

AFRICA GLOBAL

Contemporary Art from Africa and the African Diaspora

Cartographies of Displacement

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AllieNation 7
Digital photography on PVC canvas
24" x 35"



Gallery Hours:

Dec. 2nd - 9th: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Dec. 10th: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

On View: Dec 2nd – Dec 10th, 2023

Curated by: Helen Ceballos & Abdiel D. Segarra Ríos

Location: The Pavilion, 650 Ali Baba Ave., Opa-locka, FL 33054

Displacement has historically shaped an important part of the Caribbean reality. In the particular case of Puerto Rico, it can be seen in the effects of the actions that physically and sociologically condition the flow of daily life in our communities, added to the coloniality that, for centuries, has been part of our idiosyncrasy and the gentrificatioan, that remorselessly reconfigures the present of our neighborhoods.

Cartographies of Displacement brings together the work of seventeen Puerto Rican artists who, through their practices, reflect on the conjunctures in which systemic, physical and symbolic relegation affects their realities. This curatorial project aims to highlight the knowledge and experience produced by these movements, such as the changes suffered by the landscape, the ways in which we construct memory and the means in which we conceive geography and relationships, also looking at the diasporic body in a scenario consistently affected by eviction, abuse and aggression committed by the State.

In spite of the violence implicit in these unidirectional gestures of power, but also because of them and of the pain that crosses us, we accumulate forms of knowledge that we are rarely able to recognize. In this sense, the exhibition reflects on the production of subjectivity in contexts in which our worth is questioned by institutions that insist on pushing us away.

This show is a bet on the right to remain.











