Exhibition

WHAT NEXT?

Insurrection of Things in the Amazon

How did the colonization of the Amazon region change the significance of things for the resident populations?

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Based on museum holdings that have served indigenous representatives and scholars over the last years as important cultural resources, the exhibition follows up the history of the Basel Amazon collection between 1950 and 2010, addressing historical as well as current issues and events. It traces the biographies of individual things on their journey from South America to Switzerland. Some of them are plain objects, others are things that are ascribed subjectivity, either permanently or on a temporary basis. These things are believed to have a life of their own, very similar to us human beings.