



Nanna Debois Buhl // **Palm Tree Studies in South Tyrol and Beyond**

A peculiar phenomenon of the Northern Italian city Merano is its large population of palm trees. The majority of the Merano palm trees belong to the species *Trachycarpus fortunei*, which was brought to Europe from East Asia in the 1830s. The first palms were planted in the city around 1880 as Merano was transforming into a health resort and a tourist destination. With her artists' book *Palm Tree Studies in South Tyrol and Beyond*, Nanna Debois Buhl seeks to trace the palm trees' botanical trajectories and symbolic dimension.

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