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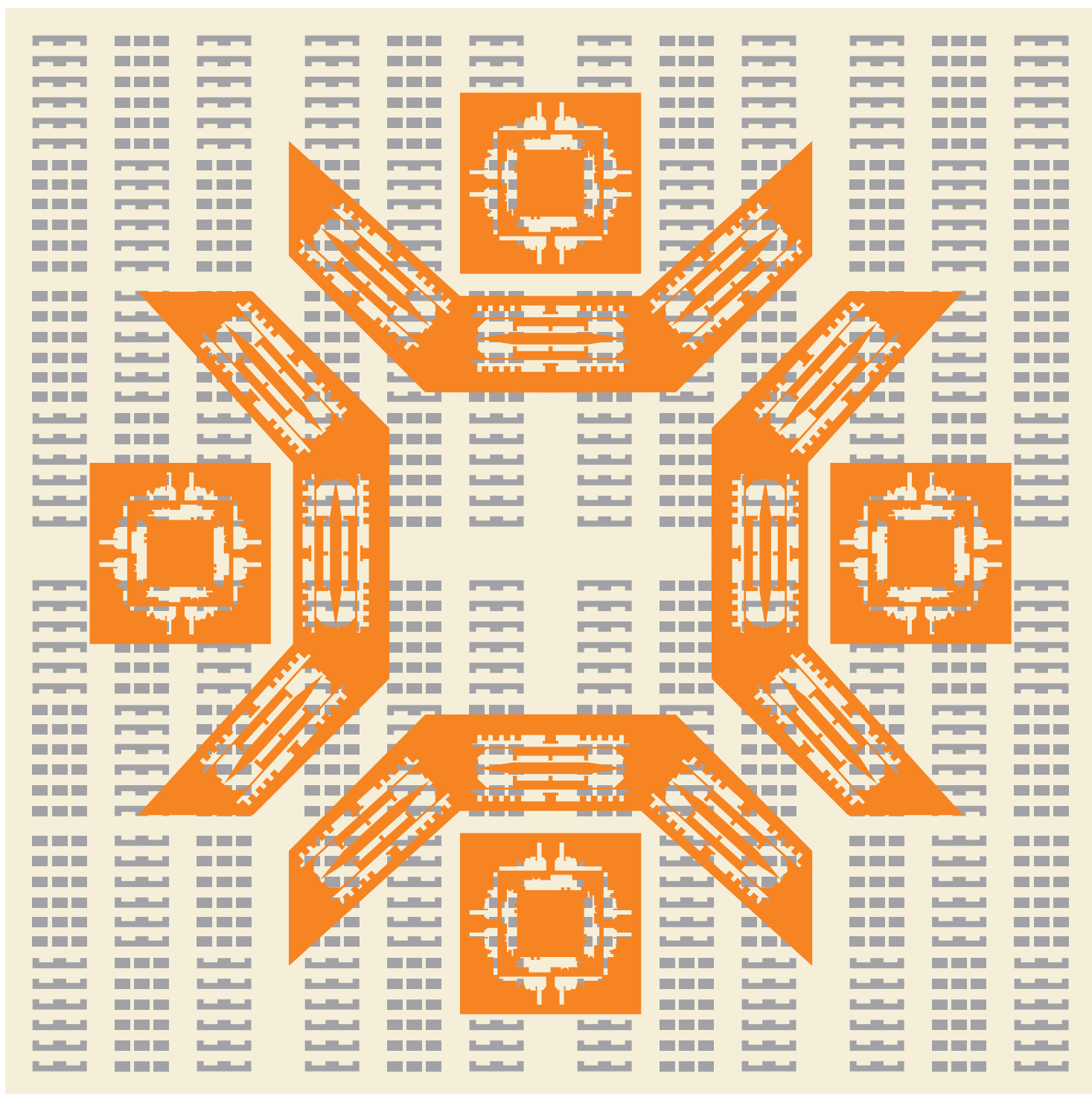
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An Exhibition about an Exhibition

The Heritage of 1989. Case Study: The Second Yugoslav Documents

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The Heritage of 1989. Case Study: The Second Yugoslav Documents presents a re-enactment of the last big art exhibition in Yugoslavia. Titled *Yugoslav Documents '89*, it was curated by the artists Jusuf Hadžifejzović and Rade Tadić and realized under the auspices of the ZOI '84 Olimpijski centar Skenderija in the 8,000-square-meter Skenderija Center in Sarajevo in 1989.

In our case, the term *re-enactment* in no way implies a reconstruction; on the contrary, we are mainly interested in highlighting what was absent in the 1989 exhibition, particularly in relation to the exhibition as a whole, its overall concept, and not so much to the individual works. As for its artistic concept, the exhibition was notably heterogeneous and represented the post-modern trends that dominated the period, such as the New Painting, New Expressionism, Neo-Geo, the New Informel, New Constructivism, the New Sculpture devoted to the deconstruction of modernism, the art of personal poetics, art with almost ethnographic ties to local traditions – all of it, for the most part, without any direct reference to current social issues. In addition, there were works that looked back to the avant-garde traditions, or as Ješa Denegri called them, “the other line”. The 1980s heirs of this other line brought to this tradition their own significant innovations, which stemmed from the concrete social and material conditions they were working in, often putting them in a broader context and thus dealing both with the real and reality.

The Heritage of 1989 is primarily an exhibition about an exhibition. *Yugoslav Documents '89*, along with its catalogue, was conceived first and foremost as an exhibition “solely about art” – in other words, there was no place for the socio-political context here or for content that drew attention to everything that had already thoroughly compromised the ideology of the common good. This was surely one of Yugoslavia's largest exhibitions, if not, indeed, the largest. Its re-enactment – *The Heritage of 1989. Case Study: The Second Yugoslav Documents* – is interested in *Yugoslav Documents* primarily because this was the largest exhibition that bore the label “Yugoslav”, a label that, among other things, was meant to strengthen the ideology of brotherhood and unity in the socialist federal republic. We should note right away, however, a specific difference in the 1989 exhibition: while *Yugoslav Documents* was one of the last cultural events to support the idea of a shared Yugoslav cultural space, it also departed from that model. It is important to remember the local context in which this biennial event (in 1987 and 1989) developed. *Yugoslav Documents* was basically started in 1984, when three Sarajevo artists – Jusuf Hadžifejzović, Saša Bukvić, and Rade Tadić – put together the first in a series of independent exhibitions of Yugoslav artists at the Collegium Artisticum club, a venue that still exists

today in the same basement rooms in the Skenderija Center. The three artists hoped their exhibition series would create a more lasting platform for dynamic communications between artists, beyond any strictly local framework. Only those familiar with Sarajevo humor will understand the full implications of the name *Yugoslav Documents*, which has associations with the *documenta* exhibition in Kassel, where only a very few Yugoslav artists had ever been invited – and certainly there was nothing similar for them at home. In typical Sarajevo style, the artists seemed to have decided that if they can't go to *documenta*, then *documenta* must come to them. This rather mischievous ambition – to help local artists develop a suitable international context and not merely reinforce the official ideology – was, indeed, the real merit of the Yugoslav Documents series. The biennial event (which the war brought to an end), like everything before it, could have developed only in a climate of vital self-organized artist initiatives, such as were typical of alternative culture in the former Yugoslavia.

Apart from the fact that more or less all the key Yugoslav curators (who served as selectors) and the most important Yugoslav artists took part in the *Yugoslav Documents*, we were also attracted to the idea of working on the 1989 exhibition because that year was so critical for the entire world. In 1989, the Presidency of Yugoslavia declared a state of emergency in Kosovo and sent in the army, while Slobodan Milošević announced: “Nothing can stop the Serb people and leadership from doing what we want.” *Yugoslav Documents* opened on 1 July 1989, and just weeks later, on the 25th, Kosovo and Vojvodina were stripped of their status as autonomous regions. In September, Slovenia passed a series of amendments to its constitution that sought to protect its own autonomy and ensure its right to secede from the federal state. The year 1989 was also a time of revolution in the Eastern Bloc countries, with the Berlin Wall falling on 9 November. This year also witnessed the first global exhibition at the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris, and its very name, *Magiciens de la terre*, announced a new trend in the exoticization of non-Western art. Also that year, on 24 March, the Exxon Valdez oil tanker ran aground off the coast of Alaska; the oil spill created a huge ecological disaster, which was a kind of milestone, after which the capital interests of the multinational oil companies only continued to grow, pushing national states more and more into the background.

Paging through the exhibition catalogue for *Yugoslav Documents '89* today, we will search in vain for any evidence of conditions that even then were already obvious and that would lead in the early 1990s to bloody ethnic and political reckonings. From the organizers' statements we can conclude that the exhibition was meant to have a calming influence in a climate of already palpable inter-ethnic tensions. It is hard to reproach them for not wanting to pour oil on the fire and so omitting any political commentary and, instead, emphasizing the artworks themselves. But even so, as Mladen Stilinović might say, “There is no art without consequences.”¹ Every public gesture also speaks through what is suppressed. So everything that was happening in real life around the

Yugoslav Documents exhibition, but which never entered its field of vision is, from today's perspective, eloquent nonetheless.

Today, when the artists who took part in *Yugoslav Documents* are working largely within the borders of the small national states that emerged after the collapse of Yugoslavia, their testimonies about the show convey a certain nostalgia for a time when the cultural space was larger and their communications wider-ranging. It is true that there were political motivations behind such all-Yugoslav exhibitions, but there was always a lively interest in them as well. Artists did not have many opportunities to exhibit abroad, or to develop an international network of communications, so the Yugoslav space served as an important substitute. While it is not true that cultural cooperation ended with the collapse of Yugoslavia – in fact, it has always continued, if not without obstacles, and in the past decade and a half it has gained greater momentum – but we can no longer speak about a common Yugoslav cultural space or any planned policy relating to it. Throughout the period since the fall of Yugoslavia, if anything has sustained communications between artists in the region, it has been their own self-organized networks and, occasionally, institutional collaborations. Not all such projects and collaborations are of equal interest, and some have been steered largely by nostalgia, but the ones that are important to us build on the emancipatory ideas of a self-managed and non-aligned socialist Yugoslavia, and do so with the necessary critical distance.

Here we are particularly interested in the Yugoslav experience of sociality, as it developed in the habitus of brotherhood, unity, collectivity, and solidarity. In the context of the exhibition *The Heritage of 1989*, this experience, or ability, of sociality, we call “the commons”; by doing so, we seek to connect the historical Yugoslav experience to the present day, when many artistic and institutional discussions focus specifically on the notion of the commons. In an age of global communications, it is essential that we act – and examine current ideas – from a position of local experience and knowledge; for this reason, too, we must move beyond debates that either demonize the Yugoslav past or nostalgically glorify it. Today, at a time of extreme individualism and atomization, when political and social ties are breaking down and falling apart, the question of the commons is all the more urgent. Through the project *The Heritage of 1989*, then, we look at the Yugoslav experience of the commons, and offer it for the examination of the wider international public, at a time when the state, the society, and the natural environment are in jeopardy and the world faces both a refugee crisis and impending ecological disaster. At the same time, we put forward a way of addressing the heritage of the social experience that is neither demonizing nor nostalgic, an approach we might most easily call “critical revisiting”. And to do this we have used the format of *re-enactment*.

As a form of presentation, re-enactments, to be sure, have a long history, going back to Roman times. In the twentieth century, certainly one of the most famous re-enactments was staged in 1920 for the third anniversary

of the October Revolution. Such replays of historical events have an affirmative role. Compared with other forms of commemorating important anniversaries, they can incorporate spectators in a more dynamic way, allowing them to be actively involved in the commemoration. Artistic re-enactments, on the other hand, most often open up suppressed, traumatic, and ambiguous aspects of the event, attempting to recreate it in a way that also underscores the current interest in alternative readings of history. The re-enactment form, therefore, is also concerned with the future, for in its attempt to cleanse the past it proposes alternative possibilities for social action. Re-enactment is particularly relevant for time-bound works, such as performance art and various kinds of participatory and community-based art. It is also used more and more as an alternative method of historicizing exhibitions.² In other words, re-enactment must also be understood as an alternative and critical way to preserve and present a given heritage. Since we are concerned here with restaging a time-bound project, the re-enactment must rely on preserved documentation and the memories of individuals, while everything that was absent in the original event now plays a major role in our conception of the re-enactment. In all cases, we are dealing with mediated materials whose various colorings (as press coverage, archival records, or political viewpoints), as well as possible erasures of facts, become relevant reference points for the re-enactment.

Re-enactments present not only artistic works from the past but also, more and more, exhibitions. Why is it not enough to merely present the documentation of exhibitions? Why do we feel the need to restage them? An event that is restaged, and not merely described, provides us with a living experience of the present that is different from the past and thus understanding of this difference in a real time allows both artists and the public a more creative role. Today we see museums grappling with the problem of how to preserve and present time-bound art. Performance works and participatory art are usually preserved through documentation, which, however, cannot account for everything that happens in the real time of the event. Similarly, the documentation of an exhibition cannot conjure up everything, including, especially, the socio-political context in which specific curatorial decisions were made. Re-enactments, we could say, offer other ways of preserving exhibitions, namely, by repeating the experience in a different historical context.

All these participatory and communication projects attempt, as it were, to offer spectators a space of sociality, a capacity on the decline in today's world. This is also a concern of the exhibition *The Heritage of 1989*, which tries to consider sociality and participation through the broader social experience of the former socialist Yugoslavia and its shared cultural space. On the declarative level at least, socialist Yugoslavia was committed to the common good and a non-commercialist logic – unlike what we see today. So why not take as our heritage this precious experience of sociality and the commons, an experience that was shared by all the peoples of the former Yugoslavia? A heritage is, not least

of all, something that must be preserved and cared for, and, in particular, it must be accorded special attention when its values are endangered. And today, sociality is endangered – sociality in the sense of solidarity, the common good, and even multiculturalism, which not long ago was so celebrated. Since the state today is not concerned with protecting these values, art has taken them under its wing – especially as realized in various communicational and participatory formats – and by doing so also bound itself to local traditions.

The traditional understanding of the cultural heritage embraces valuable material or immaterial creative works that belong to a certain community, that are usually also the property of the community, and that enable the future reproduction of this community. In this sense, heritage is conceived as something exclusive and bound to the notion of ownership. But who is responsible for the heritage of a community that has fallen apart and has no institutions to protect it? Such a heritage may then be the object of negotiations by the heirs. This is easiest to do with concrete works, but when it comes to abilities, skills, and knowledge that developed within the former community, things get more complicated. Here, we might learn from the practice of ethnographic museums, which organize workshops where people learn time-honored pottery crafts or textile making – skills that connected the community that perhaps no longer exists. While museum workshops cannot, of course, recreate the former community, they can help people make creative use of their free time while learning old customs and local crafts, or can teach them to make products that some may find useful for developing their own businesses or preserving old ties and creating new ones. In contemporary art, too, we have seen examples of developing sustainable local communities that bring together new and old residents with different cultural traditions and that act as alternatives to the planned urban sociality.³ In such cases the use of the heritage transcends the confines of the given community and the logic of ownership. But in addition, we should note that, in questions relating to the commons, contemporary art too often, perhaps, looks to narrow local traditions and disregards the broader social and political paradigms. This cannot be said, however, about certain contemporary artists from the countries of the former Yugoslavia, who make reference to the abilities, skills, and knowledge developed within the political system of socialism, a system conceived as supranational and universal. Both artists and curators from these spaces are now re-examining the heritage of the socialist sociality through wide-ranging communications that bring together an interested public from various parts of the world. The heritage of the commons is, then, something that, by being used more broadly in a way that transcends any single community, belongs to all of us.

When it comes to Eastern European art, and especially art from the territory of the former Yugoslavia, we can say that, ever since socialist times, it has also served as the guardian of certain endangered social and artistic traditions. In this sense it has, in its own way, become a partner of museums – the professional institutions whose

duty it is to protect the heritage. In cases where the heritage is untypical or still undefined or undiscovered by the experts, art can play a pioneering role in protecting, preserving, and disseminating it. We need only recall artists' archives, and how useful they can be in their dual nature as artwork and archive. Unlike other museums, the museum of contemporary art has the greatest freedom in its treatment of the heritage, including blurring territorial boundaries between artists and experts. What gives contemporary art such wide room for maneuvering is its dual ontology, its simultaneous aesthetic and functional roles: the ability to connect different disciplines, times and spaces, and the ability to imagine. Given all this, art can also serve as a powerful platform for producing the commons, and in this aspect it can form a close partnership with the museum.

Community today does not imply only physical closeness and enduring continuity, or even authentic bonds. The present-day global economy can turn a profit even on our communicative skills and collaborative abilities, and our social abilities are easy prey for capital. Something similar has happened with such values as freedom, democracy, and creativity. So it is all the more important we have a clear stance with regard to human capabilities and values and not merely utter platitudes about, for example, the benefits of cooperation. Critical references to concrete traditions have an important role to play here. So we need to state clearly just what form of the commons we are actually advocating.

With *The Heritage of 1989*, we want to underscore the difference between the commons in its ceaseless becoming and transformation and the institutionalized commons that was, for instance, promoted by the Yugoslav ideology of self-management, which, in order to survive, constantly obscured all antagonisms. But antagonisms are something that the commons, in its ceaseless becoming and transformation, must necessarily incorporate. It would be naïve to conceive of a world outside of institutionalized values, outside of some social contract for guaranteeing, protecting, and disseminating these values, but what we can conceive as possible is a different type of institution, one that provides a space in which established and alternative forms of sociality can meet and mutually influence each other.

As mentioned earlier, exhibitions of Yugoslav art were one of the tools employed by the ideology of brotherhood and unity. But this was not merely something imposed from above; the citizens of Yugoslavia really did construct it from below, as something they held in common, and they did this through countless interactions that were encouraged by the existing political order so long as they did not conflict with it. The commons in self-managed Yugoslavia thus emerged within the protected habitus of collectivism and multiculturalism, and it would be a mistake to see it merely as the result of the political will of the time. In the Yugoslav space, then, the commons must be considered in terms of the difference between the ideological – that is to say, the planned – commons, which excluded all opposition, and the anti-ideological

commons, that is, everything that was critical of undemocratic and totalitarian tendencies, and here the criticism came mainly from the political left.

How then, do we preserve the immaterial heritage of the commons today when there are no longer any citizens of Yugoslavia, that is, when the subject of that heritage no longer exists? Where is its place today? We can look for the experience of the commons as described in art, literature, or theory, but there is something else here: an ability that can be reactivated, that can be repeated, under different socio-political circumstances. Both our exhibition and various informal cultural networks demonstrate that the commons as described above is now best reproduced in contemporary art, which seeks answers to the questions of our day through the local artistic and socio-political traditions, through their visions and through a critical attitude to their digressions. Repetition through art also allows us to preserve the collective social memory, and this, in a way, makes art itself the best guardian of the heritage. Unlike the other instruments for its protection, art always assumes the heritage to be inherently conflicted and never complete in itself, always with something missing.

The incompleteness of the heritage is the prime focus of our exhibition, which takes as its starting point the proposition that the heritage is not unproblematic or something given once and for all. The repetition of *Yugoslav Documents* thus cannot be made simply by reconstructing it, but can only be a repetition of the difference between what is present and what is absent, between what could be seen at the Sarajevo exhibition in 1989 and what was not visible or tangible. The heritage of 1989 is thus what flew under the radar of Sarajevo's *Yugoslav Documents* but would have nonetheless been unthinkable without it. And so the best way to preserve the heritage of 1989 is to use it – and to use it in the real time of an exhibition. To make this possible, *The Heritage of 1989. A Case Study: The Second Yugoslav Documents Exhibition* must not be merely a static exhibition of the works presented in Sarajevo; it must be an event in real time, which develops through various formats. Our exhibition has six such formats, or *dispositifs*, which try to make the heritage of 1989 available for use today:

1. **The exhibited artworks** are, for the most part, original works from the *Yugoslav Documents '89* exhibition in Sarajevo. A few works, whether because of their size or because they no longer exist, are presented through documentation. Our exhibition also includes several contemporary works connected with the theme of war and migration, by artists from the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

2. **Socio-political commentary** is presented by the front pages of the main daily newspapers from the constituent republics of Yugoslavia, exhibited chronologically in a line that runs through all the exhibition rooms and ends with comments by Tomaž Mastnak. While the Sarajevo exhibition dealt mainly with the question of art in the 1980s and its general characteristics, our Ljubljana

exhibition adds the socio-political context and links it to today's regime of neoliberalism and the various crises we are facing, especially the crisis in sociality and the migrant crisis.

3. Azra Akšamija's art installation *Palimpsest of '89. Institutions of the Commons* explores the role of cultural institutions in shaping the common heritage of Yugoslavia through the lens of Sarajevo's cultural institutions. Her underlying thesis is that the region's history has been "written and rewritten" through the work of institutions that have framed and preserved the common heritage

4. **Long Durations and Ideas of the Future** – a series of interventions in the form of discussions and workshops on the subject of social antagonisms, in particular, the social antagonisms of the post-Yugoslav political space through the prism of the material and conceptual heritage, the continuity of cultural networks, and the potential that the shared Yugoslav experience holds for the future. Open to participants from various parts of former Yugoslavia, the program has been conceived by the Zagreb-based collective BADco.

5. **Actions involving refugees** both those from the territory of the former Yugoslavia who came to Slovenia mainly from Bosnia and Herzegovina in the early 1990s, and those who only recently arrived here, mainly from the Middle East (Azra Akšamija's opening performance *Digesting Dayton* and weekly workshops of embroidery by women of different generations; migrants as museum attendants and exhibition guides).

6. **The archive of *The Heritage of 1989. Case Study: The Second Yugoslav Documents Exhibition***, including archival materials from *Yugoslav Documents '89*, will be presented at the Collegium Artisticum exhibition space and at the Gallery of Contemporary Art Charlama, in the Skenderija Center in Sarajevo in late 2017.

1 From an interview with Darko Šimičić (1987), in Mladen Stilić, *Eksploatacija mrtvih / Exploitation of the Dead*, Galerija Proširenih medija, Zagreb, 1988.

2 IRWIN's show *Back to USA* (at the ŠKUC Gallery in Ljubljana, 2–7 March 1984) can be considered one of the first re-enactments of an exhibition; see Catherine Wood, "Back to USA, Replayed", in *NSK from Kapital to Capital: Neue Slowenische Kunst – An Event of the Final Decade of Yugoslavia*, edited by Zdenka Badovinac, Eda Čufer and Anthony Gardner (Ljubljana: Moderna galerija; and Cambridge, Massachusetts/London, UK: The MIT Press, 2015).

3 Among the participants in *The Heritage of 1989*, Marjetica Potrč deals with similar projects today, such as the on-site project *The Cook, the Farmer, His Wife and Their Neighbor*, a community garden and community kitchen which the artist, in collaboration with neighborhood residents in the Nieuw West district of Amsterdam, created in an abandoned house and garden. Here a community of neighbors from various backgrounds and cultures developed around the work they were doing in the garden and kitchen. Thus the project transformed not only the space but also the idea of community, while offering a proposal for a different kind of city, one composed of similar sustainable communities.

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A doorway with patterned wallpaper. To the right of the doorway, a small framed picture hangs on the wall. Below the picture, a simple wooden chair is positioned against a dark baseboard. The floor in front of the doorway has a pair of shoes and a small object.

A brick wall with a window covered by vertical corrugated metal bars. Above the window, a crescent moon is mounted on the wall. The floor in front of the window is decorated with small lights and objects.





Palimpsest '89. Institucije skupnega.

Azra Akšamija: umetniška instalacija

Projektna skupina: Blanca Abramek (vzorci),
Joshuah Howard (animacija), Kristen Wu (šablone)

Palimpsest '89. Institucije skupnega je umetniška instalacija, ki na primeru sarajevskih kulturnih institucij postavlja pod vprašaj vlogo kulturnih institucij pri oblikovanju skupne jugoslovanske dediščine. Projekt temelji na tezi, da se je zgodovina te regije pisala in spreminjala pri delu institucij, ki oblikujejo in ohranjajo skupno dediščino. Instalacija je zasnovana tako v smislu razstavne opreme kakor konceptualnega formata, ki strukturira razstavo glede na specifične zgodovinske kontekste. Prvo idejo utelešajo muzejski transportni zaboji: ti predstavljajo muzej kot institucijo, ki ohranja kulturni spomin in oblikuje skupno dediščino. Druga je udeležena v »palimpsestni preprogi«, ki s tkanjem pripovedi in politik integracije in dezintegracije ponuja način razmišljanja o ustvarjanju skupne dediščine. Obe ideji se prepletata v osnovi razstavne opreme v obliki muzejskih transportnih zabojev, poslikanih z vzorci s preprog, ki razstavljena dela umeščajo v ustrezen zgodovinski kontekst.

Ikonografija preprog deluje kot način pripovedovanja zgodbe in pisanja zgodovine. Vzorci s preprog na tej razstavi upodabljajo ustvarjanje skupne dediščine prek izbranih kulturnih institucij, ki so nastale v različnih obdobjih sarajevske zgodovine: 1. v predmodernem (predotomanskem in otomanskem), 2. modernem/avstroogrskem, 3. modernem/socialističnem ter 4. v postdaytonskem obdobju (1995–2016). Za vsako od teh obdobjev dobi palimpsestna preproga novo plast – z vsako sobo se na njej pojavijo novi, dodatni simboli, drugi pa se spremenijo ali izbrišejo. Največji, osrednji prostor razstave je posvečen obdobju vojne (1992–95) ter sedanjosti, kar predstavlja analogno-digitalna preproga sredi prostora. Ta preproga združuje vse vzorce iz vseh razstavnih prostorov, ki so digitalno animirani in se nenehoma spreminjajo, ter hkrati v realnem času spremlja krizo skupne dediščine današnjega in prihodnjih časov. Ob odprtju razstave bo na preprogi uprizorjena ponovitev projekta Azre Akšamija, pri kateri bodo obiskovalci vabljani, da se pregrizejo skozi medetnične meje, ki so se začrtale med vojno v devetdesetih letih in so bile institucionalizirane z daytonskim sporazumom, zdaj pa predstavljajo oviro za miren soobstoj. Analogna dimenzija preproge bo nastajala ves čas trajanja razstave na srečanjih med izkušenimi domačimi veziljami ter v Ljubljani živečimi bosanskimi begunkami iz devetdesetih let in sedanjimi prosilkami za azil iz Sirije, Iraka in od drugod.

Palimpsest of '89. Institutions of the Commons.

Artistic Installation by Azra Akšamija

Project team: Blanca Abramek (patterns),
Joshuah Howard (animation), Kristen Wu (stencils)

Palimpsest of '89. Institutions of the Commons is an artistic installation exploring the role of cultural institutions in shaping the common heritage of Yugoslavia through the lens of Sarajevo's cultural institutions. The underlying thesis is that the region's history has been "written and rewritten" through the work of institutions that have been framing and preserving a common heritage. The installation is conceived both as exhibition furniture and as a conceptual, structuring format that organizes the exhibition through specific historical contexts. The first idea translates into museum shipping crates, representing the museum as an institution that preserves cultural memory and frames common heritage. The second idea translates into a "palimpsestic carpet," which proposes a way of thinking about the creation of common heritage on the ground through the weaving of integrative and disintegrative narratives and policies related to cultural institutions. Taken together, these two ideas inform the design of the exhibition architecture in the form of museum shipping crates painted with carpet-like patterns that provide the historical context for the interpretation of the work on display.

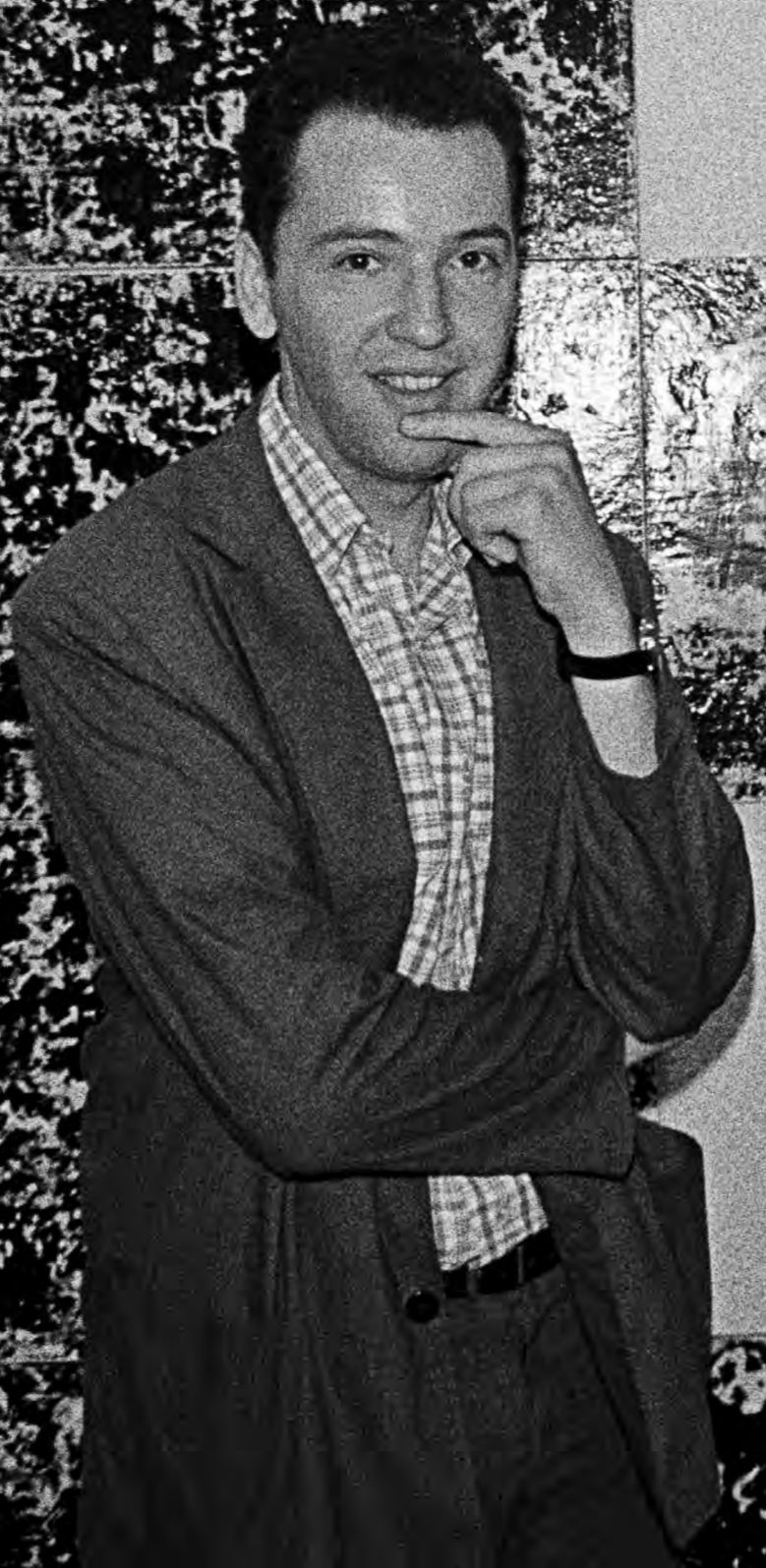
Carpet iconography functions like a form of storytelling and history writing. The carpet patterns of this exhibition depict the creation of a common heritage through certain cultural institutions that were founded throughout various periods of Sarajevo's history: 1. The Pre-Modern (Pre-Ottoman and Ottoman), 2. The Modern / Austro-Hungarian, 3. The Modern / Socialist, and 4. The Post-Dayton Period (1995–2016). Each of these periods translates into a layer of the palimpsestic carpet. With each room, more and more symbols are added to the carpet, while others are revised or erased. The largest, central space of the exhibition focuses on the period of the War of 1992–95 as well as on the now, represented through an analog / digital carpet in the center of the space. This carpet brings together the constantly changing digital animation of all of the patterns from all exhibition rooms with the real-time crisis of common heritage today and in the future. For the exhibition opening, this carpet will re-enact Azra Akšamija's *Digesting Dayton* project, inviting exhibition visitors to eat away at the inter-ethnic borders established through the 1990s war and institutionalized through the Dayton Peace Accord of 1995, which now stands in the way of peaceful coexistence. Throughout the exhibition, the analog dimension of the carpet will be created through textile encounters between Slovenian craftswomen with the Ljubljana-based Bosnian refugees from the 1990s and the current asylum seekers from Syria, Iraq and other places.











Yugoslav Documents exhibition(s)

Bojana Piškur

The *Yugoslav Documents* exhibition held in 1989 in Sarajevo was one of the last large-scale “Yugoslav exhibitions” before the dissolution of the country. To understand the socio-political context of that decade better, and to answer the question how and why such an exhibition was possible in 1989, we should explain with a handful of events and contextual factors of the late 1980s, including the political climate, the cultural politics of the time, and give a brief overview of postmodernism as the leading artistic style of the day in Yugoslavia.

Skenderija

The *Yugoslav Documents* exhibitions were held in Skenderija, which has a particular meaning for Sarajevo. The name means “Skender’s place” and comes from the Bosnian bey Skender-paša, who built a mosque there in the early 16th century. In 1969 the “modern” Skenderija was constructed in the same place, and was later expanded in 1984 for the Winter Olympic Games. During that time it was a well-known and widely used center for cultural, sports, and political events in Sarajevo. In 1978, the exhibition *Art in Yugoslavia 1970–1978* was staged in Skenderija, and was described as the most important exhibition of the year by the magazine *NIN*. During the war, in 1992, Skenderija sustained some damage and the French Battalion was stationed there. Today it is a rather run-down shopping mall with three gallery spaces: the Ars Aevi international collection, the Collegium Artisticum (opened in 1975), and the Charlama contemporary art space run by artist Jusuf Hadžifejzović, one of the founders of *Yugoslav Documents*.

The Yugoslav Documents genealogy. The art scene in Yugoslavia in the mid-1980s

The genealogy of the *Yugoslav Documents* goes back to 1984, when three artists/friends from Sarajevo, Jusuf Hadžifejzović, Saša Bukvić, and Rade Tadić, decided to organize a series of solo exhibitions of contemporary artists they thought particularly important, in an attempt to give the Sarajevo public the unique opportunity of seeing the work of their fellow artists from across Yugoslavia. The title “documents” was a response to Kassel documenta, but an ironic one, as Hadžifejzović¹ put it: “While the German government dedicated 17 million deutschmarks to the event in Kassel, demonstrating how much they valued contemporary art, the Yugoslav Ministry of Culture did not grant the Sarajevo exhibition a single dinar.” The art scene in Sarajevo started to gain some flair and status after the Winter Olympic Games in 1984. Hadžifejzović mentioned that the artists had a feeling that anything was possible during that decade, and that some large-scale art event, possibly one of international dimensions, should be organized in the rather sleepy art circles of Sarajevo.

According to Hadžifejzović, the selection concept for the *Yugoslav Documents* series was based on *druga linija*, “the other line”, a term coined by art historian and critic Ješa Denegri in the 1970s. In the broadest sense, the term denotes a direction, i.e., accepting the most topical and up-to-date principles in art and radically

rejecting the mainstream system of art thinking. *Druga linija* also signifies a different “historical line in local art based on the avant-garde” via various expressions such as the dada *Zenit* magazine, the Bauhaus schooled constructivist Avgust Černigoj from the 1920s, with EXAT 51, the “New Tendencies” movement in the 1950s, the 1960s with Gorgona and OHO, and the 1970s with Goran Trbuljak, Mladen Stilinović, Sanja Iveković, Dalibor Martinis, Marina Abramović, and others. But the term proved problematic and even the author himself realized that with the emergence of the new art of the 1980s the term required some reconsideration. Denegri² actually remarked that the term did not signify an art expression per se, but rather expressed a certain mentality.

In any case, the three organizers were given a 25 m² wall for their use in the club of the Collegium Artisticum, located in the underground Skenderija, to exhibit works by invited artists. The self-organized exhibitions were staged between 1984 and 1987, without a budget (Saša Bukvić was also a kind of “sponsor” of these events, as his father owned a pastry shop in Sarajevo), and with exhibitions generally lasting a week. Hadžifejzović said that they wrote a list of 120 names of artists from all over Yugoslavia and simply started inviting them to Sarajevo. There were neither catalogues nor invitation cards to accompany or announce the exhibitions. Instead they produced simple leaflets in a do-it-yourself manner. Unfortunately, no images or photo archives remain from those exhibitions. But what Saša Bukvić kept from that time is a typed manifesto from 1984. The manifesto describes the artistic directions of *Yugoslav Documents* and the future intentions of the organizers. The first exhibition featured Boris Demur from Zagreb, followed by Raša Todosijević, Sven Stilinović, and many others. In total there were almost 80 such exhibitions.

To better understand the *Yugoslav Documents* exhibitions, we must make mention of the concept of a “common Yugoslav cultural space.” In light of the events of the late 1980s, such discourse was becoming anachronistic across Yugoslavia, except perhaps in Bosnia and Herzegovina. After the Second World War, Yugoslavia was not a homogenous cultural space, and each republic had its own national culture. As Josip Vidmar³ said: “Each of our cultures is burdened with its past.”⁴ Moreover, nationalisms of any kind were considered dangerous in Yugoslavia, and for this reason more emphasis was put on Yugoslav cultural unity than on individual national cultures. However, the issue of Yugoslav culture was not considered an alternative to national cultures; according to Predrag Matvejević,⁵ Yugoslavism was more a feeling of commonness than nationality. Slavko Timotijević⁶ was critical of the concept, saying that the Yugoslav cultural space existed as a “political intention” since the 1950s, when a model of Yugoslav cultural policy was conceived. When new forms of art began appearing in the 1960s, in particular the alternative practices, independent artistic initiatives, and various student cultural centers, this concept became obsolete. Discussions like this evolved also around the *Yugoslav Documents*. Thus Željko Kipke⁷ sees the problem of *Yugoslav Documents* in that it was underpinned by a political idea: the idea of a common space, which, according to Kipke, gave the exhibition the “character of an art fair.” Journalist Branko Sosič⁸ wrote in the newspaper *Delo* that the *Documents* were conceived with the idea of an all-Yugoslav program in mind. This is probably true, at least to some extent, since

“Yugoslav art” and “Yugoslav cultural space” were also emphasized in Muhamed Karamehmedović’s introductory essay for the exhibition catalogue.

The 1980s brought a different global politics than the previous decade; the Left lost power, and there was a turn toward conservative, right-wing politics, both in the United States and Europe. After President Tito’s death in 1980, the weakened system of federal government in Yugoslavia was unable to cope with the emerging acute economic and political challenges, which in turn brought crises in all spheres of public life.

Art in the 1980s was a reaction to the 1970s – to conceptualism, historical avant-gardes, “the iconoclasm of minimalism” (Tomaž Brejc). Zagreb-based art historian Davor Matičević noted: “The artists in the 1980s... are a generation, but they don’t offer any clear programs... no declarations of aspirations.”⁹ Andrej Medved, an art critic from Koper, was more rigorous: “The 1970s are forever buried, and with them conceptualism and the post-analytical approach in painting.”¹⁰ The *genius loci*, according to Matičević, was no longer just one of the features of this (new) art, but was becoming a convention, a criterion for its evaluation.¹¹ At the same time, questions arose whether art in Yugoslavia in the 1980s even had its own specific characteristics, or whether it was just a response to international developments in art, and to what extent the term “nomadism”¹² even was applicable.

The year 1980 saw the emergence of the “New Image” in art. As critic Igor Zabel writes, “abstraction acquired a new, different role in the context of the 1980s.”¹³ Postmodernism renounced project-oriented thinking; “new forms can only establish themselves as quotations or a recycling of a certain tradition.”¹⁴ The *American Painting of the 1970s* exhibition, curated by Marcia Tucker and presenting works from the collections of The New Museum in New York, had a significant impact on Yugoslav artists. It was staged at the Moderna galerija in Ljubljana, as well as in Zagreb and Belgrade. Another pivotal event was the *Aperto* section of the Venice Biennale in 1980, curated by Achille Bonito Oliva and Harald Szeemann. Roughly speaking, the development of postmodernism was underpinned by initiatives in European and American art, like the trans-avant-garde and Neo-Expressionism. This brought in its wake new critical methods, approaches in writing, and generally a different language of art. In his influential book from the late 1970s entitled *Postmodern Condition*, Jean-François Lyotard writes about the end of master narratives and the time of small stories; taking center stage are now “individual mythologies” and the above-mentioned concept of “nomadism”. Igor Zabel also stresses the loosening of the relationship between the center and the periphery, leading to an “interest in the marginal and the local.”¹⁵ An example of this kind is the town of Koper and its Coastal Galleries, which was one of the main art centers in Yugoslavia at the time.

The mid-1980s saw a change, even a crisis in such art. According to Igor Zabel, “the time of autopoetics had arrived.”¹⁶ Tomaž Brejc, on the other hand, writes about a turning back, to “modernism after postmodernism.”¹⁷ In the second half of the 1980s, the new Art Informel was the predominant style, and sculpture gained prominence in many parts of Yugoslavia. Generally speaking, the art scenes in Yugoslavia were very heterogeneous; the Belgrade scene differed from those in Ljubljana and Zagreb. The Slovene scene in particular “adhered to”

the trans-avant-garde matrix (Andrej Medved) and to “the American post-Greenberg critical experience” as described by Tomaž Brejc in various of his texts.¹⁸ There are two main lines of development: artists who came from the figurative art of the 1970s or started out in the context of figurative art in the 1980s, and artists who entered the field of the New Image from modernist painting. On the other hand, the art of the mid-1980s was also Neue Slowenische Kunst and the entire Ljubljana subculture scene. Matičević pointed out that the main feature of the Zagreb art circle “has always been a rational application to the art work, revealed in a ‘constructive’ approach”¹⁹ relying heavily on “geometric symbolism.” The art of the mid-1980s in Zagreb also consisted, as Branka Stipančić²⁰ writes, in artists who began to work in the 1970s and shared a “conceptual past”, such as Trbuljak, Stilinović, Martek, and Kipke. Also in Belgrade some artists were still influenced by practices typical of the 1970s, from installations to environments. Denegri, on the other hand, describes the Belgrade scene in the 1980s as a scene of “high polycentrism” and almost “chaotic pluralism.”²¹ Macedonia²² developed its own very particular models in art, full of “ritual pathos”, with visible ethnographic elements and a distinctive atmosphere. In Bosnia there were no art traditions similar to those in Zagreb, Ljubljana or Belgrade. The Sarajevo postmodernism of the 1980s had a mentality of “new-primitivism”,²³ which was a kind of “eclectic experience” using music along with comedy on radio and television as well as visual arts as its forms of expression.

In 1986 there was an important exhibition held in Collegium Artisticum called *The Criticism and Art in the Mid-Eighties* organized by the Yugoslav section of AICA. The exhibition showcased the most up-to-date selection of artists from Yugoslavia. Upon Ješa Denegri’s suggestion, art critics Branka Stipančić, Bojana Pejić, Marina Gržinić, Nermina Zildžo, Tomaž Brejc, Davor Matičević, Lidija Merenik made the selection, together with Zoran Petrovski, who also contributed the accompanying texts for the catalogue – including the introduction which announced that “Postmodernism is not a shift from Modernism.” Today we have the impression that the authors ignored political topics, which was likely a consequence of “art’s withdrawal from the sphere of social focus.”²⁴ Marina Gržinić was the only one who was both openly political and critical of this new art, saying that “aesthetic production in the West has finally been integrated into the production of goods,”²⁵ and later broaching the question of the “ideological consequences of postmodernism in the East, in a socialist society.”²⁶

Yugoslav Documents 1989

As for the *Yugoslav Documents*, a significant change came about in 1987, perhaps also encouraged by the *The Criticism and Art in the Mid-Eighties* exhibition, as *Yugoslav Documents* were transformed into a biennial event. While the underlying aim of the exhibition was to present only “the most authentic representatives of new artistic phenomena,” the organizers of *Yugoslav Documents* wanted to provide “actual insight into the current developments in Yugoslav art.”²⁷

Yugoslav Documents were initiated and curated by Hadžifejzović in collaboration with Tadić under the organizational auspices of the ZOI’84 Olimpijski centar Skenderija.²⁸ Participating artists were selected in a sort of “natural selection” process, and the selection of

140 artists included those 80 artists who had already exhibited in the Collegium Artisticum in previous years.

The second biennial *Documents*, in 1989, grew more ambitious in terms of organization and financial support, the selection of works and concepts, and the number of invited artists and foreign guests. It had a clear vision of positioning itself and Yugoslav art in the wider international context.

The *Večernje novine* newspaper wrote that by the year 2000, the *Yugoslav Documents* should be as important as the Kassel documenta or the Venice Biennale. Enrico Comi, the editor of the Italian *Spazio Umano* magazine, was also a guest in Sarajevo, and he dedicated an entire issue of his magazine to the exhibition. There were ideas to make the next *Yugoslav Documents* exhibition, which should have been held in 1991, more international – and even to have a parallel event in Milan. Among the guests at the opening in Sarajevo were the curators involved in the IX Kassel Documenta.

At the same time, the *Yugoslav Documents* exhibition was also an attempt to make Sarajevo the fourth artistic center in Yugoslavia, alongside Ljubljana, Zagreb and Belgrade. This idea reflects the new postmodernist approach: the end of master narratives, the emphasis on *genius loci*, and loosening the ties between the center and the periphery. The exhibition was held in Skenderija over 8000 square meters and was sponsored by cultural organizations from the republics and various companies. The opening on 1 July 1989 was attended by more than 6,000 people, including politicians from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and was broadcast live on Yugoslav television. French television also made a short program about it. The exhibition featured 189 artists, almost 600 works selected by 16 selectors²⁹ from all of the republics and an organizing committee, and selectors were free to propose any kind of art for consideration. Davor Matičević was responsible for the overall exhibition design, which was largely organized around generational groupings and to some degree similarity of artistic expression.

The strategies of representation were rather unfortunate: the large basement trade-fair-type halls and corridors were equipped and divided by imprecisely constructed display panels and dividing walls; in view of the absence of natural light the lighting was inadequate, as no appropriate spotlights were used, and the desire to create a white cube which would allow total focus on the exhibits backfired, as it would have made more sense to incorporate the architecture of the place as a constitutive element of the art.³⁰

A year previous, Tomaž Brejc published a text entitled *Modernism after Postmodernism?*, in which he analyzed the changes that developed in art in the late 1980s, when artists began turning back to modernism. “Modernism became a historical field in which nomadism is possible.”³¹ Certain changes in this direction are discernible also at the second *Yugoslav Documents* exhibition: the selected works represented a greater variety of styles and techniques than before, including extended media and performance, still in the spirit of the typical postmodernist pluralism of the late 1980s, when “pluralism is the only ism”. However, more emphasis was given to current contemporary works and artists that were influenced by older avant-garde movements³² or involved in reviving the ideals of historical modernity.

There were accompanying exhibitions of older generation artists (Avgust Černigoj, Marij Pregelj, Ivo Gattin, Ivan Tabaković, Vojo Dimitrijević and more) that, according to Denegri, had a strong influence on the Yugoslav art scene and were among the forerunners of the *druga linija*, “the other line”. Many artists from the previous *Documents* exhibited, but it is quite evident that artistic expressions had begun to change significantly in the late 1980s.

Lidija Merenik³³ wrote about three parallel directions of the late 1980s in art in Yugoslavia that could also be identified at the second *Documents* exhibition: there were young artists from the 1980s who had no experience of the 1970s and conceptualism; artists who had come to be formed under the influence of conceptual art and then modified their artistic positions in the 1980s in the spirit and art of the time (this group includes the “orthodox” and the “transmuted” artists); and middle- and older-generation artists with considerable experience from the 1950s and the 1960s, who never radically changed their stands.

Branko Cerovac³⁴ summed up the selection of artists as having a strong presence of *druga linija* artists, as well as a series of younger representatives of post-conceptual, new sculptural and new “media” practices. He also emphasized the visible connections between Gorgona, Todosijević, Stilinović, and the IRWIN group, with the works falling within the framework of a new poetics and methodology in Buadrillard’s world of simulation and simulacra, a string of researchers and thinkers of painting from Slovenia, video art, early Art Informel works, and sculptors from the second half of the 1980s from all over Yugoslavia.

In the newspaper *OKO*, Željko Kipke talked about the artists’ great interest in the tradition of Art Informel, the geometrization of pictorial space, the representatives of *druga linija*, conceptualists (new linguists) and “excessively large ruins giving off a whiff of trans-avant-garde or a romantic delusion of a kitsch-poetic hungry for space and material.”³⁵

Tomaž Brejc³⁶ wrote that echoes of virtually all leading global trends were represented, e.g. the “eccentric objects” of the semi-industrial trend as seen at the 8th Kassel documenta, or the so-called Simulationism in works now produced also in Yugoslavia by Zagreb-based artists. Additionally, art that underscored the mundaneness of the used materials flourished; this group included Bosnian and Macedonian artists. Intuitively conceived geometric art, almost like some personal decoration, Neo-Informel, and the art of “the other line” were all likewise present.

Meta Gabršek Prosenč³⁷ noted that only the sculptors still showed some of the new figurative art. In Croatian art, the leading styles were neo-geometric art and the art of simulation; in Slovene art, a line of expressionism with the older generations, and intellectualism with the younger generations. *Genius loci* was only discernible with the work of the Macedonians and Bosnians, with the latter group representing the “new primitivism”.

And Barbara Borčić³⁸ wondered: hasn’t more than half of the *druga linija* artists crossed over to the “first line” at this year’s *Documents* exhibition?

Questions such as “What is contemporary Yugoslav art?” were raised at the accompanying conference. And an extensive catalogue³⁹ was published on the occasion,

with texts by various theoreticians together with color reproductions of the artworks.

Unfortunately, no archive of the exhibition is preserved. The photographs, video, film tapes, and similar materials were burnt during the war in Bosnia. The press clippings folder was preserved in the documentation department of the Art Gallery of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Many artworks shown at the *Yugoslav Documents* 1989 were destroyed, lost or stolen during the war. Just a handful of artists have photos of their works from the exhibition, and photographer Jane Štravs has the most complete photo record/archive of the event.

The Yugoslav press covered the exhibition extensively. The reviewers generally agreed that an exhibition like *Yugoslav Documents* was only possible in Sarajevo, owing to the political circumstances in the country at the time. In addition to the positive reviews there were also some criticisms concerning the exhibition’s lack of selectiveness, partiality, the art-fair character, the inappropriate display or arrangement of works in the available spaces, the muscle flexing between republics, and so on. Tomaž Brejc was almost prophetic in his words: “Isn’t there a crisis of inventions reminiscent of another, yet similar time in 1939?”⁴⁰

Although some of the works⁴¹ referred to the social and political context of the 1980s in some way, the exhibition was in general emphatically apolitical, with the organizers trying to avoid any kind of political debate. This is even more significant in view of the fact that Yugoslavia had already started to break up in 1989. Also, during that same year there were other “Yugoslav” exhibitions organized around the country, for example the *Triennial of Modern Art* in Belgrade, where almost all invited artists from Slovenia and Croatia declined to participate, likely due to political reasons; and the polemical, political *Art For and Against* exhibition held in Banja Luka, the *Biennale of Young Artists* in Rijeka and more.

From today’s perspective and in the light of the subsequent events of the 1990s, the exhibition was perhaps the last attempt to preserve a common Yugoslav art space – however polemical this concept proved to be – as well as the many artistic friendships, cultural networks, and the feeling of *raja*⁴² that was so specific to pre-war Sarajevo.

At the time of the formation of new states in the 1990s and later, “Yugoslav art” and “Yugoslav heritage” ceased to be self-evident terms. Only this past decade has seen some reawakening of the awareness of our common heritage – this time based, of course, on different (conceptual) foundations. Our exhibition *The Heritage of '89* is an attempt at precisely that.

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2 Interview with Ješa Denegri, Moderna galerija Ljubljana, 25 November 2016.

3 Josip Vidmar was a prominent Slovene literarily and theater critic, dramaturge, translator, essayist and politician, and one of the founders of the Liberation Front.

4 Quoted in Predrag Matvejević, “Jugoslavenstvo danas: pitanja kulture”, *Globus* (Zagreb) (1982): p. 47.

5 Ibid., p. 68.

6 Slavko Timotijević, “Jeli bilo jugoslovenskog kulturnog prostora”, *Danas* (Belgrade) (31 October 2014).

7 Željko Kipke, “Klimaks sajmišne politike”, *OKO* (Zagreb) no. 454 (1989): pp. 16-17.

8 Branko Sosić, “Velika zbirka likovnih događivščin”, *Delo* (Ljubljana) (15 July 1989).

9 Davor Matičević, “Viđenje desetljeća. Osamdesete i kakvim ih upamtiti”, in *Jugoslavenska dokumenta '89* (Sarajevo: ZOI '84 Olimpijski centar Skenderija, 1989), p. 22.

10 “Podaci o umetnosti osamdesetih u jugoslovenskom kulturnom prostoru”, Ješa Denegri’s lecture at Moderna galerija on 24 November 2016.

11 Matičević, p. 23.

12 A term coined by Achille Bonito Oliva.

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15 Ibid., p. 23.

16 Ibid., p. 26.

17 Tomaž Brejc, *Modernizem po postmodernizmu?* (Piran: Obalne galerije, 2000) (Edicija Artes).

18 Zoran Božović, “Jerko Denegri”, in *Razgovori o umetnosti* (Beograd, Remont / Beopolis, 2001), p. 19.

19 Davor Matičević, “Jedan zagrebački krug”, in *Umjetnost – kritika usred osamdesetih* (Sarajevo: Collegium artisticum, 1986), p. 63.

20 Branka Stipančić, in *Umjetnost – kritika usred osamdesetih* (Sarajevo: Collegium artisticum, 1986), p. 73.

21 Božović, p. 19.

22 See Zoran Petrovski in *Umjetnost-kritika usred osamdesetih* (Sarajevo: Collegium artisticum, 1986).

23 Ljiljanja Domić writes in her article “Osamdesete se prurušavaju” in *Vjesnik* (Zagreb) (8 March 1986): “[...] this ‘new primitivism’ manifests through specific eclectic experiences that have sublimated various other experiences from conceptual to trans-avant-garde. But it also manifests a certain self-irony with regard to local color.”

24 Tomaž Brejc, “Postmodernizem: Kaj je to in v čem ga vidimo. Teorija modernizma, praksa postmodernizma”, *Sodobnost* (Ljubljana) no. 11 (1982): p. 1041.

25 Marina Gržinić, “Slikati jedno da bi se odrazilo drugo”, in *Umjetnost – kritika usred osamdesetih* (Sarajevo: Collegium artisticum, 1986), p. 35.

26 Ibid., p. 37.

27 Barbara Borčić, “Jugoslovenska dokumenta. Strategija predstavljanja II”, *Telex* (Ljubljana) (27 July 1989): p. 47.

28 At the time, the Skenderija Cultural Center was run by Enver Hadžiomerspahić, while Mladen Jeličić-Troka was event organizer. They both played an important part in organizing the *Yugoslav Documents* in 1987 and 1989.

29 Petar Čuković, Zoran Furunović, Marina Gržinić, Jusuf Hadžifejzović, Željko Kipke, Mladen Lučić, Antun Maračić, Lidja Merenik, Bojana Pejić, Zoran Petrovski, Sava Stepanov, Radoslav Tadić, Viktorija Vaseva Dimeska, Nebojša Vilić, Igor Zabel, Nermina Zildžo.

30 Borčić, p. 49.

31 Brejc, “Postmodernizem: Kaj je to”, p. 1041.

32 Interestingly, none of the reviewers explicitly mentions the retro-avant-garde, although quite a few artists practicing or part of this genre were featured in the exhibition.

33 Lidija Merenik, “Svakoj epohi njena umetnost...”, *Moment* no. 16 (1989): pp. 58-59.

34 Email correspondence with the author, 24 November 2016.

35 Kipke, pp. 16-17.

36 Tomaž Brejc, “Jugoslovenska dokumenta 89”, *Naši razgledi* (Ljubljana) no. 14 (28 July 1989): p. 429.

37 Meta Gabršek-Prosenč, “Jugoslovenska dokumenta '89”, *Večer* (Maribor) (5 August 1989).

38 Borčić, p. 48.

39 The catalogue was designed by Radoslav Tadić, and the exhibition poster by Jusuf Hadžifejzović.

40 Brejc, “Jugoslovenska dokumenta 89”, p. 429.

41 Such were the works by Sven and Mladen Stilinović, Narcis Kantardžić, and Jadran Adamović.

42 *Raja* signifies a community based on acceptance, comradeship and hospitality.













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Zoran Grebenarović *Planned Movement*, 1988, oil on canvas mounted on plywood, courtesy of Slavica & Daniel Trajković

Zoran Grebenarović *Uh I*, 1987, oil on canvas mounted on plywood, courtesy of Slavica & Daniel Trajković

Herman Gvardjančić *P.N.K.M*, 1988, acrylic on canvas, courtesy of the artist

Jusuf Hadžifejzović *Arbeit macht frei*, 1989, mixed media, reconstruction, National Gallery of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Zdenko Huzjan *Silent Gliding*, 1988, oil on canvas, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana

Bora Iljovski *Winter Morning*, 1988, oil on canvas, photo reproduction, Museum of Contemporary Art Belgrade

IRWIN *Cup of Coffee*, 1985, mixed media, private collection; *Malevich Between Two Wars*, 1984–1986, mixed media, private collection; *Electrification* II, 1988, mixed media, private collection

Nina Ivančić *Untitled*, 1988, tempera on canvas, courtesy of the artist

Sanja Iveković *Maya*, 1987, U-matic, courtesy of the artist

Anto Jerković *Untitled*, 1988, pigment, enamel, charcoal, canvas, private collection

Željko Jerman *Fuck All*, 1985, photo chemicals on photo paper, courtesy of Kolekcija Darko Šimičić

Olga Jevrić *Thee-Way Crossing I*, 1986, iron(III) oxide, iron, Heritage House Belgrade

Sanjin Jukić *Great Yearning*, 1989, performance, photo of the performance, courtesy of the artist

Dušan Jurić *Untitled*, 1989, acrylic on paper, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Rijeka

Anto Kajinić *When the Uncle Was Blue and Then When the Sun Hid and It Got Dark Soon, an Auntie Hen Wanted to Eat Some More*, 1989, oil and polycolor on nylon, courtesy of the artist

Narcis Kantardžić *Untitled*, 1988, oil on canvas, courtesy of the artist

Sergej Kapus *Metamorphosis* II, 1988, acrylic on canvas, private collection

Laslo Kerekeš *20 Years of the Group Bosch + Bosch, Memorial Work*, 1989, mixed media, Museum of Contemporary Art Vojvodina;

Laslo Kerekeš *Last Stop – Subotica*, 1989, mixed media, Museum of Contemporary Art Vojvodina

Željko Kipke *Haddah*, oil on canvas, 1986, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Rijeka

Julije Knifer *Portfolio of Prints*, 1987, I–VIII, silkscreen, Meander Gallery, Apatin

Adrian Kovacs *Self-Portraits*, 1989, acrylic on cardboard, courtesy of the artist

Ivan Kožarić *Self-Portrait*, 1987; *Self-Portrait*, 1989; *Self-Portrait*, 1989; pastel on paper, Atelijer Kožarić, Museum of Contemporary Art Zagreb, property of the City of Zagreb

Tomaž Lavrič *Diarrhea, Mladina* no. 47, 20 November 2015

Zmago Lenardič *Palpation of Space (Object of Interpretation)*, 1988, acrylic, paper, dried grass on canvas, straw, sheet metal on canvas, plywood, courtesy of the artist

Branko Lepen *Untitled*, 1989, painted iron, Museum of Contemporary Art Zagreb

Roman Makše *A Complex of Objects and Space*, 1989, wood, iron, wax, burlap, plaster, courtesy of the artist, photo of the installation: Jane Štravs

Markovačić (Marko Kovačić), *The Prediction of Zeus*, 1989, photo of the installation, courtesy of the artist, photo: Jane Štravs

Milovan DeStil Markovic *Prototype Sarajevo*, ĆDJLJNJ, 1989, milk, copper vessel, anthracite charcoal, gold leaf on railway sleepers, photo: courtesy of Studio Destil Markovic (C) Milovan Destil Markovic and VG Bild-Kunst Bonn, 2017

Vlado Martek *The One-Headed One*, 1986, white and black acrylic on natron paper with mirror applications, courtesy of the artist

Dalibor Martinis *Liquid Ice*, 1988, video, courtesy of the artist

Mladen Materić *Partition 1, Partition 2, I'll Be Right There*, 1989, mixed media, photo of the installation, courtesy of the artist, photo: Jane Štravs

Slobodan Era Milivojević *Window of Change*, 1981, I–XIV, digital print, silicate brick, courtesy of Slavica & Daniel Trajković

Marko Modić *Adrenaline Bite*, 1983–89, photographs, courtesy of the artist

Marjan Molnar *Measure of Earth*, 1989, acrylic on canvas, objects, courtesy of the artist

Petre Nikoloski *Sculpture / Object / Installation*, 1989, wood, courtesy of the artist, photo of the installation: Boris Cvjetanović

Edin Numankadić *Traces*, 1988, acrylic on paper, courtesy artist

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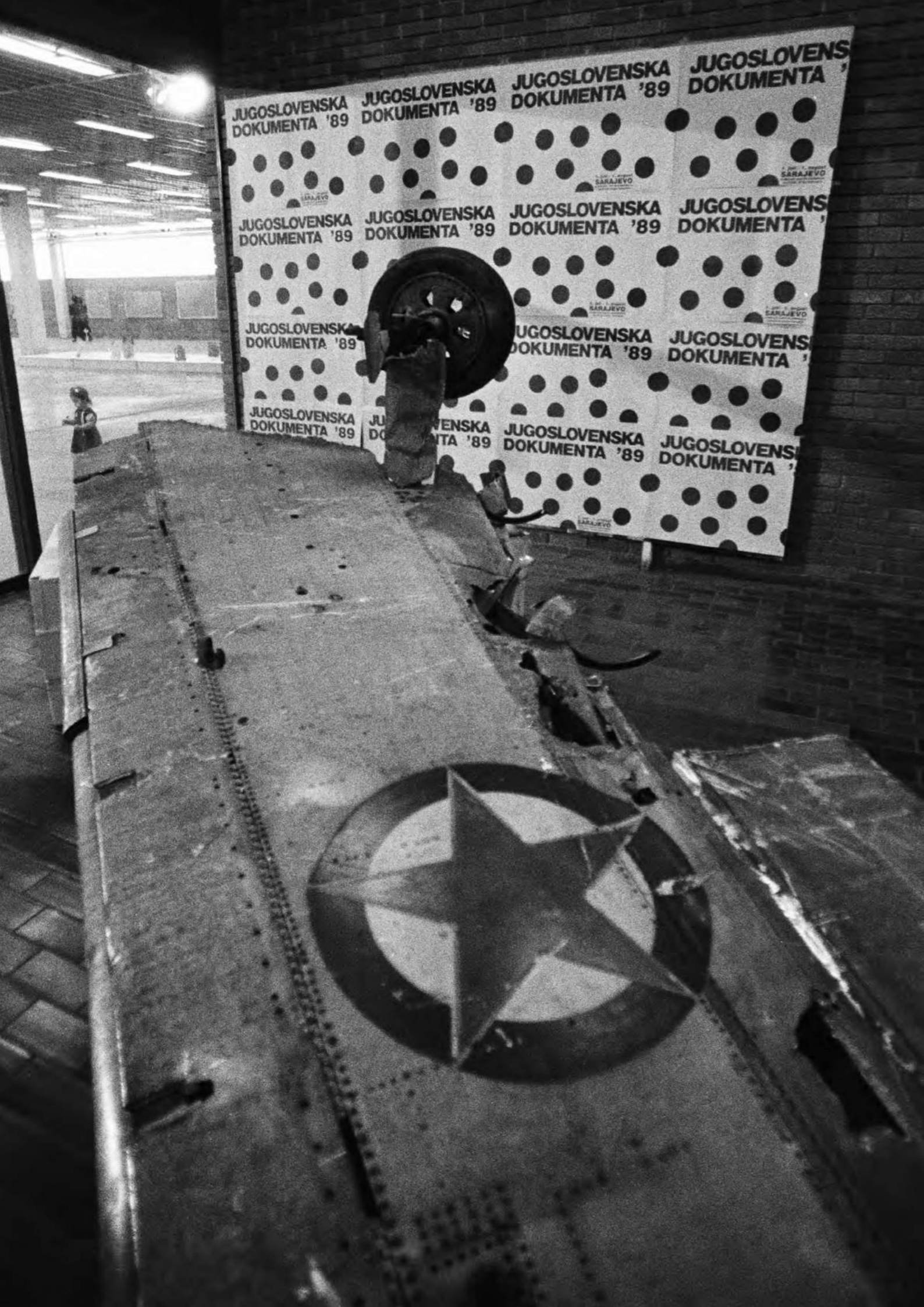
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1. Postavitev / installation view: Sven Stilinović

2. Postavitev / installation view: Markovačić (Marko Kovačić)

3. Odprtje razstave *Jugoslovanski dokumenti '89* v Sarajevu / Opening of the *Yugoslav Documents '89* exhibition in Sarajevo

4. Davor Matičević in gostje na otvoritvi / Davor Matičević and guests at the opening

5. Jože Slak - Đoka pred svojim delom / Jože Slak - Đoka in front of his work

6. Postavitev / installation view: Mladen Materić

7. Postavitev / installation view: Dubravka Rakoci in/and Marjetica Potrč

8. Umetniki, selektorji in gostje na otvoritvi / artists, selectors and guests at the opening

9. Postavitev / installation view: Jusuf Hadžifejzović

10. Postavitev / installation view: Adrian Kovacs

11. Postavitev / installation view: Sadko Hadžihasanović, Jusuf Hadžifejzović

12. Performans Ere Milivojevića / Era Milivojević's performance

13. Davor Matičević, za njim delo Ere Milivojevića / Davor Matičević, Era Milivojević's work in the background

14. Postavitev / installation view: V.S.S.D.

15. Postavitev / installation view: Milovan Destil Markovic

16. Postavitev / installation view: Roman Makše

17. Postavitev / installation view: Aneta Svetieva

18. Postavitev / installation view: IRWIN

19. Umetnik / artist Mladen Stilinović

20. Bojan Gorenc pred svojim delom / Bojan Gorenc in front of his work

21. Željko Kipke ob postavitvah Raše Todosijevića in Mladena Stilinovića / Željko Kipke next to works by Raša Todosijević and Mladen Stilinović

22. Postavitev / installation view

23. Gostje in umetniki na otvoritvi / guests and artists at the opening

24. Gostje in umetniki na otvoritvi / guests and artists at the opening

25. Gostje in umetniki na otvoritvi / guests and artists at the opening

26. Postavitev / installation view: Jadran Adamović

27. Skupinski portret umetnikov na Jugoslovanski dokumenti '89 / group portrait of the artists at *Yugoslav Documents '89*, Sarajevo



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