



Jacob de Baan - Transition(s). *Sharing light design in Tarlabası*

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PASAJ
PASAJ Studio | Ömer Hayyam Cad. - Kahya Bey Sok. 15
PASAJ Tarlabası | Kurdela Sok. 43/A
Tarlabası, Beyoğlu - Istanbul

Jacob de Baan is a passenger. He lives between **Amsterdam** and **Istanbul**, coming and going, flying, walking and biking on the Dutch channels or along the Bosphorus. He is a **designer** and he gets **inspired by light**. Twilight to dusk, morning to evening, natural light to artificial one, eventually reflected on the North Sea or on the Golden Horn.

Moving from one place to another, dealing with a new culture, changing habits represent significant transitions for everybody. But also experiencing different types of lighting can mark a small **transition in our day**. "Each moment of the day - Jacob de Baan says - gives us a different kind of light. It is something deeply connected with the changing natural light of the sun and the sky, and ancestral actions like sitting next to the fire".

For **PASAJ**, Jacob de Baan developed a new exhibition project featuring **workshops, installations, archive materials** and **newly designed lamps** inspired by "transition(s)".

Tarlabası is a neighbourhood in the heart of Istanbul that has always been a **transition place**. Different ethnic groups transformed the neighbourhood during its history - Greeks, Armenians, Jews, people from Anatolia - a never ending process that is still going on nowadays due to a controversial urban renewal project and new arrivals of Syrian refugees. In Jacob de Baan's project, Tarlabası becomes a sort of a **platform** where the Dutch designer tries to **share some of his new light designs** with Tarlabası people and unconventional places, like the tiny restaurant in Kurdela Sokak that PASAJ transformed in a original contemporary art venue named **PASAJ Tarlabası**.

Beside of **PASAJ Tarlabası**, the exhibition will take place in **PASAJ studio**, located few meters from the restaurant.

Children of Tarlabası will be involved in two **workshops** where Jacob will invite them to **build and draw a new object** starting from their thoughts, values and desires. Children and adults will discover the process behind the production of Jacob's flat packed and ready-to-assemble lamps, and they will have the chance to **become designers themselves** by realizing new products.

More information about Jacob de Baan can be found on his website
www.jacobdebaan.com