On the occasion of Various Others 2023 *beacon* is pleased to welcome several international artists coming together for a group exhibition. The invited artists include Carolina Aguirre, Krystel Cádenas, Jeanne Gaigher, Jens Kothe and Berenice Olmedo, whose individual artistic positions are united by a common theme in the exhibition.

The works of all artists are different in terms of media and materiality. They develop their own dynamics that thematize the presence and absence of human existence within its environment and objects. The visualization of the status of the subject happens along individual questions about presence and absence. In the latter, the Self increasingly withdraws from surfaces or appears in its absence: through traces, skins, shells, objects and associations to human gestures. There is a strong focus on the blurred lines of inside and outside: both from a formal aesthetic and work-inherent perspective, but above all from a semantic point of view: superimpositions and exposures of the invisible point to their own narrative structures.

This 'multi-layeredness' also literally refers to the different layers within the works based on painting, textile, epoxy prints, canvas and other materials and shows us the profundity that arises from this complexity. Through their own myths, thematization of rituals and development of symbolic languages, all works offer alternative potentials to existential questions.

In addition, we are happy to announce that we are able to host a second part of the exhibition at *Paulina Caspari*, *Augustenstraße 33a*, 80333 Munich.