

## Data sheet of the exhibition

### “FROM TIBET TO NEPAL. Transient –Tibetans in limbo”

By Majime



*I have always questioned my identity as person growing up in a Tibetan migrant family, born in Nepal. I constantly probe into the doubts, anxiety and curiosity of being a migrant and the stories told by my parents of their journey has deeply ingrained in me. Around 20,000 Tibetan refugees have settled in Nepal since 1959. There are over 13000 refugees settled in 12 different settlement areas across Nepal. Since 2008, around 2,500 to 3,000 Tibetan refugees cross the border into Nepal annually. The Nepali government only recognizes those Tibetans who crossed the border before 1989 as refugees; those coming in after that year are considered illegal immigrants. However, a ‘gentlemen’s agreement’, an informal arrangement in place since 1989, obligates Nepal to allow Tibetans crossing the border safe passage through Nepali territory to India. After 1994, Nepal stopped issuing refugee cards (RCs) to children who had turned 16, including those born to parents holding valid RCs, leaving many stateless.’ It can be an assumption that the Tibetan community might be struggling or might have surpassed the struggles of being a migrant. However, while exploring deeper, I have felt the strong resemblance of internal struggle and sense of temporariness in the Tibetan community. This work is a process for me – to better understand my roots and heritage and my community as a whole and the socio psychological impact of migration. To see in person and record what I feel is real, relatable and important and continue the conversation about it.*

Key words: Migration, Identity, Socio psychological impact, Stories, Limbo, Statelessness

## Exhibition material



- 20 portrait and landscape photos
- format 90x60 cm, all on dibond
- caption of each photo on pen paper in English or French
- possible to borrow 20 wooden easels

It is possible to exhibit only a selection of your choice. The photographs are not interdependent. It is possible as well to combine this exhibition with another one called "Tibet , 60 year of exile", on the Tibetan refugees living in India.

➤ Don't hesitate to contact us to have more details!

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