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Preview: Hong Kong at the 2013 Venice Biennale



Courtesy the artist, M+, WKCD and HKADC, photo by David Levene
Part of the installation "You (you)." by Lee Kit currently at the Venice Biennale.

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At the [2013 Venice Biennale](#), there are the headlining works such as **Ai Weiwei**'s "S.A.C.R.E.D." installation that documents his 81-day incarceration, or **Milla Jovovich**'s performance inside a plexiglass box for **Tara Subkoff**. And then there's Hong Kong's exhibition, contrasting sharply with its subtlety in concept and aesthetics.

Opposite the main entrance of the Arsenale, plain pastel blue curtains float outside the entrance to "You (you)." the installation by Hong Kong artist **Lee Kit**. Hong Kong does not have a national pavilion at the Venice Biennale but the [Arts Development Council](#) (ADC) has been supporting and selecting artists to show in Venice since 2001. This year, ADC is working with [M+](#) to show Lee's work. The artist won the Art Futures Prize at the **Hong Kong Art Fair 2012** and is one of the city's most exhibited artists

overseas. Read an interview with Lee Kit [here](#).

His show at Campo della Tana uses ready-made furnishing typical of Hong Kong's middle class, with modifications by the artist applied to each item. The exhibition space is sparsely filled but unmistakably domestic, resembling an "abstract living space." The first impression is of exaltation of middle class ennui, but the work slowly reveals a deliberate and intimate portrait of the contemporary conditions of an artist's state of being.

"I'm trying to capture this feeling of existing. When I feel neither happy nor unhappy, neither empowered nor restless. In that moment I feel that I really exist," Lee told BLOUIN ARTINFO.

The exhibition will officially open on June 1 and run until November 24. Click on the [slideshow](#) to see take a tour through the "You (you)." installation by Lee Kit at the Venice Biennale 2013.

"You (you)." by Lee Kit, June 1 to November 24, 2013, Castello 2126, Campo della Tana, 30122 Venezia, Italy, www.venicebiennale.hk