THIS IS NOT BEIRUT (THERE WAS AND THERE WAS NOT)

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DURATION
47:35

YEAR
1994

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
Arabic
English
French

CATEGORY
Documentary



DESCRIPTION
This video is, at the most fundamental level, a personal project: to examine the use of images/representations of Lebanon and Beirut both in the West and in Lebanon itself; to record the interactions and experiences whilst filming in Lebanon, focusing attention on the representational process as both a Lebanese and a Westernized, foreign-born mediator with cultural connections and baggage from both, as well as living between the disparities and disjunctions arising in both; to situate the work between genres, looking from the inside out at each, and engaging critically at the assumptions imposed and thus broken in this site of complexity where one defines and articulates one's identity.

SOUND
Mono

KEYWORDS
Conflict, Wealth, Lebanon, Past, Present, Difference

THEMES
Art and culture
Identity
Socio-politics
Private life
History