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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1627

**CREATOR:** Lorković, Tanja

**TITLE:** Tanja Lorkovic papers

**DATES:** 1940-2021

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.21 linear feet (19 boxes)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 104 Megabytes

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English, Russian, and Croatian.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of materials relating to the coup d'état in the Soviet Union and the democracy movement in the Baltic States. The material was gathered by Tanja Lorkovic during the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) conference in Moscow in 1991 and during trips to Baltic libraries. Also included are correspondence and related materials pertaining to the Slavic and East European Collection at Yale University Library, the Slavic and East European Section (SEES) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ARL) of which Lorkovic is a past chairperson, as well as subject files of the Russian library assessment projects organized by her and sponsored by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). Correspondence with literary and political figures is included, as well as an interview with Lorkovic.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Tanja Lorkovic, 1992, 1997, 1999, 2001-2003, 2007, 2008, 2010-2011, 2013, 2014, and 2023.

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## Biographical / Historical

Tatjana Bujas Lorkovic was born on January 17, 1933, in Beograd, Yugoslavia. She emigrated to the United States in 1964. She received an M.A. in Yugoslav Languages and Literatures and Russian Language and Literature from the University of Croatia at Zagreb in 1957; an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Minnesota in 1968; and an M.A. in Russian Language and Literature from the University of Iowa in 1972. Lorkovic worked at the University of Iowa as Slavic librarian (1968-1972) and as head of the cataloging department (1973-1989). From 1989 until her retirement in January 2014, she served as curator of the Slavic and East European Collection at Yale University.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of materials relating to the coup d'état in the Soviet Union and the democracy movement in the Baltic States, gathered by Tanja Lorkovic during the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) conference in Moscow in 1991 and during trips to Baltic libraries. Also included are correspondence and related materials pertaining to the Slavic and East European Collection at Yale University; the Slavic and East European Section (SEES) of the Association of College and Research

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## **Arrangement**

The materials are arranged by accession.

## Collection Contents

### Original accession

Photographs		
b. 1, f. 1 - 3	Military and civilian action during and after the coup	1991 August
b. 1, f. 4	Václav Havel at the 150th anniversary of the birth of composer Antonin Dvorak in Nelahozeves, Czechoslovakia	1991 September 8
b. 1, f. 5	Official decrees and proclamations issued during the coup, photocopies	1991 August
b. 1, f. 6	Report on the IFLA conference in Moscow and visit to Baltic libraries	1991 August 17-September 17
b. 1, f. 7	Notes	1991 August
Printed ephemera, primarily newspapers and leaflets		
b. 1, f. 8	"Yeltsin's Remarks: A Revolutionary Coup," <i>New York Times</i> article	1991 August 19
Moskovskii komsomolets: obshchestvenno-politicheskaia molodezhnaia gazeta.		
b. 2, f. 9	1991 Aug 23	
b. 2, f. 9	1991 Aug 24	
Golos: obshchestvenno-politicheskii ezhenedel'nik		
b. 2, f. 9	No. 32: 1991 Aug 19-25	
b. 2, f. 9	No. 33: 1991 Aug 26-Sep 1	
b. 2, f. 9	No. 34: 1991 Sep 2-8	
b. 2, f. 10	Moskovskie novosti	1991 August 24
b. 2, f. 10	Moskovskie novosti, an informational leaflet	Ca. 1991 August
b. 2, f. 10	Moscow News: Independent weekly	1991 August 18-25
Kommersant: ezhenedel'nik informatsionnoi sluzhby "Fakt"		
b. 2, f. 10	1991 Aug 19-26	
b. 2, f. 10	1991 Aug 19-26, photocopy	
Argumenty i fakty: ezhenedel'naia gazeta		
b. 2, f. 11	No. 33: 1991 Aug	
b. 2, f. 11	No. 34: 1991 Aug issue	
b. 2, f. 11	Svobodnoe slovo: gazeta moskovskoi organizatsii partii Demokraticheskii soiuz "Grazhdanskii put'": ezhenedel'nik, No. 31	1991 August 27

## Printed ephemera, primarily newspapers and leaflets (continued)

## Svoboda i zhizn': nezavisimaia demokraticheskaia gazeta = Freedom &amp; Life

b. 2, f. 11	No. 7 (spetsvypusk): 1991	
b. 2, f. 11	No. 8: 1991	
	The Baltic Independent: The English-Language Weekly of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	
b. 2, f. 12	No. 72: 1991 Aug 16-22	
b. 2, f. 12	No. 72: 1991 Aug 16-22 (an insert with pages 3 and 4 is missing)	
b. 2, f. 12	No. 74: 1991 Aug 30-Sep 5	
b. 2, f. 12	Dimitrovgrad panorama: gorodskaiia obshchestvenno-politicheskaiia gazeta, an informational leaflet with an address to the citizens of Russia, photocopy	1991 August 20
b. 2, f. 12	Istoki: vsesoiuznaia gazeta	1991 July
b. 2, f. 12	Slovenske narodne noviny: tyzdennik matice slovenskeje	1991 September 10
b. 2, f. 13	Dvuglavyi orel: rossiiskaia monarkhicheskaiia gazeta, No. 1	1991 January
b. 2, f. 13	Reporter: rossiiskoe obozrenie. No. 3 (pages 5-12 are missing)	1991 February
b. 2, f. 13	Kapital: gazeta dlia bogatykh	1991 May
b. 2, f. 13	Put': gazeta rossiiskogo khristianskogo demokraticheskogo dvizheniia, No. 6/9	1991
b. 2, f. 14	Levyi bereg: gazeta dlia vzroslykh i detei	1991 August 12-18
b. 2, f. 14	Megapolis-Continent: mezhdunarodnaia gazeta	1991 June 26-July 2
b. 2, f. 14	Stranichka uznika: biulleten', No. 13	1990 June-August
b. 2, f. 14	Sobranie: nezavisimaia gazeta: daidzhest otechestvennoi i zarubezhnoi pressy, No. 8	1991
b. 2, f. 15	"Materials of Soviet Coup," a catalog of materials for sale, 4 loose sheets (Part 1: "Special issues of newspapers and magazines"; Part 2: "Ukazy, postanovleniya, resheniya, prikazy, obrashcheniya"; Part 3: "History, analysis, comments in newspapers and magazines"; Part 4: "Appeals of different political organizations and leaflets")	
b. 2, f. 15	"Documenty obshchestva "Memorial": 10 mikrofish," a catalog (Moscow)	1991
b. 2, f. 15	"Pamyat': dokumenty i teksty by V. Pribylovski," photocopy of a table of contents	
b. 2, f. 15	"Avtoritet vozhdia: zaiavlenie Natsional'no-Patrioticheskogo Fronta "Pamiat': na semi listakh za deviat'iu podpisiami," pamphlet (pages 3-7 are missing)	

## Printed ephemera, primarily newspapers and leaflets (continued)

b. 2, f. 15	Kongress sootchestvennikov/ (Klip: spetsial'noe prilozhenie)	Ca. 1991 August
b. 2, f. 15	Provintsial'naia khronika: rossiiskaia obshchestvenno-politicheskaia gazeta	1991 April 22
b. 2, f. 15	Vieche: nezavisimoe patrioticheskoe izdanie (Sankt-Peterburg), No. 5, photocopy	1990 August
	Nezavisimaia gazeta	
b. 2, f. 16	1991 Aug 21, special issue, photocopy	
b. 2, f. 16	No. 99	1991 August 24
b. 2, f. 16	"K grazhdanam Rossii," Yeltsyn's address to the nation, faded original and photocopy	1991 August 19
b. 2, f. 16	"Sootchestvenniki!", flyer printed by Konservativnaia partiia, Svobodnoe Mezhprofessional'noe Ob'edinenie Trudiashchikhsia (SMOT), and Komitet Sotsial'noi Zashchity: (Moscow)	1991 May
	Moskovskii bibliotechnyi vestnik	
b. 2, f. 17	No. 3: 1991	
b. 2, f. 17	No. 6: 1991 (spetsial'nyi vypusk)	
b. 2, f. 17	Library of Congress Information Bulletin: supplement. Vol.51, containing an IFLA report	1992 March
b. 2, f. 17	"IFLA Conference in Moscow," an excerpt from The Cape Librarian : official monthly journal of the Cape Provincial Library Service	1992 January



**Accession 1997-M-180: Additional Material, 1971-1996**

This accession comprises materials pertaining to the activities of the Slavic and East European Section (SEES) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The papers were compiled by Tanja Lorković, past chair of the SEES and includes correspondence, meeting minutes, agendas, memoranda, printed material, and writings.

## SEES material

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b. 1, f. 1 - 10	1971-1989
b. 2, f. 11 - 16	1990-1997 and undated

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## **Accession 1999-M-121: Additional Material, 1950-1953**

b.1 Correspondence between Tanja Lorkovic and Dubravko Ivancan [Croatian poet] 1950-1953

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**Accession 2001-M-042: Additional Material, 1990-2001**

This accession comprises materials compiled by Tanja Lorkovic as organizer of the library assessment project funded by the Special Projects in Library and Information Science Program of the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). The files contain correspondence, project proposals and summaries, printed material, and photographs pertaining to librarianship in Russia after the fall of Communism. The accession also includes printed material and photographs of Eastern European libraries.

## IREX library and archive assessment projects

b. 1, f. 1 - 3	Kaliningrad (1999)	1998-1999
b. 1, f. 4 - 6	North Caucasus and Volga Basin (1995)	1994-2001
b. 1, f. 7 - 10	Ural Region (1999)	1999-2001
b. 1, f. 11 - 15	Western Russia (1997)	1997
b. 1, f. 16	Photographs of libraries and librarians, and an article, "Revolution Not Over for Eastern European Libraries," by Lorkovic	1990

**Accession 2001-M-069: Additional Material, 1990-2002**

This accession comprises photographs taken by Tanja Lorkovic on various acquisitions trips, depicting various libraries and staff; conferences; exhibits; and political events and politicians of Eastern Europe.

b. 1, f. 1	Bulgaria	1990
b. 1, f. 2	Croatia [President Franjo Tudjman at Yale University]	1991 September
b. 1, f. 3	Czech Republic and Prague	Circa 1990-1991
b. 1, f. 4	Estonia	1991 August 26-27
b. 1, f. 5	Hungary and Budapest	1992 September
b. 1, f. 6	Latvia	1991 August 28-29
b. 1, f. 7	Lithuania	1991 August 28-29
b. 1, f. 8 - 10	Russia and Moscow	1990-1994
b. 1, f. 11	Ukraine and Tver	1998 June
	United States	
b. 1, f. 12	Dr. Pasko Rakic, Ankica Tudjman, Tanja Lorkovic, Dr. Franjo Tudjman, and Mirjan Damaska at Pierson College, Yale University	1990 September
b. 1, f. 12	Tanja Lorkovic, unidentified woman, Mirjan Damaska, Stjepan Mesic at Mory's	2000 September
b. 1, f. 12	Dr. Vladimir Zaitsev and Tanja Lorkovic at the New York Public Library	2002 October

## **Accession 2002-M-065: Additional Material, 1940**

- b.1                    Report to Stalin, prepared by L. Beria (People's Commissar of International Affairs, 1940 USSR), ordering the Katyn Forest Massacre and English translation, photocopy
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## **Accession 2003-M-079: Additional Material**

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b.1	Correspondence in Croatian with Slobodan Novak, includes photograph	undated
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## **Accession 2011-M-022: Additional Material, 2010**

- b.1 "The Past as Prologue: Building Yale University Library's Slavic and East European Collection from the Beginning of the Twentieth Century until Today," by Tanja Lorkovic 2010  
Includes related correspondence with Gaddis Smith, Larned Professor of History emeritus.
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**Accession 2011-M-043: Additional Material, 1980, 1990-1997, 2010**

## Correspondence

Correspondence is both personal and professional. Some letters refer to the Croatian situation in the 1990s.

b. 1, f. 1	1980, 1990-1991	1980, 1990-1991
b. 1, f. 2	1992	1992
b. 1, f. 3	1994-1997, undated	1994-1997, undated

## Interview of Tanja Lorkovic by Robert J. Donia

The interview with Tanja Lorkovic was conducted on March 29, 2010, by Professor Robert J. Donia, University of Michigan, regarding her uncle Srećko Bujas and his life during World War II and as a judge in Sarajevo, as well as Lorkovic's experiences during the war.

b. 2	<p>Recording and transcript 2011-M-043-0001 <i>1 CD-R (106.8 megabytes)</i></p> <p>The date of the interview was determined by the content of the audiorecording.</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access.</p> <p>This material was imaged or captured by Manuscripts and Archives staff in 2011 for preservation and access. Additional information about actions taken may be available at the repository.</p>	2010 March 29
b. 1, f. 4	<p>Edited transcript</p> <p>The transcript was prepared by Tanja Lorkovic and contains additional information not present on the audiorecording.</p>	2010 March 29



**Accession 2012-M-037: Additional Material, 1977, 1985, 1991-1997**

This accession consists primarily of correspondence with Croatian literary and political figures. Aspects of Lorkovic's international librarianship are documented in Topical Files and Writings.

Files are arranged alphabetically.

## Correspondence

The majority of the correspondence is in Croatian.

b. 1, f. 1	General	1993 January, 1995 January
b. 1, f. 2	Grmek, Mirko Dražen	1993 November 4, 1994 December 8, 1996 January 5
b. 1, f. 3	Novak, Slobodan	1977 June 14
b. 1, f. 4	Pavletić, Vlatko	1991 January 18
b. 1, f. 5	Šarić, Artur Correspondence regarding events in Zagreb.	1977 January 9
b. 1, f. 6	Šoljan, Antun	1993 May 23
b. 1, f. 7	Stipčević, Aleksandar	1994 September 17
b. 1, f. 8	United States Congress. House of Representatives Correspondence regarding Serbian military aggression in Croatia.	1991 December-1992 May 8
Topical Files		
b. 1, f. 7	Books for Bosnia project Lorkovic was instrumental in leading a Yale effort to assist in restoring The Bosnia-Herzegovina National Library destroyed by Serb artillery.	1996-1997
b. 1, f. 10	University of North Sumatra, Indonesia Lorkovic was selected as one of four library consultants to participate in the Indonesian Education Project at the University of North Sumatra.	1985
Writings		
b. 1, f. 11	"Acquisitions Trip to the Three Baltic States: Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, June 3-June 14, 2009," <i>Slavic &amp; East European Information Resources</i>	2009

**Accession 2013-M-068: Additional Material, 2012-2013**

b. 1, f. 1	"The Past as Prologue: Building Yale University Library's Slavic and East European Collection from the Beginning of the Twentieth Century until Today," abridged Russian version in <i>Bibliotekovedenie</i>	2013
	"Yale University Library Has Digitized Its Legacy Slavic Collection Created by Joel Sumner Smith," by Tatjana Lorković, Graziano Krätli, and Carolyn Caizzi	
b. 1, f. 2	Published article, <i>Slavic and East European Information Resources</i>	2012
b. 1, f. 3	Abridged Russian translation, <i>Rumiantsevskie chteniia</i>	2013

**Accession 2014-M-030: Additional Material, 1999, 2003**

b. 1, f. 1	Article in <i>Kaliningradskaia Pravda</i> , a Kaliningrad weekly newspaper The article is in Russian.	1999 May 27
	The article features an international seminar attended by Tatjana Lorković, curator of the Slavic and East European Collection at Yale University Library, Michael Neubert, Library of Congress, and archivist Ellen Scaruffi . Topics included the roles of women and the leadership roles held by men in libraries and archives; disparity of pay between men and women, often irregardless of qualifications; the increasing number of men entering the profession, causing a rise in salaries; and the need to recognize the commitment of librarians and archivists to their profession and compensate them accordingly. (page 8)	
b. 1, f. 2	2003 calendar highlighting the 300th anniversary of St. Petersburg	2002 December-2003 December

**Accession 2014-M-037: Additional Material, 1988-2013**

Most of the material is in English but some is in various Eastern European languages.

The accession comprises primarily correspondence files with individuals, e.g., Yale faculty, domestic and foreign librarians, or on special subjects related to Slavic and Eastern European studies and libraries.

Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1	Africa	1991-1997
b. 1, f. 2	Alexandrov, Vladimir	1991
b. 1, f. 3	Asia	1992-1996
b. 1, f. 4	Banac, Ivo	1989-1997
b. 1, f. 5	Croatia	1989-1997, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Hungary	1993
b. 1, f. 7	Library of Congress	1989-1996
b. 1, f. 8	Les Livres Etrangers	1990-1991
b. 1, f. 9-10	Lorkovic, Tanja-personal	1988-1996, 2008-2013
b. 1, f. 11	Montias, Michael	1989
b. 1, f. 12	Poland	1990-1994
b. 1, f. 13	Richardson, Tom	1992
b. 1, f. 14	Soviet Union	1990, 1995, undated
b. 1, f. 15	Steinberg, Mark	1989-1992, undated
b. 1, f. 16	Ukraine	1992-1995
b. 1, f. 17-18	United States	1989-1996
b. 1, f. 19	Wandycz, Piotr	1991
b. 1, f. 20	Western Europe	1989-1997
b. 1, f. 21-22	Yale related	1990-2013
b. 1, f. 23	Bibliographies, research	1990-1991, 2000-2007
b. 1, f. 24	Photograph of Tanja Lorkovic with Gulissa Kabarovna Balabekova, director of the Kazakh National Library	2007 October

b.2                      Personnel file of Tanja Lorkovic                      Undated  
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**Accession 2015-M-066: Additional Material, 1974, 1990-2014**

b. 1, f. 1-4	"Assessing the New Soviet Archival Sources" conference, papers and related materials	1997
b. 1, f. 5	Articles and papers by Tanja Lorkovic	1990-2011
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence	1994-2014
	Exhibits	
b. 1, f. 7	"Croatia: Themes, Authors, Books" photographs	
b. 1, f. 8	Polonica	1992 spring
b. 1, f. 9	"Gubernatorial Reports of Russian Imperial Governors" advertising flyer	Circa 1995
b. 1, f. 10	<i>Politika</i> , Belgrade, Serbia, article on Slavic collections at Yale	2012 August 15
b. 1, f. 11	Slavic and East European Section (SEES), Association of College and Research Libraries, "Proposal for the Revision and Updating of the Library of Congress Classification Schedules and Subject Heading List Pertaining to the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the Balkan Peninsula," final draft	1974 November

**Accession 2024-M-0002: Additional Material, 1982–2021**

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b. 1, f. 1	Personal file	1982–2021
b. 1, f. 2	Consulting in Indonesia	1985–1987
b. 1, f. 3	Professional correspondence	1987–2012

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Baltic States -- History -- Autonomy and independence movements  
Soviet Union -- History -- Attempted coup, 1991

### **Subjects**

Coups d'état -- Soviet Union  
International librarianship  
Katyn Massacre, Katyn', Russia, 1940

### **Names**

Bujas, Srećko  
Ivančan, Dubravko, 1931-  
Lorković, Tanja  
Novak, Slobodan, 1924-

### **Corporate Bodies**

Association of College and Research Libraries.  
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International Research and Exchanges Board