With works by Francis Alÿs, Eleanor Antin, Eric Baudelaire, Taysir Bhatniji, Zarina Bhimji, Jennifer Bornstein, Patty Chang, Nicolas Consuegra, Julien Crepieux, Hans-Peter Feldman, Aurélien Froment, Ryan Gander, Jiří Kovanda, John Menick, Frédéric Moser & Philippe Schwinger, Laurent Montaron, Charlotte Moth, Melvin Moti, Ciprian Muresan, Walid Raad, Anri Sala, The Propeller Group & Superflex, Mungo Thomson, Danh Vo, Ulla von Brandenburg, Carey Young and Akram Zaatari.

May 6

7:00 pm Exhibition opening at *Beirut* 

7:30 pm Sandra Terdjman and Léna Monnier from the Kadist Foundation in conversation with *Beirut*.

May 7

7:00 pm Exhibition opening at Contemporary Image Collective & Townhouse Gallery

A Guest Without A Host Is A Ghost brings a selection of contemporary artworks from the Kadist collections in Paris and San Francisco on a nine-month residency to Cairo. From over 500 existing entries in the Kadist collection, *Beirut* appointed a group of thirty artworks to reside as temporary guests in the city. The project speaks to the absence of collections and museums dedicated to contemporary art in Egypt, and draws on local partners spanning not-for-profit and private art galleries and other cultural spaces, to engage more closely with the hosted works.

The project evolves in two chapters. The first features an exhibition co-hosted by *Beirut*, Townhouse and the Contemporary Image Collective to publicly introduce our guests and hosts to each other. The second chapter departs from the exhibition as form, encouraging the artworks to have a life of their own and feel 'at home'. Some artworks will be invited to go on a journey to new homes, offices and spaces in the city. Others will become objects of inquiry in workshops and seminars, to feature as special guests in other projects, and form the base for new artist commissions and responses by local and visiting practitioners.

The exhibition is realized in partnership with Contemporary Image Collective and Townhouse.

During 2 - 18 June a public program will accompany the show at Beirut and our partnering venues Contemporary Image Collective, Townhouse and Institut Français d'Égypte. Check our website and Facebook page for regular updates on upcoming events.

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