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Harun Farocki
A Cruz e a Prata
20.10 - 27.11.2011

Harun Farocki's exhibition 'A Cruz e a Prata' consists of the Portuguese version of the film *The Silver and the Cross*, 2010, produced by Harun Farocki to be presented at the Lumiar Cité exhibition space, in Alta de Lisboa. It is a single-channel film in which the image projected appears divided into two juxtaposed parts that are contextualised and complemented by a voice-off. In this film/essay, Harun Farocki analyses the details of the painting *Description of Cerro Rico and the Imperial Municipality of Potosí*, painted by Gaspar Miguel de Berrío in 1758, which portrays the city of Potosí in Bolivia in great detail. The narration that Farocki introduces in the film is a discourse of Foucauldian 'archaeology' of the painting, unfolding from the place and from the people involved in colonisation – the victims and the perpetrators, those who won and those who lost, the Amerindians and the colonisers for the Spanish crown, the forced workers and the free workers, the stonemasons, traders and craftsmen, the mine owners and foundry operators, the colonial administration and the clergy, the Spanish and their descendants.

Harun Farocki (Nový Jicín, Czech Republic, 1944) lives and works in Berlin and is respected worldwide as a filmmaker, artist and writer. His essay and observation films question the production and perception of images, decoding film as a medium and examining how audiovisual culture is related to history, politics, technology and war. His projects have been shown in solo, group and retrospective exhibitions worldwide at important events and international institutions, including the 2010 São Paulo Biennial, Documenta X and XXII in Kassel, Tate Modern in London, MACBA in Barcelona, Museum Ludwig in Cologne and the Jeu de Paume in Paris.

The exhibition is organised in collaboration with **doclisboa 2011** and the **Goethe Institut**.

20.10 | 17h00 Lecture by **Manuela Ribeiro Sanches**: *Some Notes on Travel and Escape*

25.10 | 11h00 Public Master Class with **Harun Farocki** at Culturgest

10.11 | 18h00 Guided Tour by **Bruno Leitão**

(the lecture and master class will be in English)

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