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**235.000.000.000 / 777.000.000.000.000**

Intervention at the main train station in Zurich

2006



"235.000.000.000 / 777.000.000.000.000", electronic billboard at Zurich main station, 2006. In the framework of: "Colonialism without Colonies? Relations between Tourism, Neo-Colonialism and Migration", Shedhalle, Zurich, 2006

During the exhibition "Colonialism without Colonies? Relations between Tourism, Neo-Colonialism and Migration" at the Shedhalle in Zurich a new piece made for the electronic billboard of the Zurich main train station was shown. The piece displays the foreign debt of Africa in relation to the damages which were caused by colonialism and slavery on this continent. If it is possible to elicit the foreign debt of Africa, which were tripled between 1980 and 2000, out of the World Banks databanks (235 billion dollars for the 'Sub-Saharan Africa' 2004), then the calculations of the damages caused by colonialism and slavery represent a disparate and much more difficult undertaking. At the occasion of the UN World Conference against Racism in Durban in 2001 the African World Reparations and Repatriations Truth Commission brought forward a calculation based on comprehensive research and announced the sum of 777 trillion dollars. The claims of the African states were calculated using the reparation numbers of Germany for the victims of the Nazi-Regime as a point of reference. Out of fear of amend claims

the Western countries deny any responsibility for colonialism and its aftermath and decline a guilt confession.



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**The text reads:** 235 Billion Dollars – Africa's External Debt  
(Debt level of sub-Saharan Africa in 2004 according to the World Bank)  
777 Trillion Dollars – Damages from Slavery and Colonialism  
(Source: African World Reparations and Repatriations Truth Commission)



"235.000.000.000 / 777.000.000.000.000", electronic displays on trams in Leipzig in the framework of: "What Is Democracy?" (solo show), Galerie KUB, Leipzig, 2010



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"235.000.000.000 / 777.000.000.000.000", video documentation. Installation view: "Colonialism without Colonies? Relations between Tourism, Neo-Colonialism and Migration", Shedhalle, Zurich, 2006

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**235 BILLION DOLLARS  
AFRICA'S EXTERNAL DEBT**

(Debt level of sub-Saharan Africa in 2004 according to the World Bank)

**777 TRILLION DOLLARS  
DAMAGES FROM SLAVERY &  
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(Source: African World Reparations and Repatriation Truth Commission)

**CANCEL THE DEBT**



**COMPENSATE FOR SLAVERY**

"235.000.000.000 / 777.000.000.000.000", 3 digital prints on aluminum, each 60 x 33,75 cm, 2006/2007