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As part of the elective course “Anthropology of Art in Public Space”, together with Professor Josip Zanki, we went to Germany on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 for field work. The trip lasted until Sunday evening, December 10, 2023. Within those five days, we visited Leipzig, Dresden and Berlin.

On Wednesday, we left Zagreb at 11:30 a.m. and arrived at HDLU's residence, Hafenkombinat, in Leipzig a little before 11 p.m. The next morning, we headed to the Academy of Fine Arts in Leipzig, where we had guided tour of their workshops and classes and met their rector. Then we headed by car to the location where the Battle of the Peoples Monument (Battle of Leipzig) is located, which caused a feeling of admiration in all of us, but also shock due to the incredible dimensions of that monumental building. After a short break, we visited the area in Leipzig - Spinnerei, where former factory buildings have been converted into art galleries, residences and shops. At that location, we conducted research by stopping passers-by and asking them for their opinion on that post-industrial space. In the evening we visited the art collection of lawyer and collector Klaus Schaffner. On the third day of our trip, we headed to Dresden where we visited the oldest academy in Germany. We were impressed by the typography workshop and the anatomy department. After Dresden, the next day we visited Berlin and the first in line was the Akademie der kunste. After the guidance and familiarization with the history and members of that institution, we headed towards the Holocaust Victims Memorial and then towards the Treptower Park where the Soviet Soldiers Monument is located. In both places, we performed several exercises such as space mapping and interventions on the sculpture.

The next day, the day of departure, we had a conversation with the professor and presented what we had done and learned during the field work. At 12 o'clock we got into the car and headed from Leipzig to Croatia and Zagreb. We arrived home a little before 10 p.m.

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