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Workshop with Nour Sokhon and Moritz Frischkorn

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Let us imagine Lebanon as the first zero waste country in the world. For the workshop, we invite you to enter a new world in which the famous waste mountains on the coast of Lebanon have been turned into green peninsulas. On these islands, other ways of relating to nature and to one another are practiced. Everything happens with great care, based on both forgotten traditional practices and a truly future-oriented mindset. What does life on the peninsula look like? What are the technologies that make better lives possible? How do people build houses, how do they live? How do they rest, relax, interact, sleep, and party? What do they love? Do people there look like us?

The workshop is based on our research into land reclamation projects on the coast of Lebanon. All the while, we believe that waste is not only a material condition, it is also what is deposited in our mental space by stressful and precarious living conditions. Instead of painting a grim picture of how oligarchs make money by turning waste into valuable land, we would like to collectively imagine alternative future scenarios. Through a series of listening and writing exercises, and by using different physical practices, we will build an environment where we can collectively leave our predicaments behind. In a shared artistic process of boundless creativity, we can thus start to imagine how those green peninsulas on the coast of Lebanon might look like.

The workshop is part of the artistic research project **The Great Report** that will be performed in Hamburg, Germany in January 2020. More information can be found here:

<http://elbkulturfonds.hamburg/foerderungen-2018/11696306/the-great-report/>

It is hosted by the **Goethe Institut Beirut** and will be taking place in their facilities at:

Gemmayzeh, Nahr Ibrahim Street, opposite of Sacré Coeur

Lunch will be provided, with the friendly support of **Field to Fork**.

The maximum number of participants is 25. **If you would like to take part, or have further questions, please contact us at:** sokhon.nour@gmail.com or moritzfrischkorn@yahoo.de