

This Is the Way We Live

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„residential walking tours“, interior decorating magazine „So wohnen wir“, video (35 min 58 sec), 2001

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photographs of the „residential walking tours“
through private living arrangements in the
Messestadt Riem, which took place from July to
September 2001.

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In 2001, I actively included the inhabitants of a newly developed satellite town in the conception of my project "This Is the Way We Live" and thus studied how significant an individual's living quarters is as a mirror of personality, of life style and of the prevailing social conditions. The communicative aspect of home living was placed firmly at the heart of the matter. I arranged "residential walking tours" in the trade-fair town of Riem, one of the biggest city planning projects in Europe on the former grounds of the Munich-Riem airport. The "residential walking tours" offered an in sight into very different forms of living and concepts of home furnishing. A small circle of residents showed each other their private living quarters, and it was through these neighbourhood tours that a social and cultural exchange took place that I filmed on video.

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Schönes Wohnen in der Messestadt Riem

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