



DESERT VIEW

by Daniel Kötter, Constanze Fischbeck



SYNOPSIS

Desert View initiated by the theatre and filmmakers Constanze Fischbeck and Daniel Kötter explores residential formats in Madinaty, a new town in the desert, 30km outside of Cairo. The film is the result of a four week long „residency“ experiment, where both the filmmakers and the three-generation family Barakat from Cairo's informal settlement Bashtil, became temporary residents of Madinaty. Equipped with their own cameras, professional ones and low-fi mobile phones, both „teams“ analyzed from their own perspectives architecture, space, time and every day life style, representing Egypt's middle and upper class Desert Dreams. A collaborative film on the use of space.

The title "Desert View" alludes to Hollywood-inspired names of compound architecture around Cairo and the much-vaunted view from the mansion window, which in the gated communities always points to the artificial landscapes inside the compound and never to the actual desert landscape of Egypt.

Madinaty is a...

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Daniel Kötter, Constanze Fischbeck

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83 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Ecology/Environment, Economy

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Arabic

PREMIERE

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