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Summary Information

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Abstract:	This collection documents Boria Sax's work with AIUSA, primarily relating to prisoners of conscience in East Germany (GDR) and Eastern European countries.

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Biographical / Historical

This collection documents the work of Dr. Boria Sax, an authority on Eastern Europe who acted as a consultant to many human rights organizations. Sax served as the German Democratic Republic Coordinator for AIUSA and focused on the release of prisoners of conscience in the GDR and other Eastern European countries from 1977 to circa 1989.

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Summary

The collection consists of papers from Amnesty International addressing issues of prisoners of conscience in Eastern Europe, including the German Democratic Republic, Romania, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, with a focus on the 1980s. It includes media clippings, publications, press releases pertaining to human rights violations, prisoners' testimonies, prisoner report updates, internal AI documents, appeals, writings by Boria Sax, and other documents. The papers contain media clippings, publications, press releases on human rights violations, prisoners; testimonies, prisoner report updates, internal AIUSA documents, writings by Boria Sax, and other materials.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 3 series.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Boria Sax and Linda Sax. Method of acquisition--Deposit at University of Colorado Boulder; Date of acquisition--1995-1996.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--AIUSA. Method of acquisition--Deposit; Date of acquisition--2006.

Ownership and Custodial History

The papers were originally donated by Boria Sax and Linda Sax to the University of Colorado Boulder in 1995 and 1996 as part of the AIUSA collection. In 2006 the AIUSA collection was transferred to RBML.

Processing Information

This collection was processed at the University of Colorado Boulder by Jeff Laundrum, Lizka Segal, and Harvey Gardiner in May 1997. Additional Processing by Carolyn Smith at RBML in September 2017. Finding aid written by Carolyn Smith in June 2018.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Political prisoners
- Human rights
- Germany (East)
- Romania
- Soviet Union
- Correspondence
- Children's rights
- Freedom of speech
- Prisons
- Women's rights
- Sax, Boria
- Amnesty International USA
- Amnesty International

Collection Inventory

Series I: AI Materials, 1977-1989

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials published by AIUSA, including internal memos on policy, events, and assignments for the Eastern European Coordination Group; torture of children; several AIUSA publications, and planning documents for a poetry benefit held by Local Group #9 in Greenwich Village, New York City.

Title/Description	Instances	
AI Internal Memos, 1983-1988	box 1	folder 1
AI Prisoners of Conscience--Children, 1977	box 1	folder 2
AIUSA Publications		
<i>AI Newsletter</i> , 1984-1986	box 1	folder 3
<i>Bulletin</i> , #3-#5, 1984-1985	box 1	folder 4
<i>Amnesty Action</i> , 1989 September-October	box 1	folder 4
AIUSA Local #9: Greenwich Village, New York City--Poetry Benefit, 1982 May	box 1	folder 5

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Series II: Country Files, 1977-1988

Scope and Contents

This series contains information on East Germany, the USSR, and Eastern Europe in general. Documents include articles, speeches, and translations prepared by Sax; reviews of media coverage; articles and reports by AIUSA and other human rights organizations, and other materials. Some of the material is in German.

Title/Description	Instances	
Eastern Europe		
Publications--Miscellaneous, 1982, 1986	box 1	folder 6
Writings by Boria Sax, undated	box 1	folder 7
Romania--Father Gheorghe Calciu-Dumitreasa, 1979-1984	box 1	folder 8
USSR--General Human Rights, 1977-86	box 1	folder 9
USSR--Iesmantas, Gintautas (Lithuanian Poet), 1981-1986	box 1	folder 10
Germany--DDR		
Internal AIUSA Documents, 1982 May 1-1986 July 2	box 1	folder 11
Prisoner Report--Updates, 1982 July-December-1983-1984 July-January	box 1	folder 12
Prison Testimony Translation in English, 1980-1982	box 1	folder 13
Prison Testimony in German, 1981 September 16-1985 July 8	box 1	folder 14
Sax, Boria--Writings, 1979-1985 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1	folder 15-16
Sax, Boria--Notes, undated	box 1	folder 17-18
Sax, Boria--Correspondence, 1982-1984 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1	folder 19-20
AI Publications and Notices, 1983-1984 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 1	folder 21-25
Radio Free Europe, 1981 September 23-1985 January 4	box 1	folder 26
Radio Free Europe, 1982 February 15-1984 April 21	box 1	folder 27
Internal Documents with Ran Appeal, 1983 April 18-1985 June 28	box 1	folder 28
Leben Gegen Den Fod, 1984 November 11-21	box 1	folder 29
Clippings		
Germany, 1983	box 1	folder 30
USA, 1981-1984	box 1	folder 31
UK, 1982	box 1	folder 32

Peace Movement		
Letters to Kurt Honecker, 1983-1984	box 1	folder 33
Women, 1982-1984	box 1	folder 34
General, 1984-1988	box 1	folder 35
Economic, 1981-1982	box 1	folder 36
Enquiries, 1985	box 1	folder 37
Families of Prisoners, undated	box 1	folder 38
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French Section, 1981-1982	box 1	folder 40
Churches, 1981	box 1	folder 41
General, 1981	box 1	folder 42

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Series III: General, 1979-1991

Scope and Contents

This series contains *Terra Poetica* edited by Boria Sax, an interview of Andrei Gromyko by Sax; an address by Erich Honecker; *The Fantastic Ordinary World of Lutz Rathenow*; *Across Frontiers: Charter 77: Troops Out!* a booklet about Soviet Troops in Czechoslovakia, and clippings and articles on Eastern Europe.

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Terra Poetica--Poetry Magazine Edited by Boria Sax, 1979	box 1	folder 43
Interview with Andrei Gromyko and Address by Erich Honecker, 1984	box 1	folder 44
<i>The Fantastic Ordinary World of Lutz Rathenow</i> --Book about Boria Sax; <i>Across Frontiers: Charter 77: Troops Out!</i> --Booklet about Soviet Troops in Czechoslovakia, 1985	box 2	folder 1
GDR Monitor, 1979-1982	box 2	folder 2
Clippings and Articles, 1982-1991 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 2	folder 3-5

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