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VitrA Contemporary Architecture Series Presents: DON'T BE LATE HOME

Istanbul Modern hosted the fifth exhibition of VitrA Contemporary Architecture Series initiated by VitrA and the Turkish Association of Architects in Private Practice. The project series aimed to document and discuss the milieu of contemporary architecture in Turkey and provide a platform for new studies in the field by concentrating on different types of buildings.

Five exhibitions took place within the VitrA Contemporary Architecture Series between 2012 and 2016. Exhibitions such as "Happiness Factories" (2012), which focused on commercial buildings; "Please Do Not Disturb" (2013), addressing the concept of holiday; "Dreams to Realities" (2014), offering projections on education; "Caution! Slippery Ground" (2015), analyzing the culture of architecture; and finally "Don't Be Late Home" (2016), which aimed to reflect the adventure of homes, all welcomed visitors within that scope. In addition to exhibitions, public programs and film screenings rendered visible reflections on the subjects at hand and focused on their evolutions.

The exhibition titled "Don't Be Late Home" focused on our oldest and most fundamental accommodation/living space in the human-space cross-section, namely our homes. The human being's need for shelter is a historical and complex issue dating back thousands of years. Meanwhile, the debate of whose problem housing is has been going unresolved for a long time. We have lost track of whether it is a problem of shelter, a problem pertaining to the city, an architectural design problem, an interior problem of living spaces, or if it comprises all. Rather than trying to answer these and similar questions, the exhibition strived to crystalize the questions.

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