

DOMAIN GALLERY



Jan Robert Leegte Google Maps as a Sculpture

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Domain Gallery is pleased to present Googlemaps as sculpture, a solo exhibition by netherlands artist Jan Robert Leegte curated by Manuel Fernández.

Jan Robert Leegte (1973) studied Fine Arts at the Willem de Kooning Academy in Rotterdam after having studied Architecture at the University of Delft. Since 2008 he teaches at the Gerrit Rietveld Art Academy in Amsterdam.

Fascinated by the world behind the computer screen, Leegte explored the sculptural possibilities of the Internet as from 1997. In 2002 he shifted back to the gallery space, taking along his newly discovered favorite materials with him. Also he explored more "embedded" possibilities out of the gallery space in the endlessly deep contexts of the outside world; from urban postering in Alexandria to ornamenting ceilings in Brussels. After a brief timeout he currently has refocused on the net as medium. His work has been exhibited at a widespread selection of international shows and festivals.

Google Maps as a Sculpture, 2013
(Google Maps API, JavaScript, HTML, found image)

The work is yet another iteration in the ongoing personal quest to grasp the materiality within the computer. Or as I have began to name it: hypermateriality.

Jan Robert Leegte lives and works in Amsterdam.