**Artist Statement**

“The artist’s vision is not constrained by physical limits or boundaries. I understand how imperative it is for creative people to be able to travel to wherever they feel safe and nourished. Having this freedom to move and travel, I believe artists push the future ahead of them. They bring hope and unity to a world that needs their vision.”

**Print Details:**

_Europe Contemporary – Cold War, 2015 | Lenticular Print | Edition of 50 | 83.5 x 118.5 cm_

Yanko Tihov’s limited edition lenticular print ‘Europe Contemporary – Cold War’ captures passport covers of Contemporary Europe in juxtaposition to passport covers from the Cold War period. Stepping away from his two dimensional work, Tihov has combined these two maps into a three dimensional lenticular print. As the viewer changes their viewpoint, the imagery moves between the different eras. This movement between time subtly reveal the change in both history and identity of the countries from the 1960’s to the present day. Boundaries move, alliances are made, The European Union is formed, and the Europe we now know is discovered.

**About the Artist:**

Yanko Tihov is a prize-winning painter and print-maker who trained in Sofia and works in London. He is well known for his figurative portraiture, but has also gained recognition for his series of works inspired by changes to the world map. His passport series of limited edition prints are unique examples of contemporary cartography which beautifully capture the borders of today’s world.

**About TAG Fine Arts:**

TAG Fine Arts is an art dealers and publishers based on Upper Street, Islington. We represent emerging and established contemporary artists through a programme of exhibitions, commissions, publishing projects and collaborations with museums.