

World Capital **by Felicity Hammond**

[Opening](#) 25 April 2019, 6-9pm | Exhibition runs until 18 May 2019



World Capital, Felicity Hammond (2019)

arebyte Gallery are pleased to announce *World Capital*, a new installation by Felicity Hammond.

Conversations about the homogenisation of the built environment have taken many forms. From Walter Benjamin's writings about the effect of capitalism on nineteenth century Paris, to Ian Nairn's scathing review of the growing ubiquity of town planning, the crisis surrounding urban identity has been and will continue to be widely contested.

In *World Capital* the conversation turns towards the way that digital technologies have influenced the global image of the city. Offering a commentary on the role that the computer generated architectural proposition plays in the increasing uniformity of the urban realm, the work outlines the ways in which the proliferation of the virtual world has contributed to urban indifference.

Combining images used to market contemporary housing alongside relics of the industrial past, the work collides local history with the global image that supersedes it. Re-imagining the Great Thames flood of 1928 which destroyed much of the site of the exhibition (now known as London City Island) *World Capital* recalls the area's industrial and troublesome past, propelling its history into the near future.

Events as part of *World Capital*:

- Panel discussion: Clare Melhuish, Monica Degen, Adam Brown and Felicity Hammond
10th May, 6.30 - 8.30pm, (tbc) free
- Reading Group
11th May, 4-6pm, free
- Walking Tour of Canning Town and the surrounding area, led by Debbie Kent
18th May, 1-3pm (tbc) free



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

ENDS

Notes to editors

For more information, images or interview requests, email rebecca@arebyte.com

arebyte Gallery
Unit 21, 7 Botanic Square
London City Island
E14 0LG

Nearest tube: Canning Town (Jubilee / DLR)
Gallery open Tues - Sat 12-6pm

Instagram [@arebyte](https://www.instagram.com/arebyte)
Twitter [@arebyte](https://twitter.com/arebyte)
Facebook [/arebyte.Gallery](https://www.facebook.com/arebyte.Gallery)

arebyte is a London-based art organisation which supports the development of contemporary artists working across emerging artforms. Through our gallery space and affordable studio complex, we create thriving environments for artists to expand on their practices, explore collaborative working and meet new audiences. www.arebyte.com

Felicity Hammond is an artist and educator based in London. She is currently undertaking TECHNE funded research in the Contemporary Art Research Centre at Kingston University on digital representations of the built environment and their relationship with site. She has worked with major institutions including Tate Modern, The Whitechapel Gallery, The Photographer's Gallery and The Saatchi Gallery, and her work is held in international collections. <http://www.felicityhammond.com/>