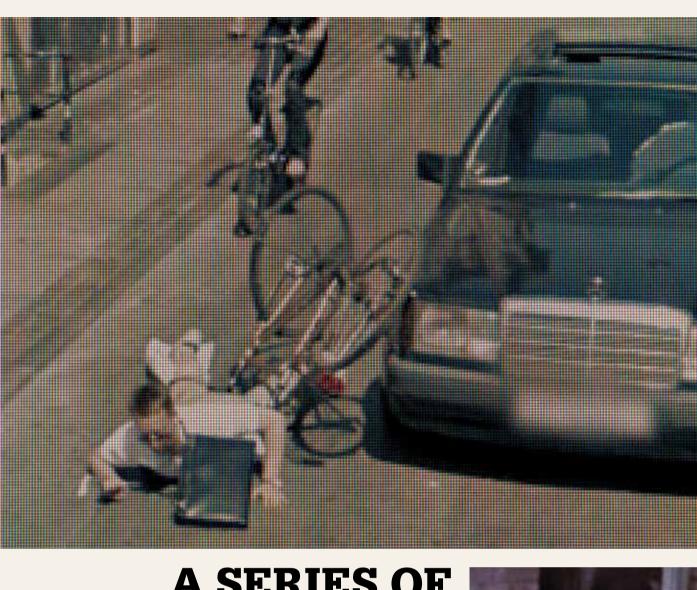
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These images, all photographed from Google Street View, were taken by placing a camera on a tripod in front of a computer screen in Paris. Google Street View is a technology that displays images taken by a fleet of specially adapted cars, providing online panoramic views of different places around the globe. Since its launch in May 2007, it has expanded from just a few cities in the US to cover a range of locations worldwide. The technology has raised privacy issues, although Google maintains that photos are taken from public property, that features can be blurred on-screen and that users can flag inappropriate or sensitive imagery for Google to remove. The service was nevertheless suspended in a number of countries, including Austria, Australia and the Czech Republic, as a result of objections on privacy grounds. Italy asked Google to give its citizens notice before starting mapping operations, and, in November, Germany became the first country to negotiate an optout before the service went live, with almost 250 000 $\,$ Germans requesting their properties be pixelated.





