

## Highlights from 'Fault Lines' during Project Space Festival

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The former Australian Embassy to the German Democratic Republic, which is now a project space called **Ex-Embassy**, held one of the first events for **Project Space Festival** earlier this month. The event, titled 'Fault Lines,' showcased a number of installations and performances, all alluding to Australian culture and how to cope with its colonizing past.

The works in the ongoing exhibition include an installation of Australian parliamentary books spread on a table and a video that satirically reimagines the process of being officially recognized as aboriginal by the Australian government. In what was once the lobby, a slideshow of old Australian maps and scriptures is projected onto the wall.

On the evening of the Project Space Festival event, the slideshow was accompanied by a poetry reading that highlighted, yet again, the overarching theme of the past, present and future of Australian cultural discussions surrounding ideas of belonging, national identity and how to move forward without neglecting a difficult history. In a similar vein, for her performance **Clean Square**, Sonya Schönberger removed weeds from the garden and placed them into pots. While gifting these newly potted plants to the audience, she brought notions of invasiveness and belonging into question.

As visitors wandered through the repurposed building and lounged on couches spread around the venue's garden, Berlin Art Link documented the event.



Khedja von Zinnenburg Carroll: Embassy Embassy, 2018. Installation view



Sonya Schönberger: Clean Square, 2018. Installation view of the square, cleared of weeds, in the garden



Sonya Schönberger: Clean Square, 2018. weeds uprooted and given to audience as potted plants



Ex-Embassy, 2018. lounge area on balcony



Ex-Embassy, 2018. installation view



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### Exhibition Info

#### EX-EMBASSY

Exhibition: Aug. 4–31, 2018  
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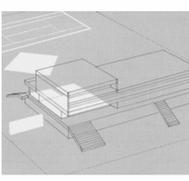
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