In the Eye of The Storm

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Talking about weather is not just a polite conversation anymore. It became religion, politics, it stirs belief-systems and induces doubts. Meteorology itself is a calculated risk of future chances, a science born out of the need to predict and control, to warn and to create anticipation. The exhibition draws on the charged significations of storms, bringing forward a polyphony of topics related to unpredictability and social anxieties towards chaos and the unknown.

The eye of the storm is the most serene and also the most dangerous place inside the tempest. Capricious changes in the atmospheric pressure shift the compressed sunny skies to thundering landscapes. Yet the more weather forecasts share data of satellites hungrily collecting information, the more unstable our lives reveal themselves to be: there is a code red for everything, climate change - our material reality shifts. Even clouds are not what they used to be - they become metaphors of new mythologies being built in virtual, digital worlds where rain cannot drown-down streets and does not intervene in our daily commutes.

Knowing the weather and looking for shelter, two sides of a coin ignored or traded carelessly as other storms become more important than others. Let us be then in the middle of the twister - as unstable as it is, it is a privileged place, where the horizon line is always changing. From the eye of the storm, our gaze moves lazily in 360 degrees surveillance routines, plucking away from the rain and thunder. Swings from childhood games cast shadows of the past and we can dream everything is still possible.

Sunny skies, passing clouds, summer-is-here vibes. Or has it already gone by? – run-down neighbourhoods, the TV is flooding with talks about floods, there are more and more palm-trees in Bucharest.