

LUIS CAMNITZER

Luis Camnitzer was born in Lübeck (Germany) in 1937. A year later his family emigrated to Uruguay where Camnitzer grew up and studied architecture and sculpture at the University of Uruguay in Montevideo. He is living in New York since 1964.

Camnitzer is an internationally renowned artist and leading figure of Latin American conceptualism and political art. Since the early 1960s his work has appeared in numerous exhibitions, including biennials and important international group shows, such as the Whitney Biennial (2000) and documenta 11 (2002). Recently Camnitzer had a major retrospective at the Daros-Latinamerica Collection, Zurich, which will travel to El Museo del Barrio, New York, the Museo de Zapopan in Guadalajara, Mexico, and the Morris and Helen Belkin Gallery of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver in 2011.

His work is dealing with social and political issues, often experimenting with language. Some of his most famous works are “Leftovers” (1970), now in the collection of Tate Modern, and the photo etchings “From the Uruguayan Torture Series” (1983/84), selected by Okwui Enwezor for documenta 11.

Since the beginning of Camnitzer's artistic practice printmaking has been central as it allowed him to spread his work widely. After moving to New York he founded The New Graphic Workshop, a printmaking collective together with Liliana Porter and José Guillermo Castillo, and produced works that were often also questioning the mechanism of the art market.

Works by Luis Camnitzer belong to many important museum collections worldwide, such as MoMA New York, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, Tate Modern, London, Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires, Museo de Bellas Artes, Santiago de Chile, Getty Museum, Cabinet of Drawings and Prints of the Uffizzi, Florence, Italy.

For azple.com Luis Camnitzer proposes the series “Operation Endgame” (2010). It is a brand new work that links his printmaking practice since the 1960s to the new possibilities of the internet and reflects upon the idea of borders and the immigration policy of the US with means of language.

“I came about this reading an article explaining how deportations under Obama increased in a high percentage. The term ‘remove all removable aliens’ was a throwaway quote, but in quotation marks, which made me pursue it on Google. There I found the official document from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2003 (so issued under Bush) but still operational today. It is 49 pages long. I put ‘removable aliens’ in the search function of Acrobat and then picked up all the sentences of the document that had those words. By stringing the sentences together, the undeniable poetic quality appeared on its own. (I chose the colors of the type, the red and red/bold is for text that was in boxes or didn’t follow the normal text layout). The 2nd page is the cover of the real official document. I did not add or change anything of the text. The work is really theirs, not mine.”

-Luis Camnitzer

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OPERATION ENDGAME

AN EXTRACT OF THE
OFFICE OF DETENTION AND
REMOVAL STRATEGIC PLAN,
2003 -2012

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ENDGAME

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Detention and Removal Strategy
for a Secure Homeland



The DRO^{*} strategic plan sets in motion a cohesive enforcement program with a ten-year time horizon that will build the capacity to “remove all removable aliens,” eliminate the backlog of unexecuted final order removal cases, and realize its vision. Through its operational focus on fugitive apprehension and developing full capacity to remove all removable aliens, *Endgame* is a key element in the achievement of the balanced immigration enforcement strategy.

DRO MISSION

“Promote the public safety and national security by ensuring the departure from the United States of all removable aliens through the fair and effective enforcement of the nation’s immigration laws.”

* Detention and Removal Office

Over the next ten years, *Endgame* will lay the groundwork for developing the capacity and capability to remove all removable aliens. “Removing all removable aliens” is, in fact, DRO’s mission The basic mission, however, remains the same: Remove all removable aliens Simply stated, DRO’s ultimate goal is to develop the capacity to remove all removable aliens. Moving toward a 100% rate of removal for all removable aliens is critical to allow the ICE to provide the level of immigration enforcement necessary to keep America secure. DRO will exploit every opportunity presented in order to build the capacity to remove all removable aliens. The workload per case officer is daunting and the pool of removable aliens continues to grow as other immigration enforcement divisions become more effective, apprehending greater numbers of individuals, and as aliens continue to find ways to enter the country illegally. By doubling the effective IRP workforce, we can expect a significant increase in criminal removals as more incarcerated removable aliens are processed and deported. Moving toward a 100% rate of removal for all removable aliens allows ICE to provide the level of immigration enforcement necessary to keep America secure Ultimately, this constant unaccounted flow into the country adds to the pool of removable aliens.

DRO will continue to serve the President, the Congress and the American people; however, our mission – “to remove all removable aliens” – grows continually more difficult without a commensurate increase in staff, funding, and infrastructure DRO developed five strategic goals to guide the program’s operational efforts and resource requirements towards accomplishing its mission and meeting its ultimate objective: remove all removable aliens This statement is the Strategy’s direct link to DRO’s mission: “Remove all removable aliens.”

All five of DRO’s goals directly affect the successful execution and accomplishment of this goal. Over the next ten years, through execution of this plan, DRO will build the capacity to remove all removable aliens.

The overarching theme expressed throughout this plan and DRO’s vision statement is the development of the infrastructure and capacity to remove all removable aliens.

***Endgame* sets in motion a cohesive enforcement program to build the capacity to “remove all removable aliens” and eliminate the backlog of unexecuted final order removal cases within the next ten years.**

This chapter provides the strategies the program will undertake as it moves forward in building the capacity to remove all removable aliens and to complete the enforcement process.... DRO's ultimate goal is to develop the capacity to remove all removable aliens. Remove all removable aliens DRO must increase its overall number of removals annually in order to thwart and deter continued growth in the illegal alien population and move toward a 100% rate of removal of all removable aliens.

Docket Control: The ICE^{*} mechanism for tracking the case or status of potentially removable aliens.

Identify removable aliens
Locate removable aliens
Apprehend removable aliens
Process removable aliens
Removal
Remove removable aliens

* Immigration and Customs Enforcement