

HOTEL EUROPA

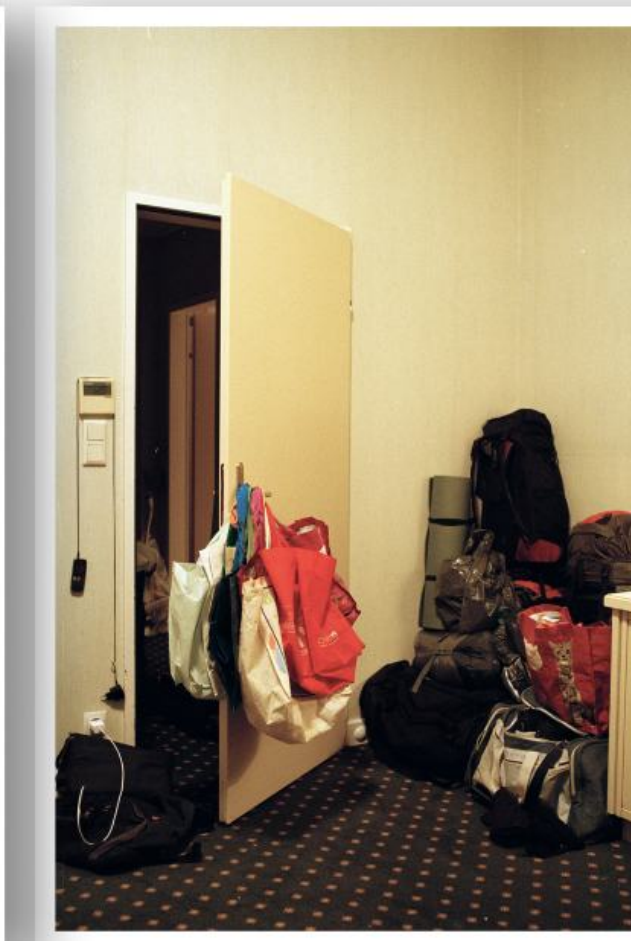
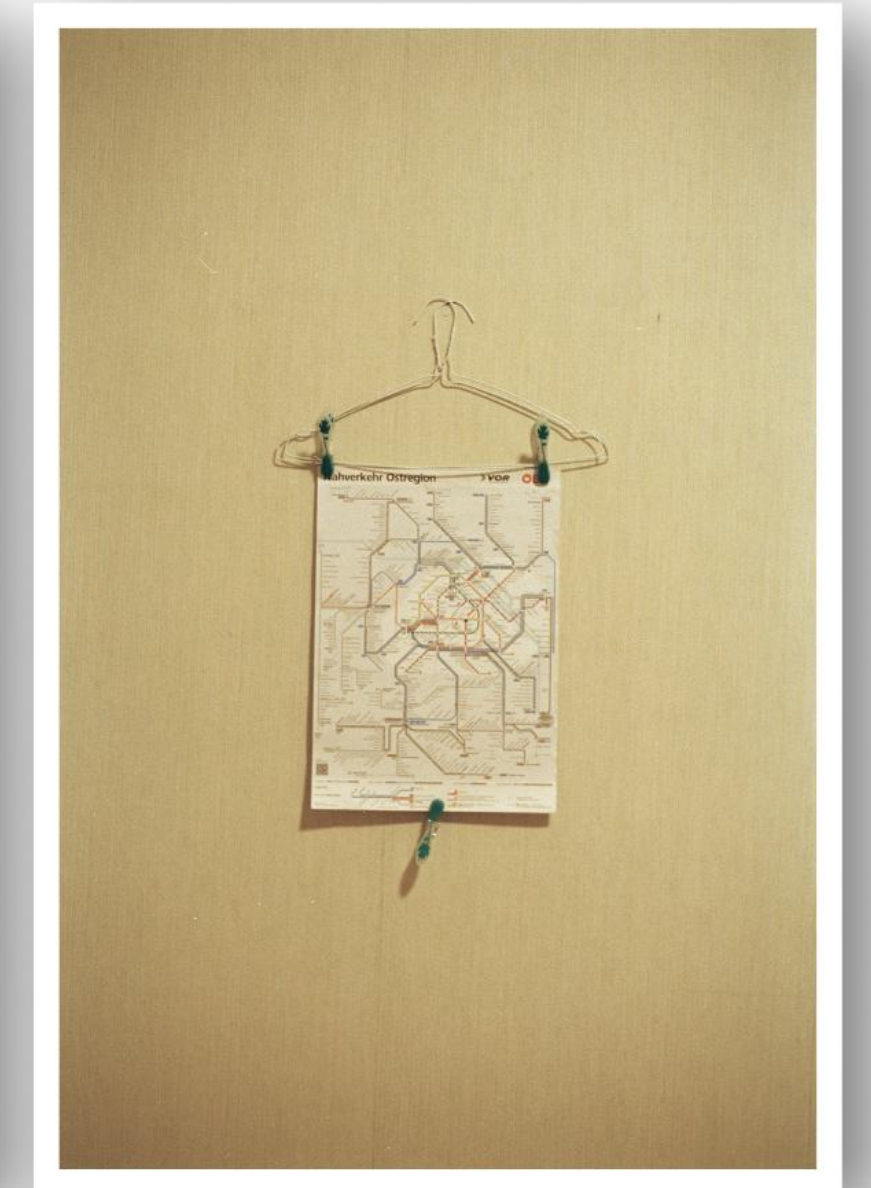
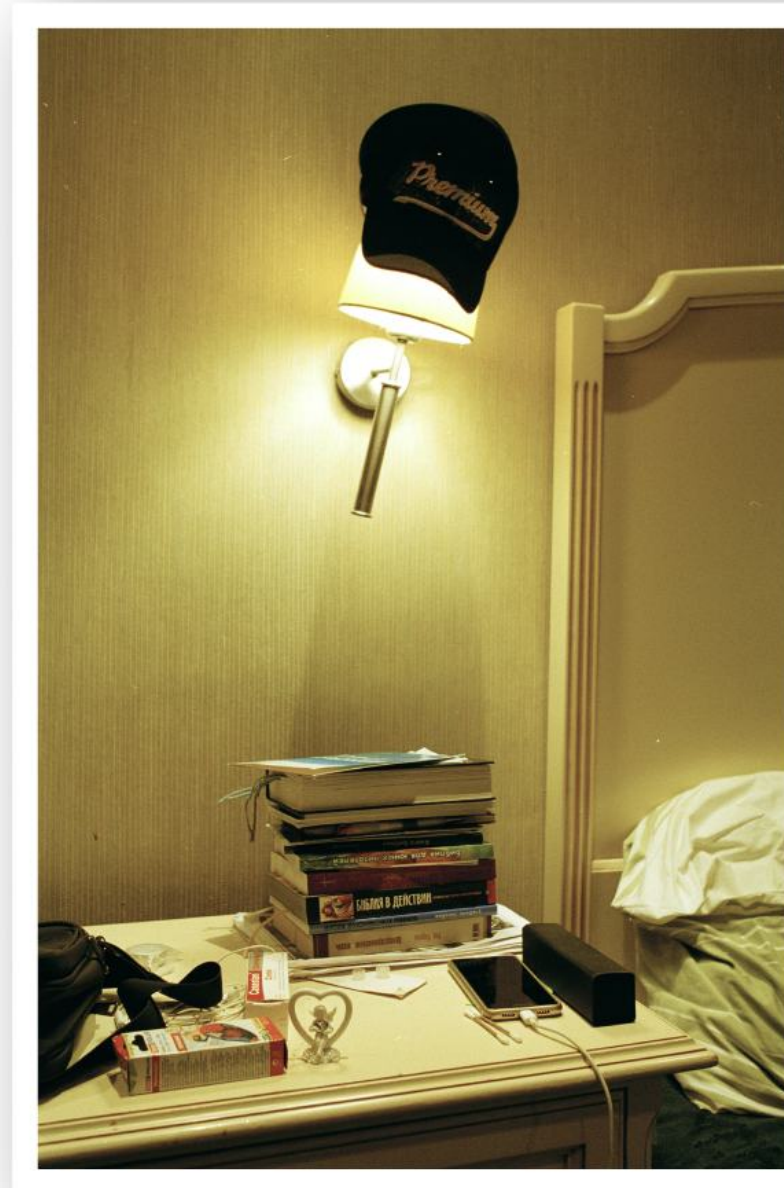
short project description

Since summer 2023 I am exploring locations that traditionally used to provide temporary accommodation, such as hotels, hostels, and resorts, but now offer shelter to Ukrainians displaced by the full scale invasion. I capture these places and document Ukrainians and their everyday life in Austrian recreation areas

My goal is to explore how people who lack a secure place to call home reorganize their temporary environment, adapt to it and adjust their needs accordingly. For me personally this project is the opportunity to approach the topic of the war in Ukraine despite not having my own experience of it. I aim to make it possible by intervention in the lives of eyewitnesses

At the moment I am still on the stage of collecting material, searching for places and making trips. Soon I am planning to create a digital archive, an instagram page where I can post some of the photos I did, together with other content related to the project (portraits of people from the hotel, interviews etc.). The idea of that archive is to function as the place (digital place) that unites all the stories from different locations under one title and one concept of Hotel Europa

There are also some stand alone pieces that are part of the project. I am making screen prints on the textile pieces I took from the hotels (bed sheets, tablecloth, pillow cover etc.)



some screenshots from scanned films folder

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*screen print, bed sheet from hotel Dr. Stühlinger, Semmering.
250×170cm*

The original image is from the resort hotel Dr. Stühlinger in Semmering. It was owned and named after Dr. Hermann Stühlinger, who was a doctor and a member of the NSDAP and the SA since 1930 who fled to Germany and became chief physician of the "Austrian Legion" there ([LINK](#))

The same hotel in 2013 was bought by a Ukrainian investor group that already owned several other Semmering hotels – three years later it went bankrupt and was closed. Since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine hotel Dr. Stühlinger has served a purpose of shelter for displaced people





