# COLLABORATION\_7







# 26.08. - 02.09.2013 RESEARCH SARAJEVO, BIH --> MOSTAR, BIH --> ZAOSTROG, HR 21. - 24.03.2014 RESEARCH BELGRADE, RS 27. - 03.10.2014 MUNICH, D --> ZAOSTROG, HR --> MOSTAR, BIH 29.09. – 02.10.2014 Ćorovića Kuća 01.10.2014, 19:00 h Public Dinner & Talk ABART / Ćorovića Kuća / ul. Titova 178 / 88000 Mostar BIH 04. - 08.10.2014 MOSTAR, BIH --> BELGRADE, RS الان ۱۵.۱۵.۲۵ المال المالية ا 07.10.2014, 19:00 h Public Dinner & Talk 08.10.2014, 19:00 h Opening 09.10.2014 BELGRADE, RS --> VIENNA, A --> MUNICH, D 12.09. – 18.10.2014 UNDER (DE)CONSRUCTION Daily news bulletin from the C\_7 trip 12.10.2014, 15:00 n Public Dinner & Talk UNDER (DE)CONSTRUCTION / Kreativquartier München / Dachauerstr. 114 / 80636 Munich D 12.10.2014, 15:00 h Public Dinner & Talk 27. - 30.05.2015 RESEARCH MUNICH, D 01.05. - 06.06.2015 BELGRADE, RS --> MUNICH, D 12.03.2013, 19.00 ii Table-IIIP, viueo-Installion by Leonie Felle 16.05.2015, 17:30 – 18:30 h Performance coordinated by Iva Kontić and COLLABORATION\_team 12.05.2015, 19:00 h Lecture by Iva Kontić and Mihael Milunović 12.05.2015, 19: 00 h "Table-trip", video-installtion by Leonie Felle C9 – MaximiliansForum / Maximilianstr. 31 (underpass) / 80539 Munich D 26.05.2015, 19:00 h Opening layer\_collaboration\_7 Amila Puzić BIH, Mela Zuljević BIH and Anja Bogojević BIH MOSTAR, BIH --> MUNICH, D coming up in 2016 ukošan, HR, stopover, 28.09.2014, 09:50 h

**COLLABORATION\_7** (C\_7) is the seventh project of the artist initiative *COLLABORATION*\_project that consists of partly varying members. C\_7 is a two-year-project run by eight Munich-based artists that resulted in an exhibition tour with several stations. Following two research periods in August 2013 (Mostar via Sarajevo and Zaostrog) and March 2014 (Belgrade) the group went September 2014 "on tour" by bus from Munich via Zaostrog to Mostar, then to Belgrade and back to Munich.

### **DESTINATIONS AND PARTNERS**

Two members of C\_7 are related to former Yugoslavia: Sandra Filić and Anton Bošnjak worked as "door openers" and "guides", to get the group in touch with people and places. Anton was born and raised in Mostar and still maintains a close relation to the art scene of his hometown. He made contact to Amila Puzić, Anja Bogojević and Mela Zuljević, all three curators and founders of the collective ABART, who provided C\_7 with an even deeper insight in the political, social and historical situation of their country's two biggest cities Sarajevo and Mostar. Sandra is living in Germany since her childhood and got in touch with the Serbian art scene during her stay in London. She made the contact to the Serbian artists Iva Kontić and Mihael Milunović (both based in Belgrade but also living and working in Madrid and Paris) as well as the Serbian curator Maja Kolarić.

# **VENUES**

In Mostar the C\_7 was invited by ABART to work at Ćorovića Kuća, the memorial house of Bosnian-Serbian author Svetozar Ćorović. In Belgrade the artist group was invited as opening-act for the new space called ROTONDA located in the new design-district, a former shopping centre from the 1990ies. Back in Munich the trip ended with a public event at a temporary exhibition site called UNDER (DE)CONSTRUCTION. In exchange, C\_7 invited the Serbian artists Iva Kontić and Mihael Milunović in May 2015 to a one-month residency in Munich to realise a project at MaximiliansForum. The Bosnian curator-group ABART is scheduled to realise a project in Munich in 2016.

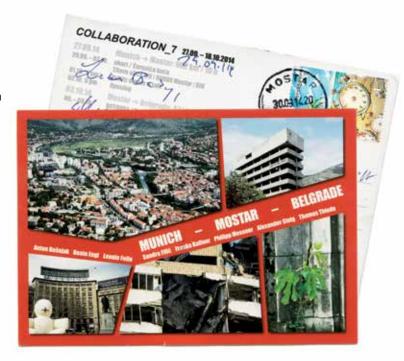
## **PROJECTS**

The journey was planned as an artistic venture. Main purpose of the trip was to be on the road with a tour-bus and to stop at several sites to connect with the local art scene. Like a music-band C\_7 brought along some instruments and staged a collaborative performance based on lyrics written by Franka Kaßner during the trip. For each venue they built a table sculpture and invited the public to a typical Bavarian meal to build up a culinary platform for discussion. The table sculpture was used afterwards as an exhibition display and expanded through several individual artistic contributions.

The tour had several performative and collaborative layers that illustrated the journey itself and the stay at the different sites: the invitation card was designed as a typical picture postcard, which the artists sent back to Germany from the trip; a photo diary was emailed daily to Munich and filled a growing folder in the UNDER (DE)CONSTRUCTION exhibition; a small blue table that was usually used in Beate Engl's studio for discussions and preparations was taken along the whole trip and served not only as a functional object for dinners and picnics but moreover as a platform and even as a performer itself. It was the central piece of the table displays in Mostar, Belgrade and Munich and covered with an aluminium drawing by Thomas Thiede. It was drifting in the sea in Zaostrog and pushed from Ćorovića Kuća to the Partisan Memorial Cemetery in Mostar – both moments captured in videos by Leonie Felle.

Inspired by the wild growth of plants at Partisan Memorial Cemetery by Bogdan Bogdanović some artists of C\_7 created a deck of cards that documents the large variety of plants and also speaks about the forgotten history of the site.

Furthermore in Spring 2014 C\_7 made an open call to former and future collaborators to send them a recent video-work that was screened at the exhibitions. The international selection showed 16 videos of the greater *COLLABORATION* network.













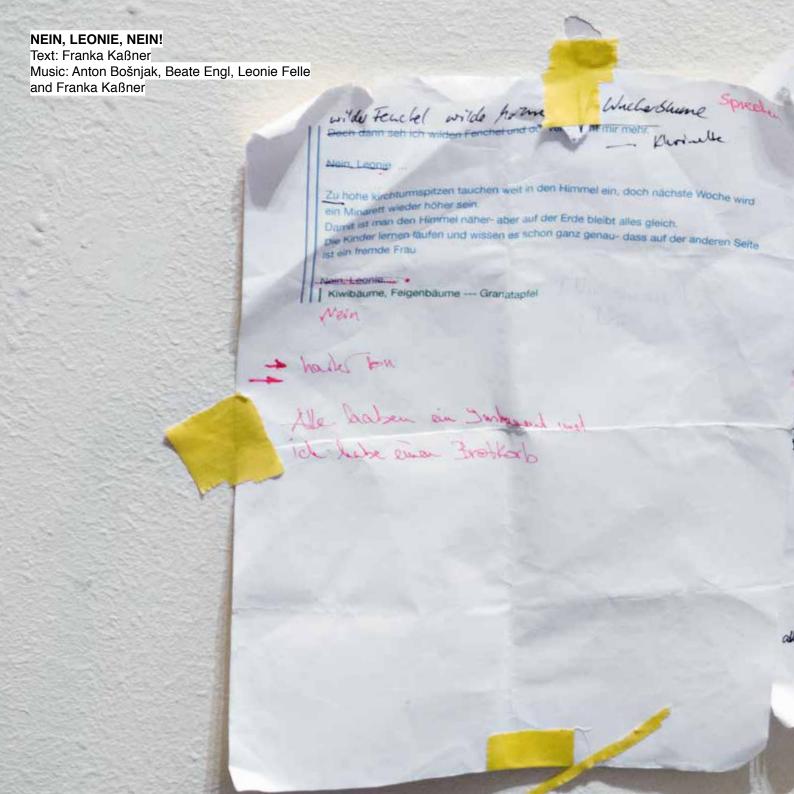


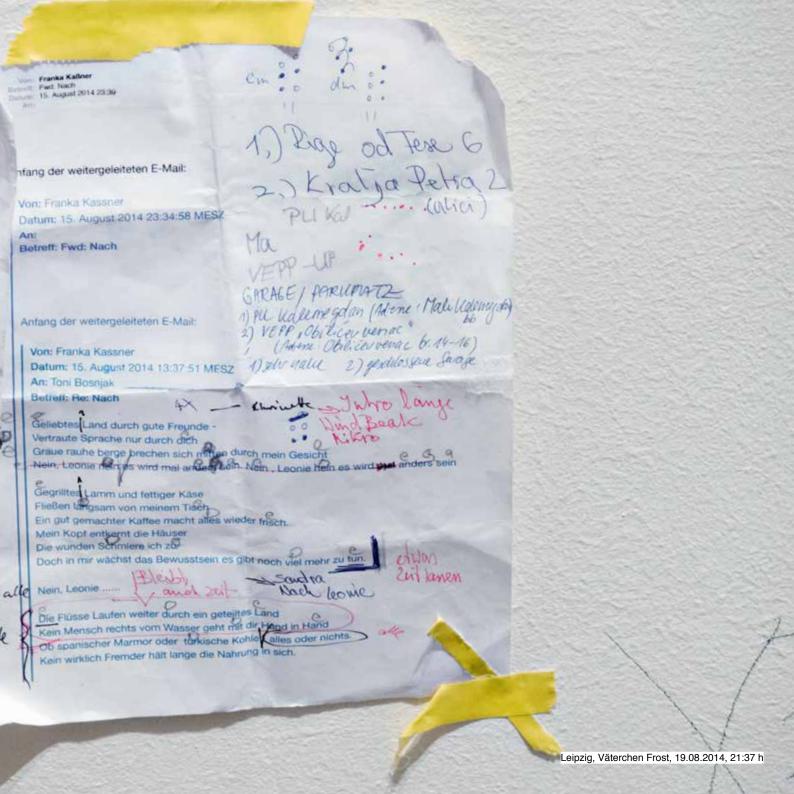
























Leonie Felle: Archive (Yugoslavia), found magazines I Leonie Felle: Swimming Table, video I Thomas Thiede: Portraits, drawings I MEMORIES, card game I Anton Bošnjak: Pjesnik umro 1992 (Dead poet 1992), book I Philipp Messner: Fingers, plastercast, ink I Beate Engl, Fountain, mixed media I Alexander Steig: Greetings from Mostar, CCTV installation I Thomas Thiede: Cock, aluminium drawing; 02.10.2014, 18:00 h

























Thomas Thiede: Cock, aluminium drawing I Anton Bošnjak: Pjesnik umro 1992 (Dead poet 1992), book; 08.10.2014,19:00 h























Iva Kontić and Mihael Milunović

Research: 27. - 30.03.2015

Residency: 01.05. - 06.06.2015

Exhibition: 26.05. - 07.06.2015

Curated by Alexander Steig, Thomas Thiede, Philipp Messner,

Sandra Filić, Beate Engl and COLLABORATION\_team



# **Opening speech by Maja Kolarić** Curator, Belgrade, RS

COLLABORATION\_project is initially constructed on the idea to bridge the gap between artists and the surrounding society by bringing the art closer to the wider community, on the one hand, and on the other, by giving an artistic response to the site of the visited environment. The aesthetic or ideological link between the artists is in the absence, only the artist's response to the perceived features of the visited environment are visible. Artists I through COLLABORATION\_7 project have build a visible bridge from Munich to Belgrade and their societies. Changing the environment for one month during their residential stay, the Serbian artists were influenced by the historical and socio-cultural similarities or differences of the visited place, society and people. And they are using that very experience in their works.

The artists from Munich have made site-specific works during their residential stay in Belgrade and have publicly exposed their artworks, and artists from Belgrade were influenced by the Munich community and have created works as a reaction to it.

Mihael Milunović has created a video work called "Years" consiting of photos, which were taken all around the City of Munich. As a part of his socio-photographic research and by exposing them he provokes the observer to his or her individual or collective memory related to some specific year. Iva Kontić on the contrary has made a public performance and video installation called "AGIT-PROPFLASH- MOB" in close cooperation with Munich citizens who gave their contribution to the occurrence of the artwork and public performance by exposing to her some of their daily actions.

In the context of COLLABORATION\_project and its concept to create an international network of artists that work in different medias and disciplines, the artworks of Kontić and Milunović are made to interact with or within the given society. By using the public space as a platform and ground for showing and creating art instead of the expected or traditionally used spaces such as art galleries or museums, I have recalled the Fluxus movement and their artistic practice. And in light of that analogy, I would like to finish this short speech quoting Yoko Ono: "Art is the process-oriented tool. With the help of this tool we can better understand life's complexity".









# COLLABORATION\_CV

#### COLLABORATION 1

DRESDEN | 01. – 12.04.2009 | »collaboration\_1 «
Hansjoerg Dobliar, Tom Früchtl, Elias Hassos, Stefan Lenhart,
Christoph Lohmann, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede
[doppel de], Junge Kunst aus Dresden / Dresden D / www.doppelde.de
Curated by Thomas Thiede and Gernot Schindowski

MUNICH I 27.06. – 05.07.2009 I »6komma19kubik«
Verena Andric, Silke Bartsch, Niko Bekehermes, Robert Gommlich,
Janine Hönig, Marcus, Jansen, Hee-Seung Lee, Matthias Lehmann,
Tobias Lorenz, Oliver Matz, Tamayo Misawa, Gernot Schindowski,
Alexandra Schlöffel, Stefanie Tatzik, Demjan Tschistjakow, Roland
Wisselink and Makiko Yasufuku
Tanzschule / Munich D / www.tanzschuleprojects.com

Galerie k4 / Munich D / www.galeriek4.de Curated by Thomas Thiede and Gernot Schindowski

# COLLABORATION\_2

BRISTOL I 23.10. – 01.11.2009 I »Thomas' Dream«
Luka Fineisen (guest),Tom Früchtl, Elias Hassos, Stefan Lenhart,
Christoph Lohmann, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede
Motorcade/FlashParade / Bristol GB / www.motorcadeflashparade.com
Curated by Christoph Lohmann, Thomas Thiede and Toby Huddlestone

MUNICH I 02. – 10.10.2010 I »smokescreen«
Freeman Abayasekera, Milo Brenan, Kieran Brown, Anton Goldenstein,
Joseph Gower, Richard Hames, Toby Huddlestone, Julie McCalden,
Eamon O'Kane and Ed Tucker
Weltraum / Munich D / www.weltraum26.de
Projektraum art-Report / Munich D / www.art-report.com
Curated by Toby Huddlestone, Anton Goldenstein and Thomas Thiede

#### **COLLABORATION 3**

LUXEMBOURG I 21. – 30.05.2010 I »Shadow – Ombre – Schatten« Tom Früchtl, Elias Hassos, Stefan Lenhart, Christoph Lohmann, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede Guests: Luka Fineisen, Daniel Schürer, Hannes Malte Mahler, Hlynur Hallsson, Thomas Cena, Jürgen Witte, Simon Frisch, Konschthaus beim Engel / Luxembourg L Curated by Alexander Steig

#### **COLLABORATION 4**

BANSKÁ ŠTIAVNICA I 26.09. – 09.10.2011 I »collaboration\_4«
Beate Engl, Sandra Filić, Maximilian Geuter, Daniel Schürer (guest),
Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede
BANSKÁ ST A NICA Contemporary / Banská Štiavnica SK
www.banskastanica.sk
Curated by Thomas Thiede and Svätopluk Mikyta

BRATISLAVA I 18. – 29.02.2012 I »collaboration\_4«
Beate Engl, Sandra Filić, Maximilian Geuter, Daniel Schürer (guest),
Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede
SPACE / Bratislava SK / www.priestor.org
Curated by Thomas Thiede and Svätopluk Mikyta

#### COLLABORATION 5

HJALTEYRI I 04. – 19.08.2012 I »samstarf\_5«
Anton Bošnjak, Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Elias Hassos,
Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede
Verksmiðjan / Hjalteyri IS / www.verksmidijan.blogspot.com
Curated by Alexander Steig, Thomas Thiede, Beate Engl and
Hlynur Hallsson

AKUREYRI I 04. – 19.08.2012 I »samstarf\_5«
Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Maximilian Geuter,
Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede
GalleríBOX Salur Myndlistarfélagsins / Akureyri IS
www.galleribox.blogspot.com
Curated by Alexander Steig, Thomas Thiede, Beate Engl and
Hlynur Hallsson

MUNICH I 29.05. – 09.06.2013 I »first things first«
Pórarinn Blöndal, Hlynur Hallsson, Jóna Hlíf Halldórsdóttir, Arna Valsdóttir,
Gústav Geir Bollason, Aðalheiður S. Eysteinsdóttir and Arnar Ómarsson,
firstlines gallery / Munich D / www.firstlines.de
Curated by Hlynur Hallsson and Alexander Steig

MUNICH I 30.05. – 09.06.2013 I »correlation« Pórarinn Blöndal, Hlynur Hallsson, Jóna Hlíf Halldórsdóttir, Gústav GeirBollason, Veronique Legros, Aðalheiður S. Eysteinsdóttir, Arnar Ómarsson and Hanna Hlíf Bjarnadóttir HALLE50 / Munich D / www.domagkateliers.de Curated by Hlynur Hallsson, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede

#### **COLLABORATION** Symposium

MUNICH I 23. – 26.05.2013 I »Do you need anybody«
Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Simon Frisch, Tom Früchtl, Expedition
Medora, Hammann & von Mier, Hannu Karjalainen, Martin G. Schmid,
Daniel Schürer, Alexander Steig, Ping Pong Team Klasse Metzel
(Sandra Bejarano, Fabian Feichter, Matthias Glas, Hyesun Jung,
Lukas Kappmeier, Paula Leal Olloqui, Ivo Rick, Maximilian Wencelides,
Hisashi Yamamoto)

Symposium with Diana Ebster (Kulturreferat, Munich), Dr. Simon Frisch (Filmhistorian, Weimar), Dr. Cornelia Gockel (Art historian, Munich), Hlynur Hallsson (Artist, Akureyri, IS), Leo Lencsés (Artist, Munich), Dr. Serafine Lindemann (Curator, Munich), Svätopluk Mikyta (Artist, Banská Štiavnica, SK), Martin G. Schmid (Artist, Zurich, CH), Karsten Schmitz (Donator, Munich), Dr. Daniela Stöppel (Art historian, Munich), Daniel Schürer (Artist, Brussels, B), Thomas Thiede (Artist, Munich)

Moderator: Dr. Christian Schoen

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www.schaustelle-pdm.de

Concept by Thomas Thiede and COLLABORATION\_team

### **COLLABORATION 6**

SHANGHAI | 13. - 29.12.2013 | »All ready made in China« Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Anton Bošnjak, Maximilian Geuter, Philipp Messner, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede Fei Contemporary Art Center (FCAC) / Shanghai RC www.feiartcenter.com Curated by Alexander Steig and Li Xiaofei

MUNICH | 9. - 18.05.2014 | »Change & Exchange« Chen Hangfeng, Per Hüttner, Lise Kolstad Yuen, Li Xiaofei, Liu Guangyun, Tang Maohong and Xiang Liqing HALLE50 / Munich D I www.domagkateliers.de Curated by Li Xiaofei and COLLABORATION\_team

#### COLLABORATION 7

SARAJEVO - MOSTAR | 26.08. - 02.09.2013 | »Research Mostar« Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Franka Kaßner, Anton Bošnjak, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede ABART / OKC Abrasevic / Mostar BIH / www.abart.ba Coordination by Anton Bošnjak with Amila Puzić, Mela Zuljević and Anja Bogojević

BELGRADE | 21. - 24.03.2014 | »Research Belgrade« Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Franka Kaßner, Anton Bošnjak, Philipp Messner, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede PARABROD / Belgrade RS / www.ukparobrod.rs Coordination by Sandra Filić with Iva Kontić, Mihael Milunović and Maja Kolarić

MOSTAR I 29.09. - 02.10.2014 I »Munich - Mostar - Belgrade - Munich« Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Franka Kaßner, Anton Bošnjak, Philipp Messner, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede Ćorovića Kuća / Mostar BIH Curated by COLLABORATION\_team, Amila Puzić and Mela Zuljević

BELGRADE I 06. - 08.10.2014 I »Munich - Mostar - Belgrade - Munich« Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Franka Kaßner, Anton Bošnjak, Philipp Messner, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede ROTONDA / Belgrade Design District / Belgrade RS Curated by COLLABORATION team and Mihael Milunović

MUNICH | 12.09. - 18.10.2014 | »Munich - Mostar - Belgrade - Munich« Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Franka Kaßner, Anton Bošnjak, Philipp Messner, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede UNDER (DE)CONSTRUCTION, Munich D Curated by COLLABORATION\_team and Laura Sánchez Serrano

MUNICH | 01.05. - 06.06.2015 | »layer collaboration 7« Iva Kontić and Mihael Milunović, Leonie Felle and COLLABORATION\_team

C9 - MaximiliansForum / Munich D / www.collaboration9.de Curated by Alexander Steig, Thomas Thiede, Philipp Messner, Sandra Filić, Beate Engl and COLLABORATION\_team

MUNICH | 13.10.2015 - 10.01.2016 | »FotoDoks: Past is Now« Beate Engl, Leonie Felle, Sandra Filić, Franka Kaßner, Anton Bošnjak and Alexander Steig

Münchner Stadtmuseum / Munich D / www.muenchner-stadtmuseum.de Curated by Leonie Felle and FotoDoks-Team

Further venues planned in 2016: Goethe Institut Ljubljana, Goethe Institut Zagreb, Goethe Institut Belgrad, Goethe Institut Sarajevo

MUNICH I 2016

Amila Puzić BIH, Mela Zuljević BIH and Anja Bogojević BIH upcoming |

## **COLLABORATION 8**

MUNICH | 01. - 09.06.2014 | »SPRING CLEANING« WOMEN WITH TALENTS (Georgia Kotretsos, Natasha Papadopoulou)

and COLLABORATION team

Karlsplatz and kunstraum muenchen / Munich D Curated by Beate Engl

MUNICH | 01.09. - 08.10.2015 | »layer\_open artist studio foundation« Georgia Kotretsos

MaximiliansForum / Munich D / www.collaboration9.de Curated by Beate Engl, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede

### COLLABORATION\_9

MUNICH | 28.01. - 15.12.2015 | »C9 - MaximiliansForum in transformation«

A one year research and exhibition project in cooperation with the City of Munich, Department of Arts and Culture

MaximiliansForum / Munich D / www.collaboration9.de

Curated by Philipp Messner, Alexander Steig and Thomas Thiede

#### **COLLABORATION 10**

MUNICH | 15. - 27.10.2015 | »LOG AGE«

Mikko Kuorinki, Essi Kausalainen, Olli Keränen, Maija Luutnen and Hannu Karialainen

RSTR# / Munich D / www.rstr4.net

Lothringer13 Rroom / Munich D / www.lothringer13.de Curated by Thomas Thiede, Alexander Steig and Philipp Messner

HELSINKI I Summer 2016 upcoming

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