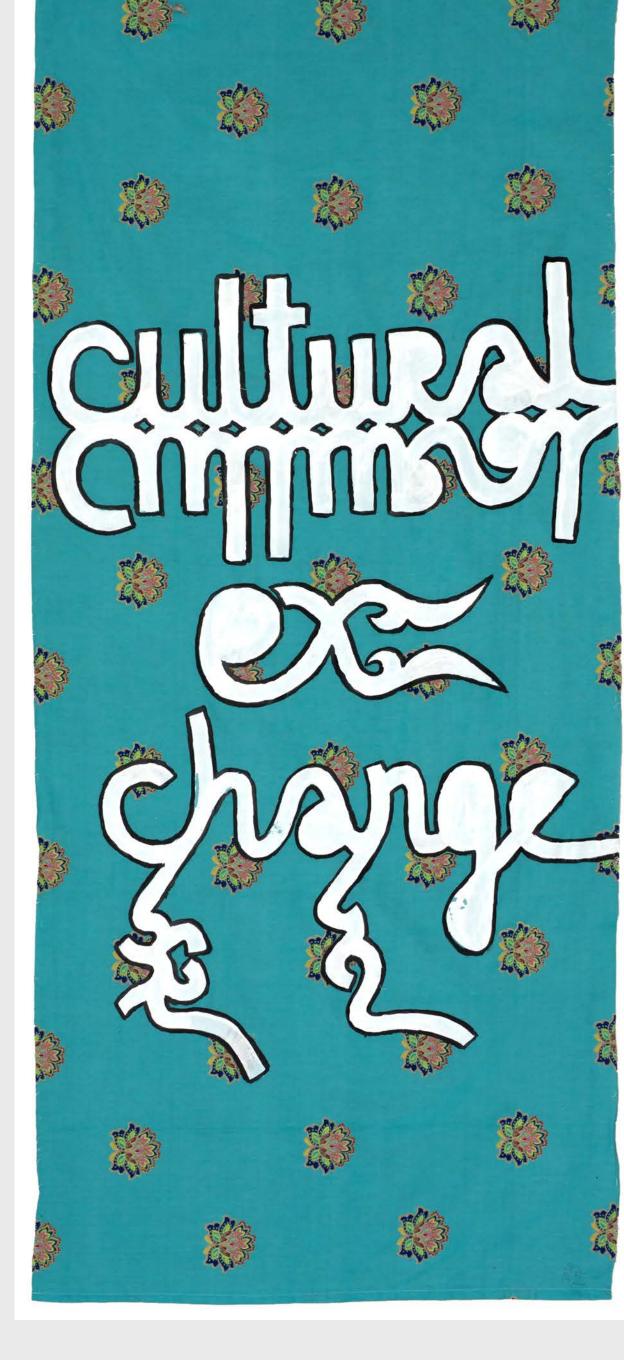


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Discrimination, Juillet 2020
Painting on fabric
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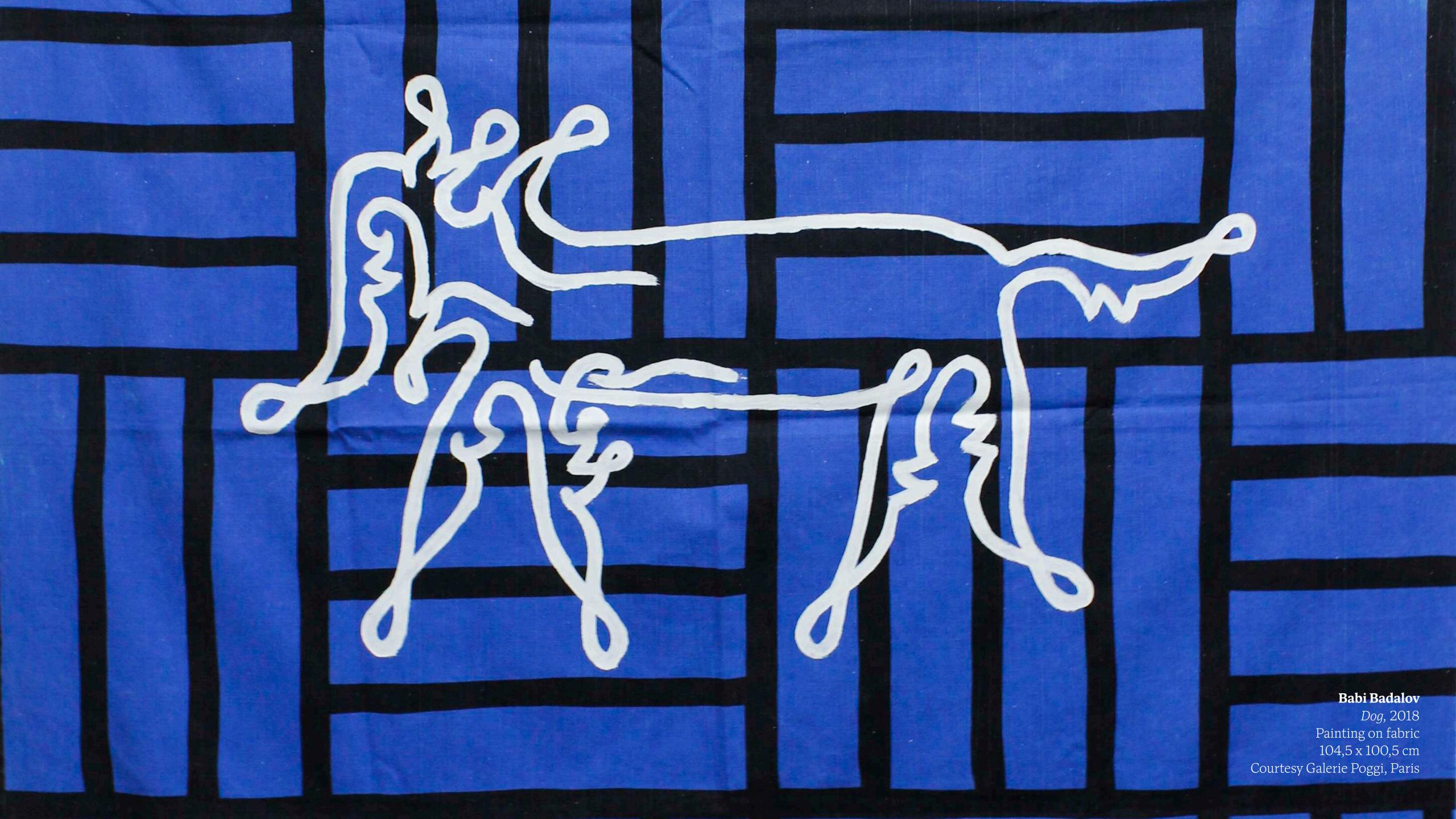
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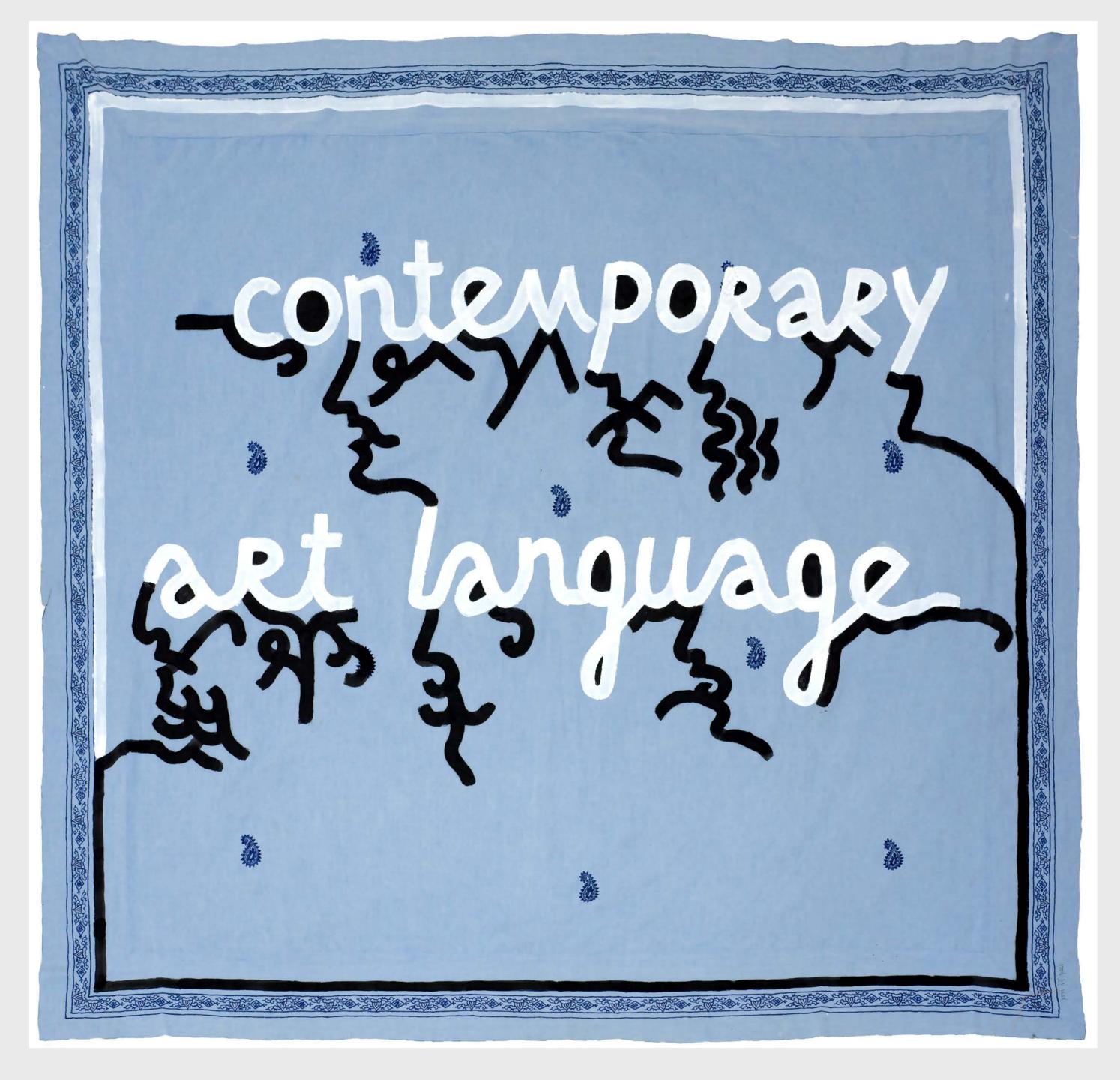


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Melankolia, 07/2021
Painting on fabric
230 x 151 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Travelling, 2020
Painting on fabric
260 x 280 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris





Contemporary Art Language, 11/2020
Painting on fabric
155 x 170 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Landescape, 10/2021
Painting on fabric
208 x 137 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Babi Badalov

Your Voice, 2021
Painting on fabric
112 x 66 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris





Histori of languages, 06 /2021
Painting on fabric
180 x 280 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



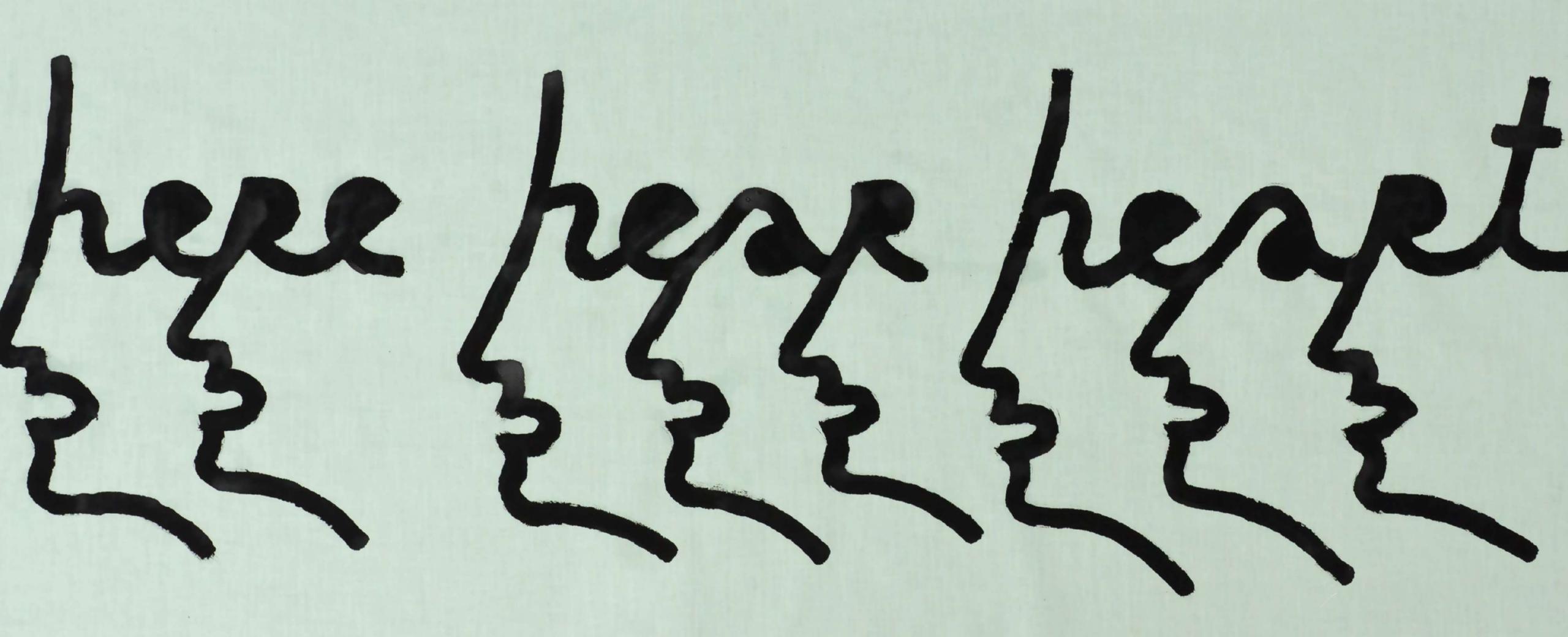
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Wind, 08/07/2020
Painting on fabric
255 x 184 cm
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Human Right, 2020
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129 x 118 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Here Hear Heart, detail, 2020
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Lost in Languages, 2022
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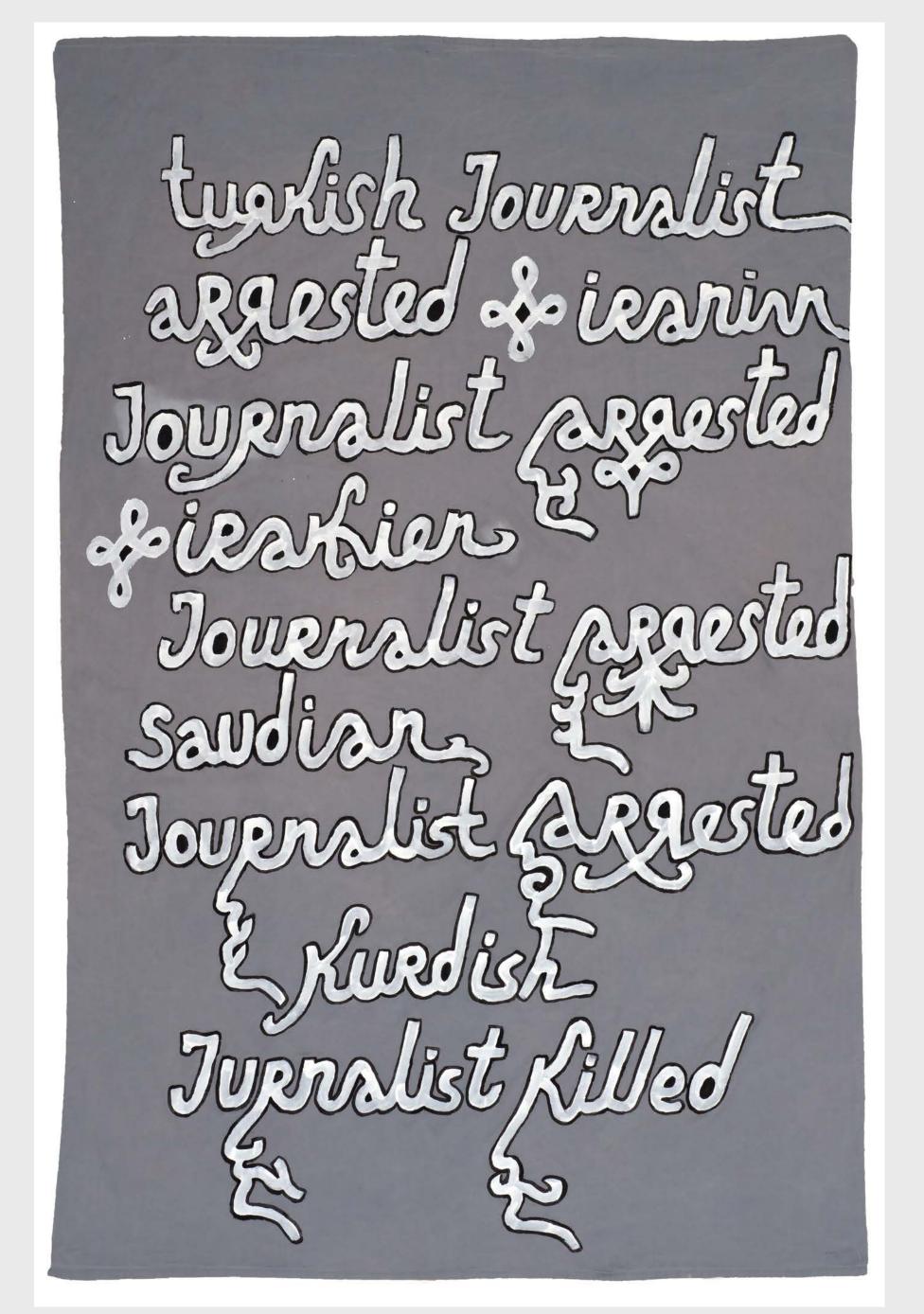
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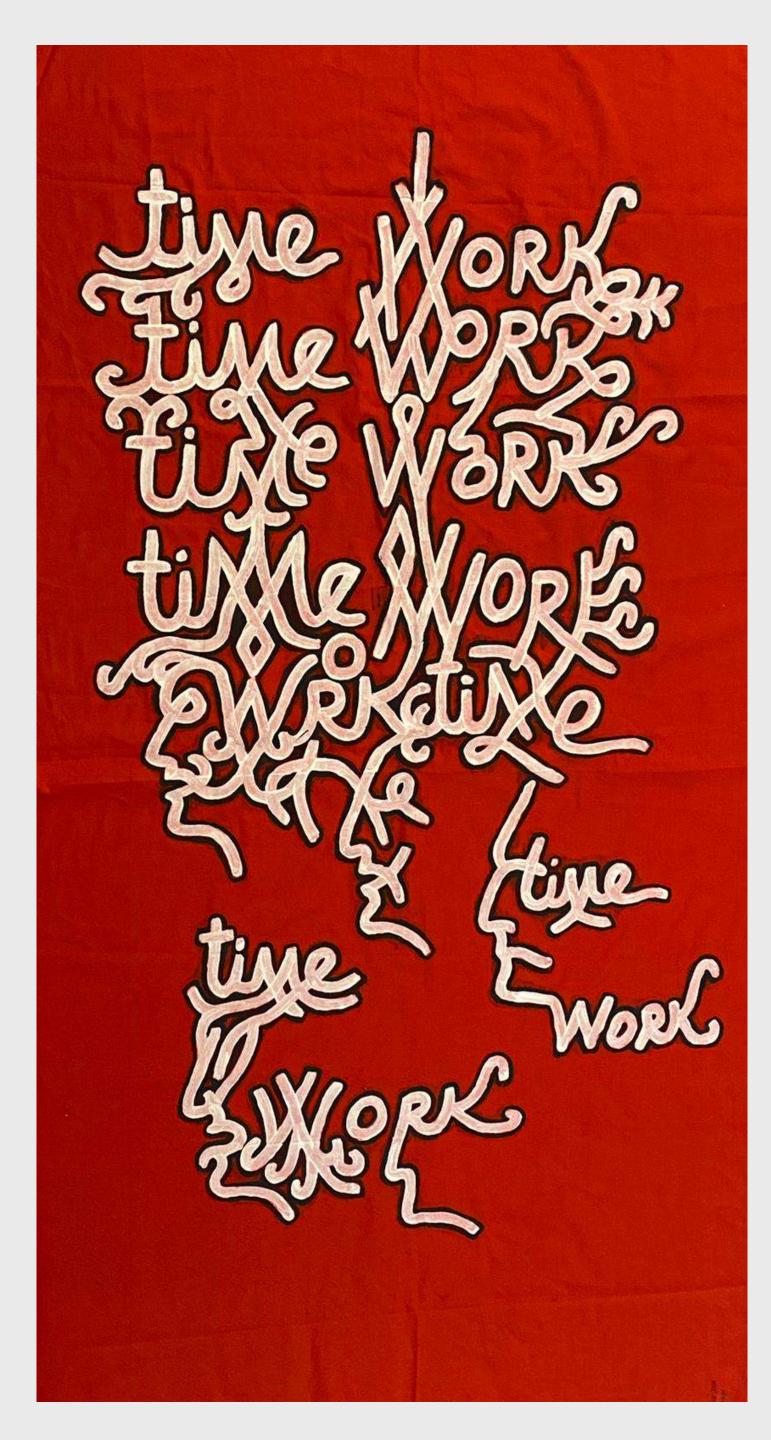
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Turkish Journalist, 2020
Painting on fabric
168 x 115 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

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Art About Borders, 2020
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216 x 141 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

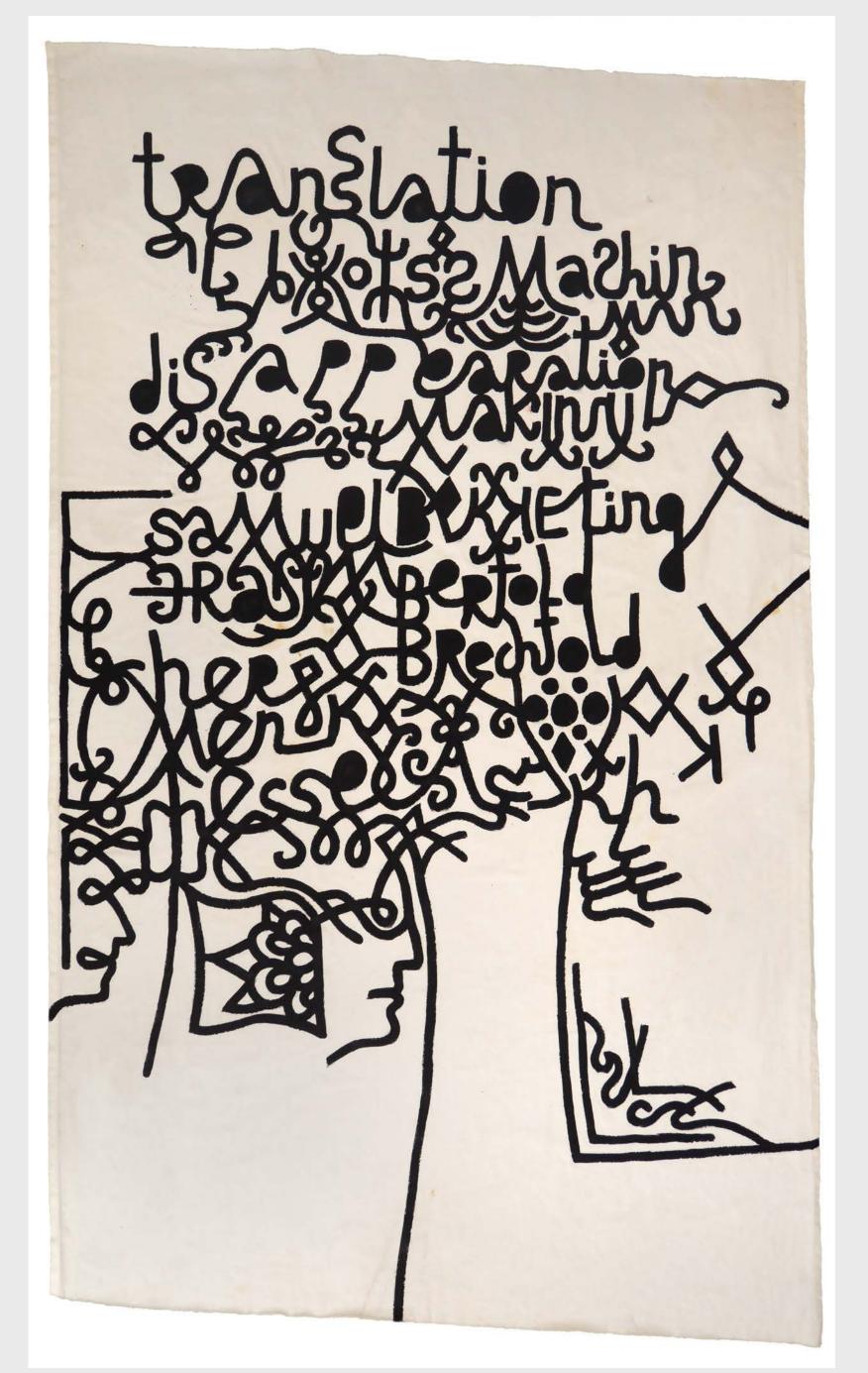


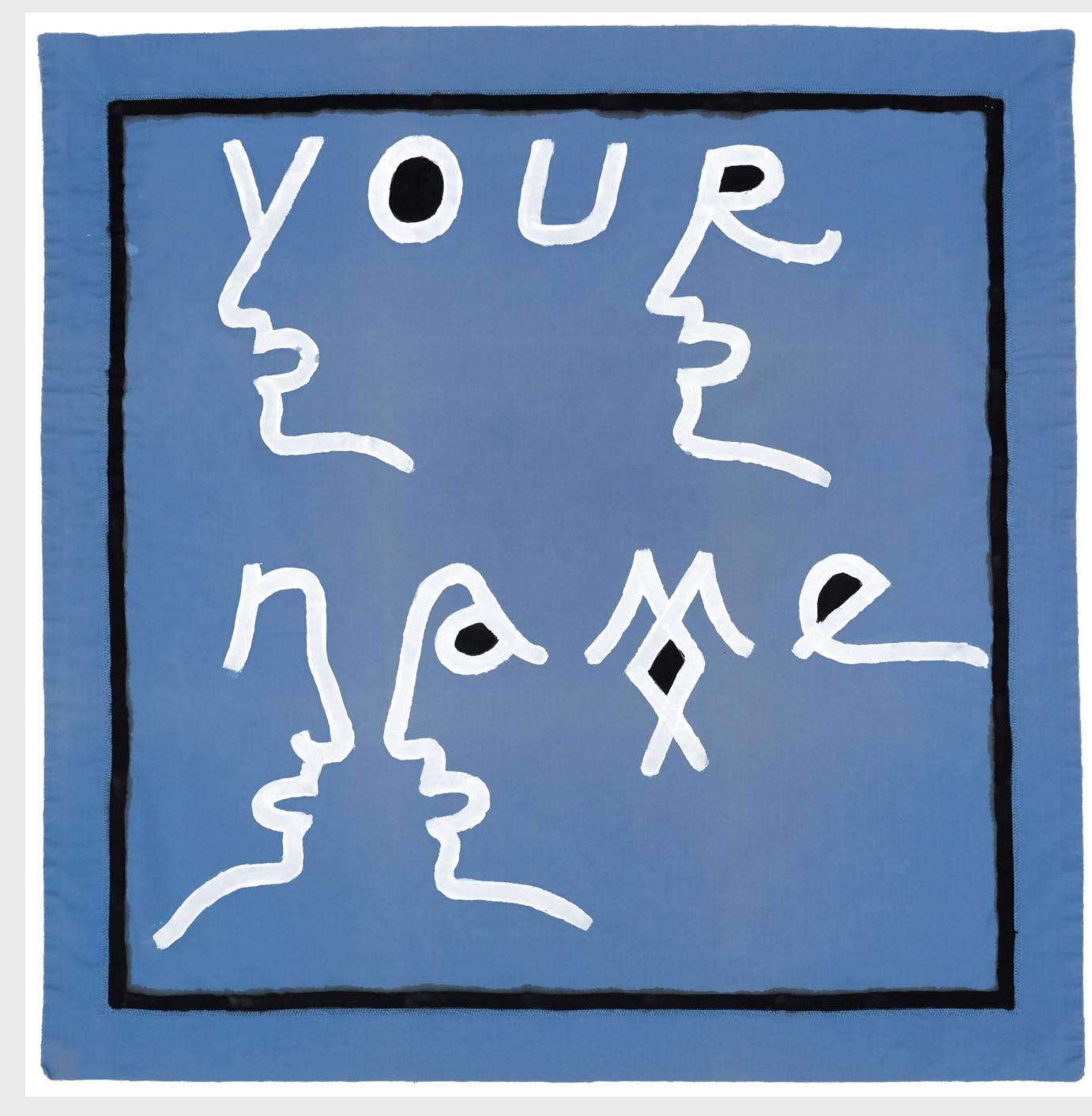


Translation, 07/2020
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Time Work, 05/2021
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Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris





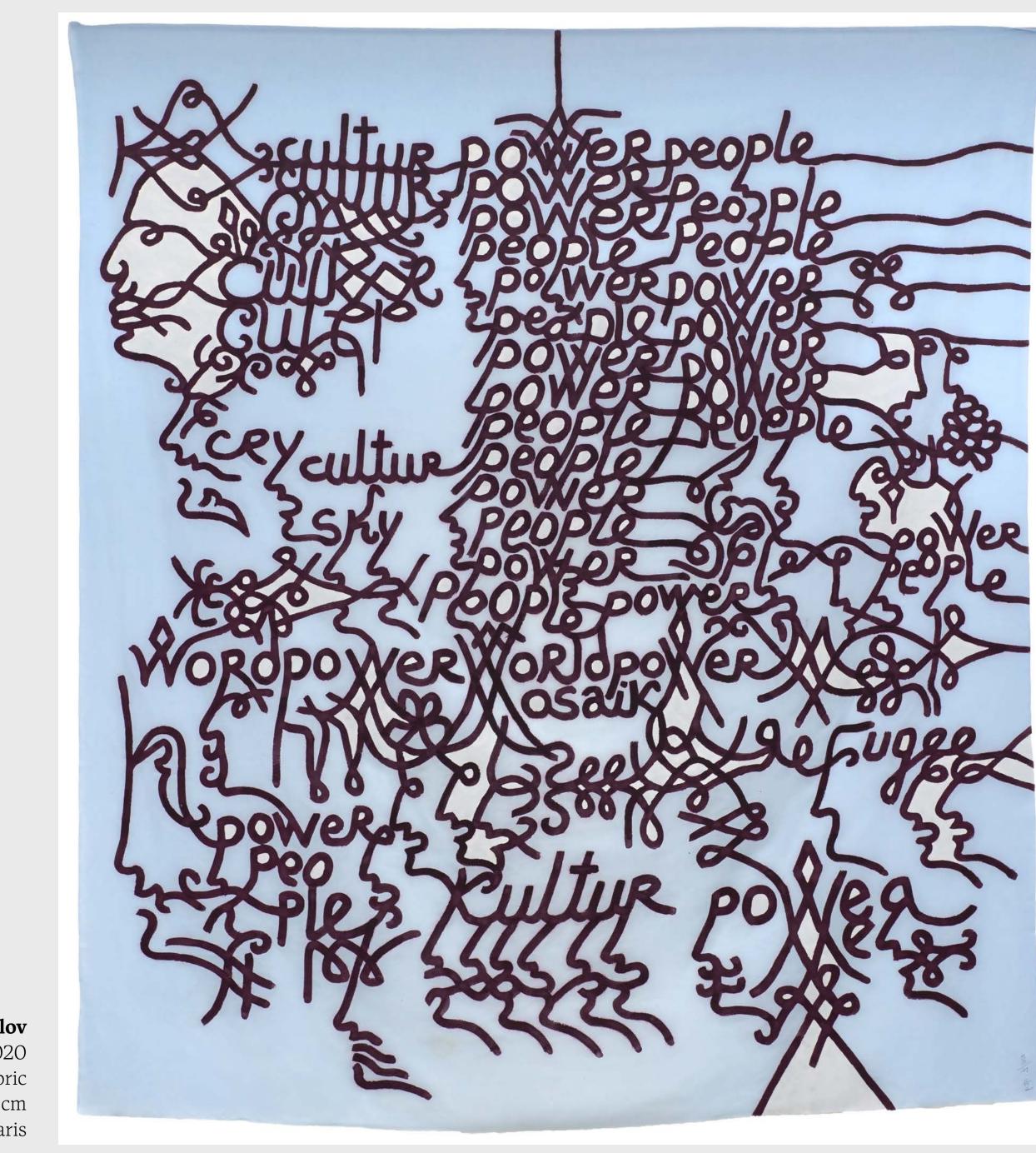
Your name, 2020
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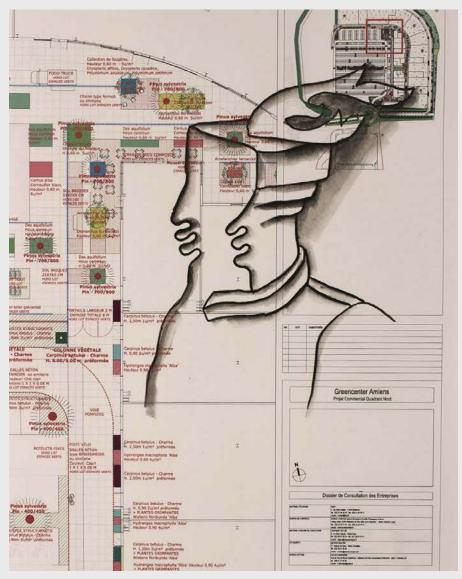
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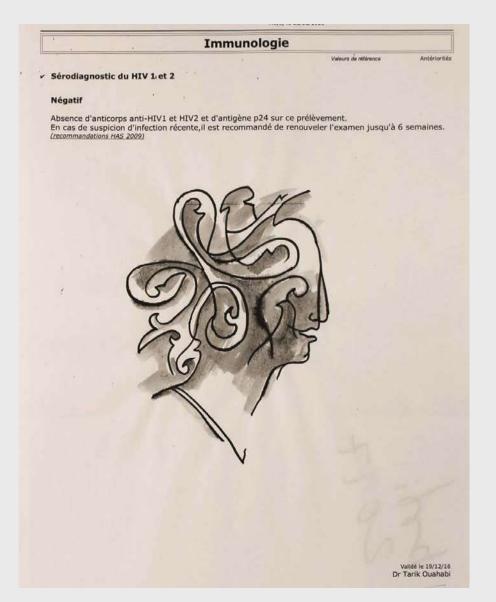
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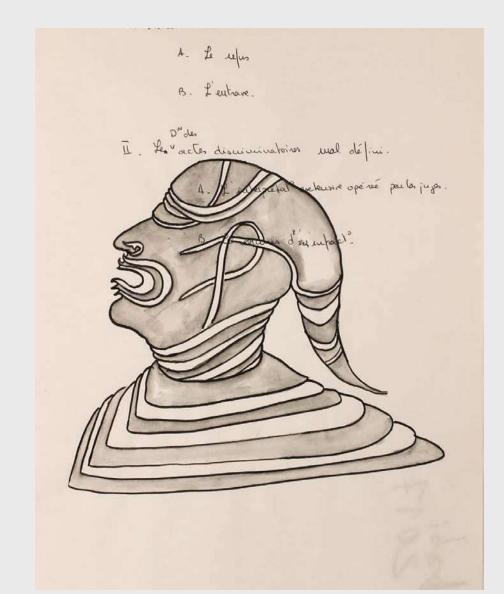
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2019 - 2017

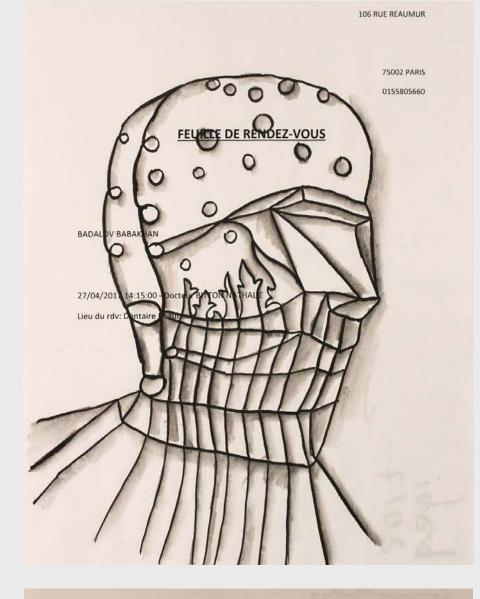
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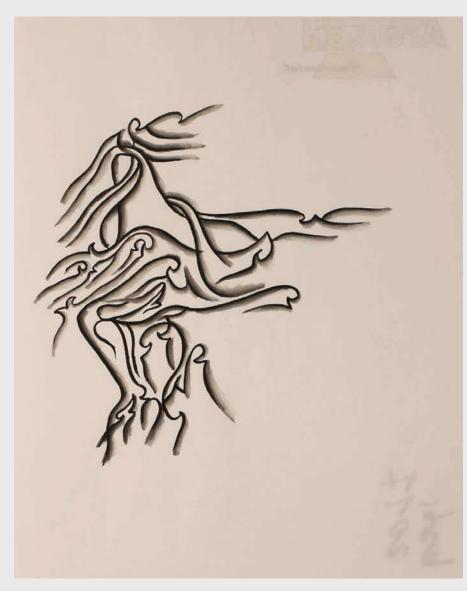


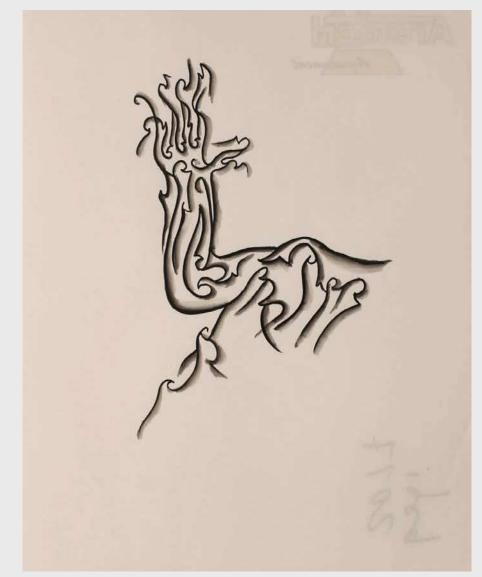


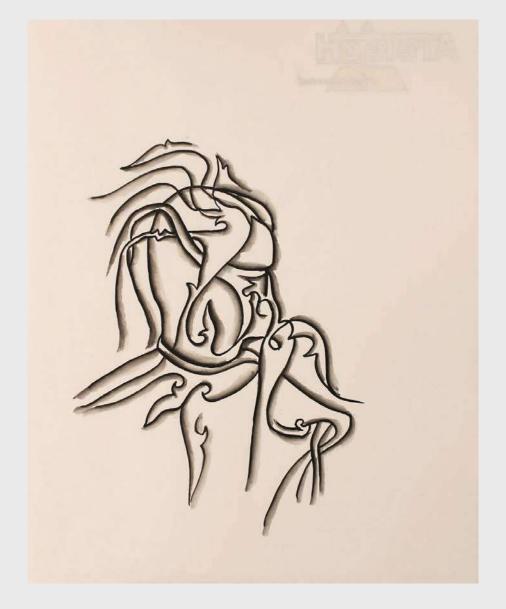


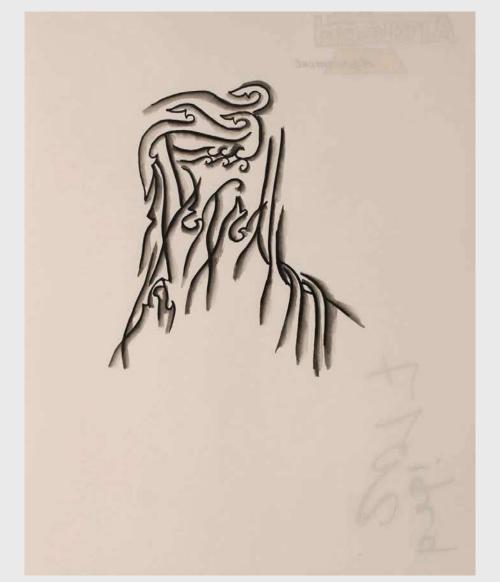


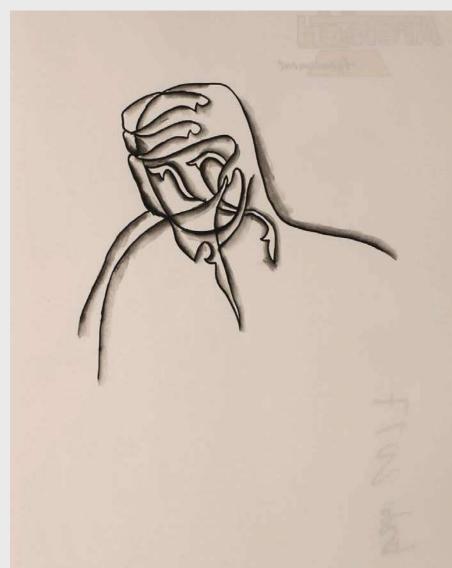












Babi BadalovDrawings series

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Babi Badalov

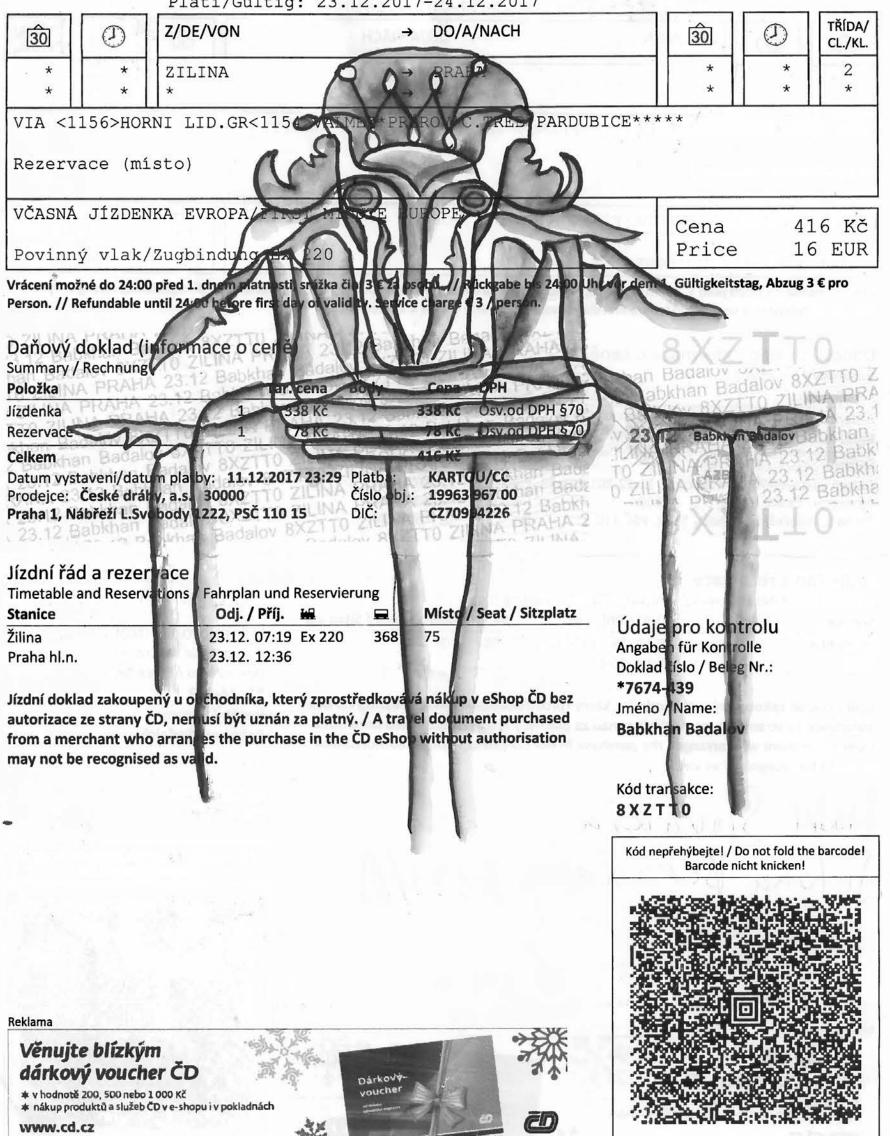
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Babi Badalov

Jizdenka, 2018

29,7 x 21 m

Encre sur papier

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Mery Poon, 2018 Encre sur papier 29,7 x 21 m Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



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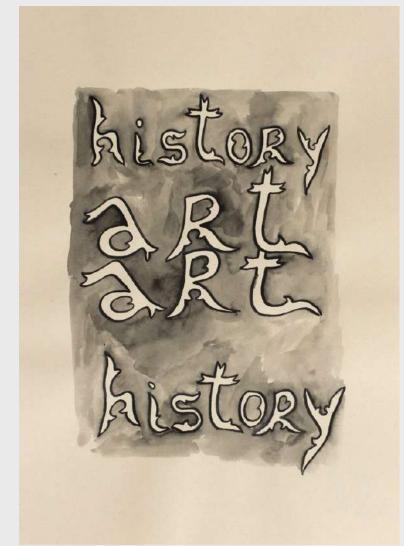
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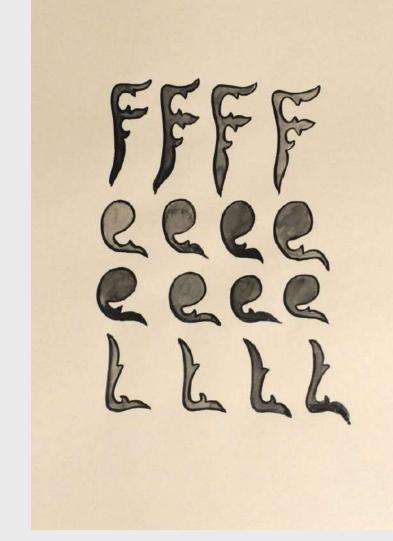






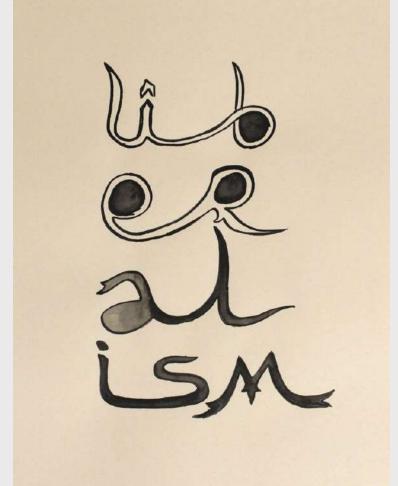








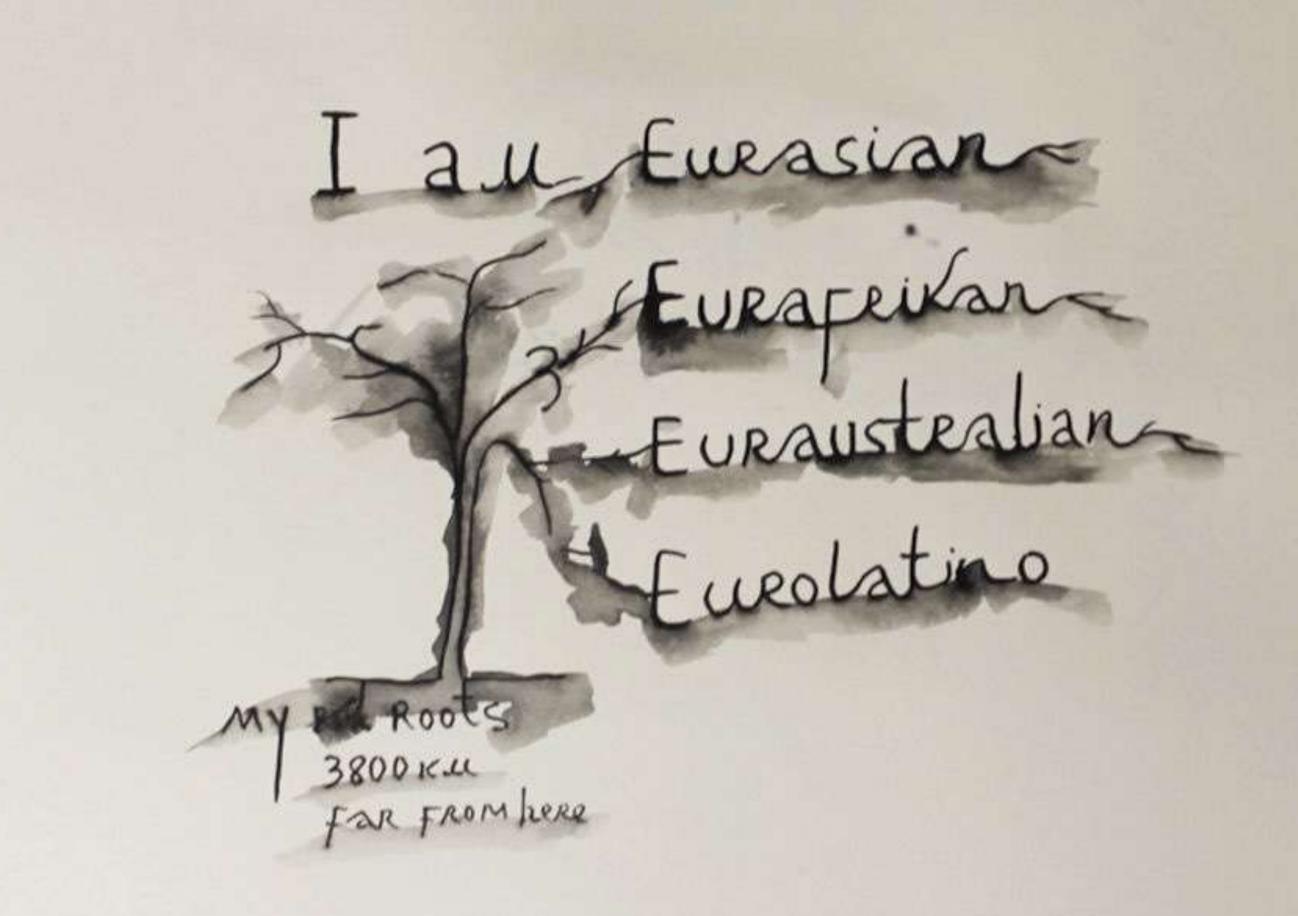








Drawings series, *Untitled*, 2018
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I am eurasian, 2015 Ink on paper 29,7 x 21 m Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

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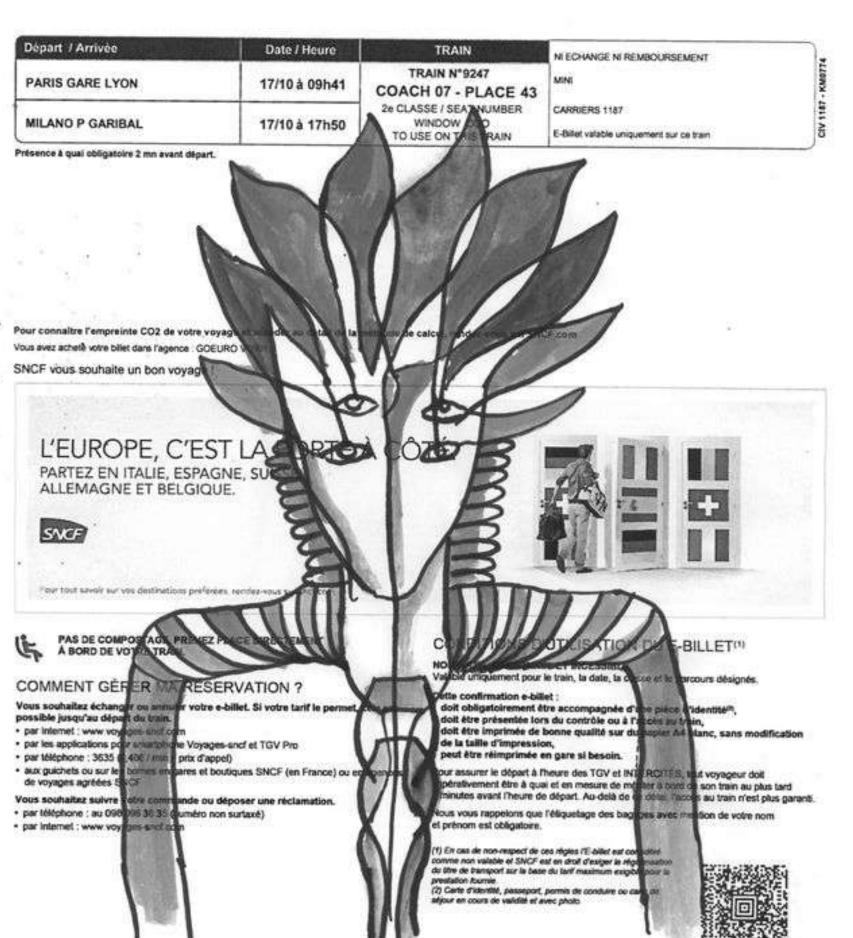
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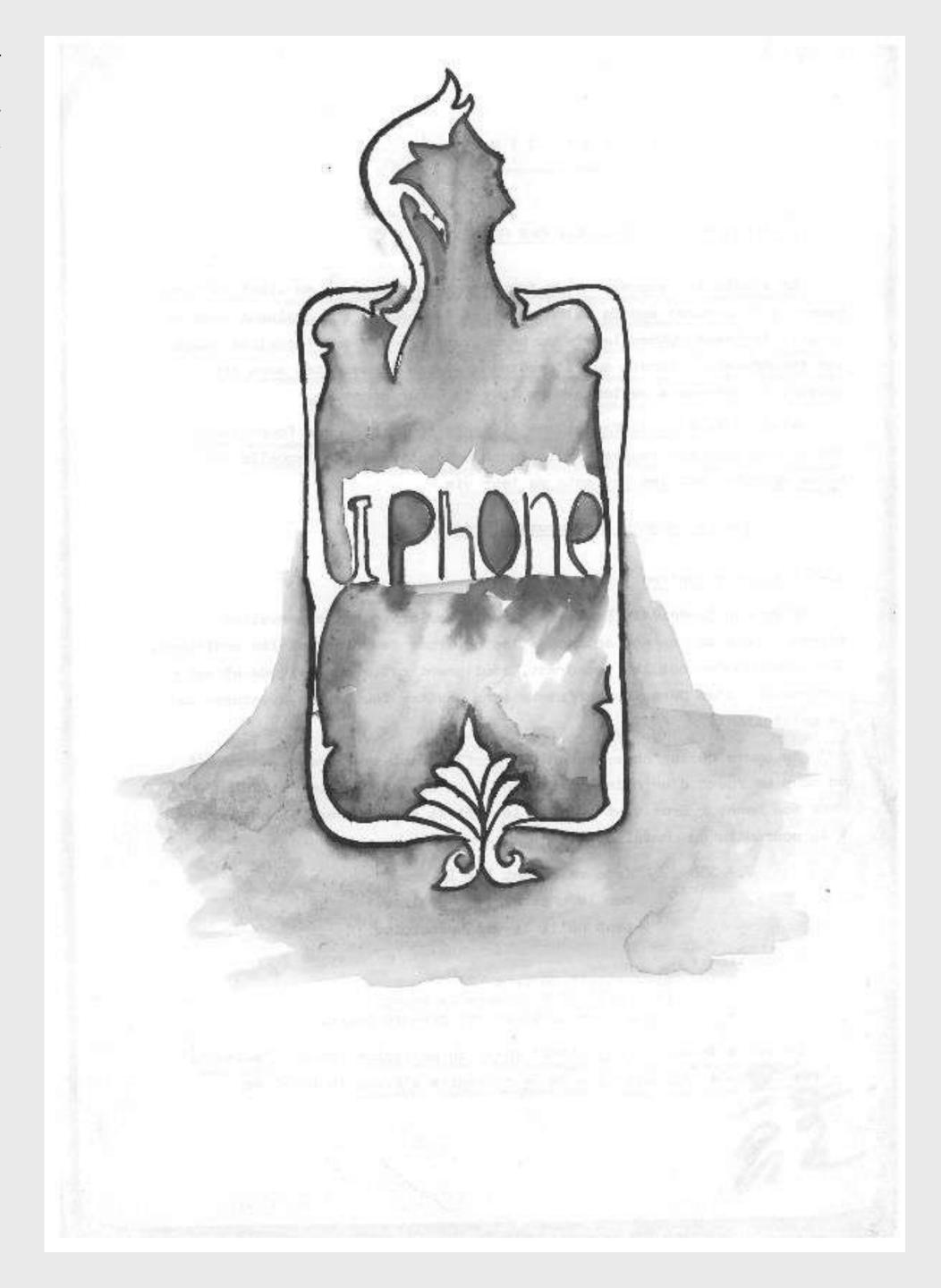




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Babi Badalov

Iphone, 2019 Ink on paper 29,7 x 21 m Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



Babi Badalov

Untitled, figure 76, 2019 Ink on paper 29,7 x 21 m Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Collages

Selection

2013 — 2015

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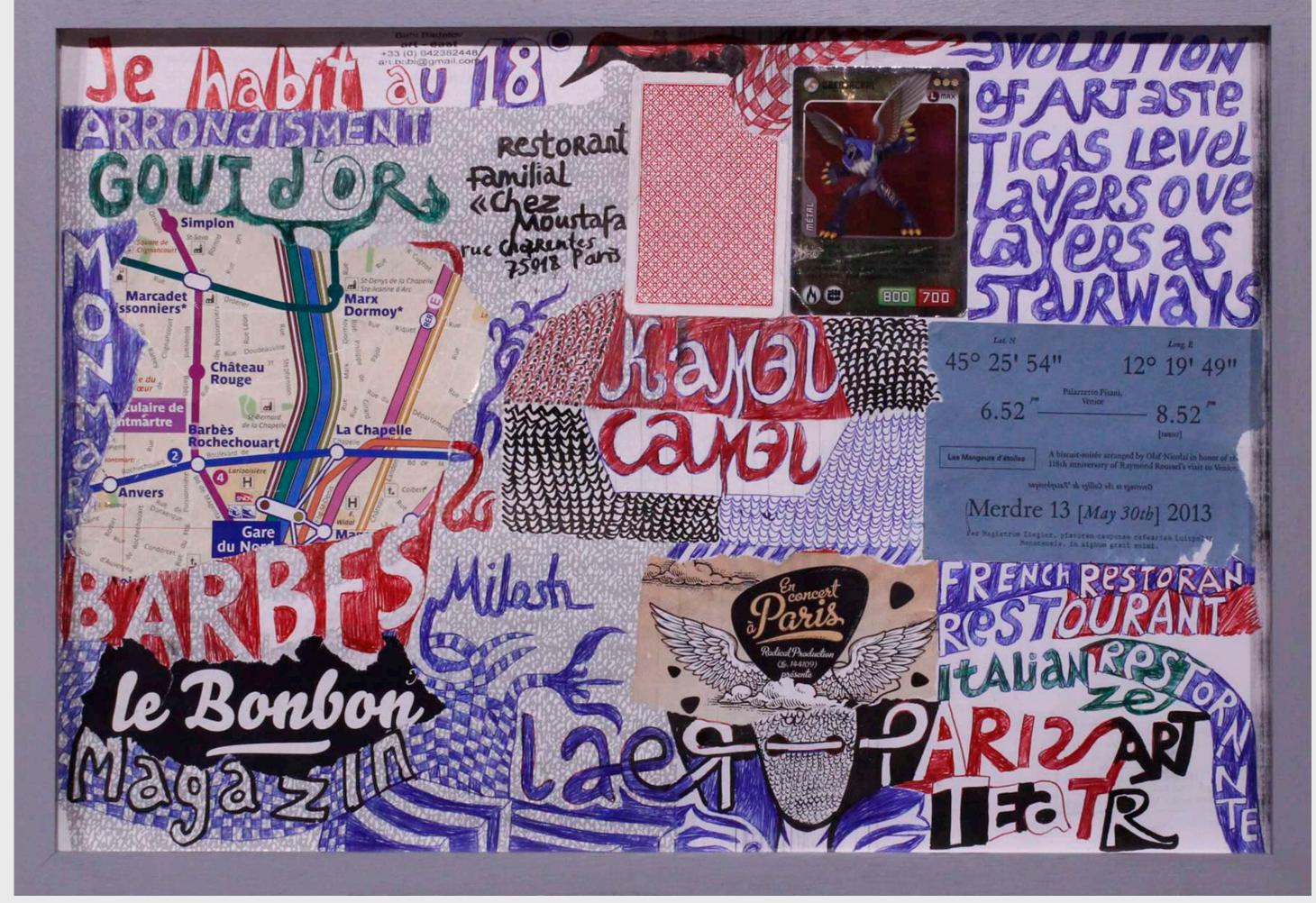
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Ink pencil and collage on paper
33.3 x 45.4 cm (framed)
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Babi Badalov

My Diaries Rereligion, 2014
Ink pencil and collage on paper
33.3 x 45.4 cm (framed)
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris







Kamel camel, 2013
Ink pencil and collage on paper
30 x 42 m
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Babi Badalov

My Diaries Welcome to Tbili, 2014
Ink pencil and collage on paper
30 x 75 x 42 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



My Diaries Tbilisi, 2014 Ink pencil and collage on paper 33.3 x 45.4 cm (framed) Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

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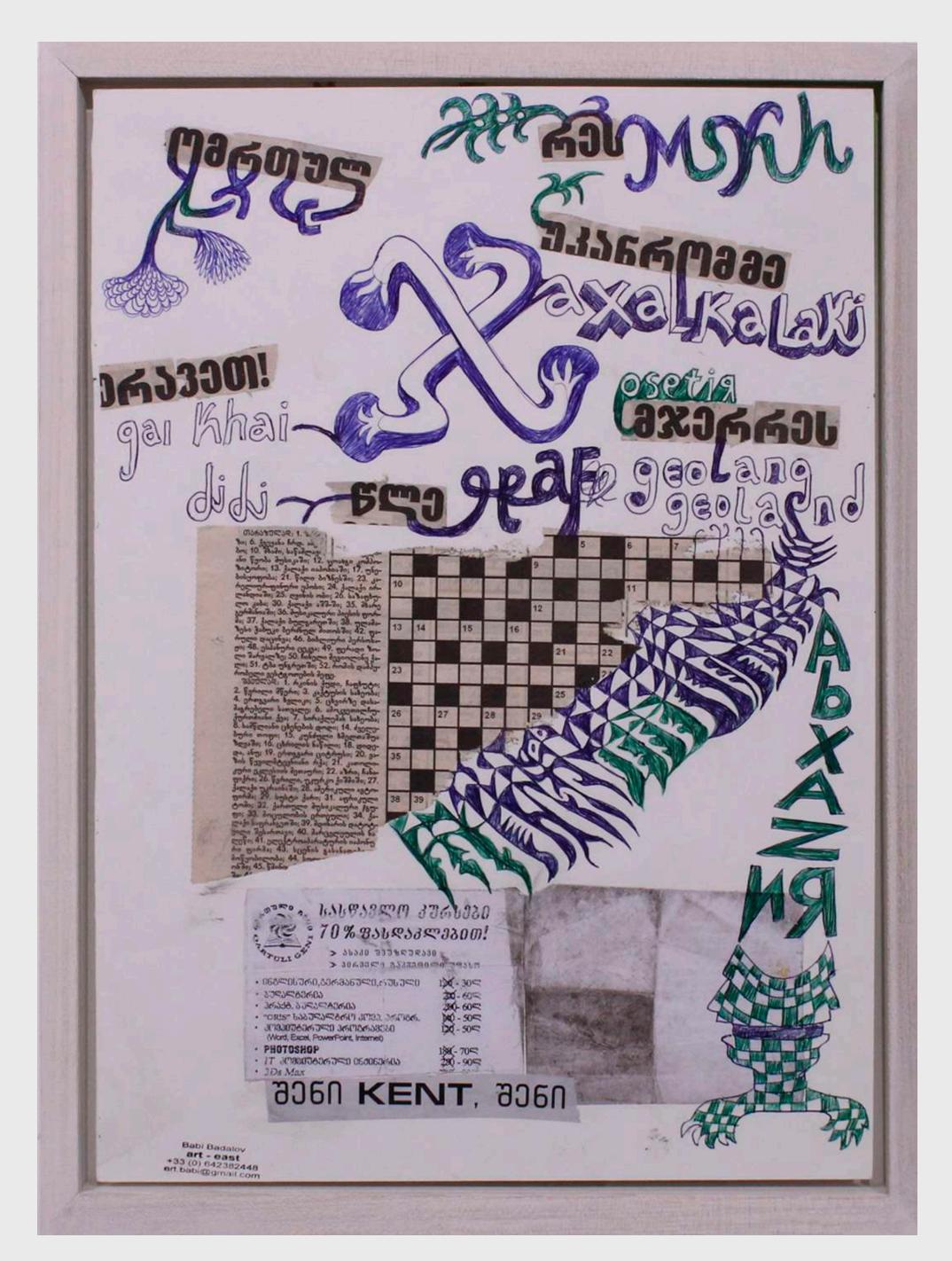


Art of being, 2013
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Societe Generealist, 2014
Ink pencil and collage on paper
30 x 42 cm
Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris



My Diaries Carusel Samuel, 2014 Ink pencil and collage on paper 33.3 x 45.4 cm (framed) Courtesy Galerie Poggi, Paris

Babi Badalov

My Diaries Geolang Geoland, 2014
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