

Interspaces

A special exhibition at the Museum der Kulturen Basel

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They come and go, only rarely are they intended but they are omnipresent: interspaces.

During its own temporal interstice the Museum der Kulturen Basel presents Interspaces, an exhibition showing selected objects from the collections set against photographs of the building under reconstruction. On the building site at the Museum der Kulturen new interspaces emerge continuously. Since reconstruction began in 2009, the photographer Michael Fontana has documented these in images. The objects from the museum's collections embody and broach the issue of spaces and interspaces in multiple ways – including, of course, such pertaining to concepts and thoughts.

The viewer stands between the objects and the photographs, in other words, in an intermediate space where materials, forms, proportions and contents happen upon each other; at times harmoniously, now and again controversially, but continually producing new perceptions and perspectives. The photographs as well as the objects provide insight into novel spaces. These include cultural and temporal spaces and the keyholes in between, as well as physical niches and boundaries. The exhibition invites the viewer on a journey through these physical and imaginary interspaces.

