

Discussion

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Who Cares

Queer Archives, Resistance, and the State

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Recent discoveries of Ewa Majewska in the archives of the Mincyni operation, which targeted gay men in 1980s Poland, show that the police documents issued during this operation are still in use. This has led to discussions about the aims and limitations of the state's actions towards LGBTQIA+ people, how to reclaim equality and due diligence for queer populations, and how to create and transform archives, including state-operated, grassroots, activist, and artistic ones. The discussion will address the possibilities and responsibilities of queer theory in relation to the interests of LGBTQIA+ populations, the collecting strategies of affective and institutional archives, and the ways in which resistance might include, rather than exclude, making critical, queer claims against the state.

