

THECONTAINERCOLLECTION has its origins in the *Hurricane Zone [HZ]* - the aftermath of two decades of a tenacious artistic action that started in 1992 [-8] as the spring board to contribute to a global contemporary cultural development.

HZ.

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the *Hurricane Zone [HZ]* is a philosophical and political concept that reflects the passing of a destructive force through a geographical area, one that consumes, digests and vomits in its path, leaving behind crumbled infrastructures, destroyed natural resources and the displacement of people. quick recovery is futile, for as soon as one leaves, another passes through.

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the historical complexities of the *HZ*, which includes the Yucatán area, Central America and the Caribbean, began with the first vicious hurricane over 500 years ago with the sudden arrival of Spanish colonialism. since then a series of hurricanes have swept through the region, including British, French and Dutch colonialism and most recently, US imposition and domination. and yet, from the eye of the *Zone*, Belize connects the Isthmus with the islands of the Caribbean and gradually generates its own energy and counter force through artistic tactics and attitudes.

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the only way to live and work at the *HZ* with respect and humanity in the perennial instability is to respond with coherent strength. we acknowledge our history and its contemporary coloniality. commitment is key, cowardice - unacceptable.

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we continue to expose the complexities of the *HZ* encouraging reflection on the universal spirit of our region's ordeals. through connecting and collaborating with the world, we strive for perspective through the spirit of shared investigation and critical thought.

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these *storms* will not end in our lifetime - perhaps never. our art is our lifeline.

THECONTAINERTEAM