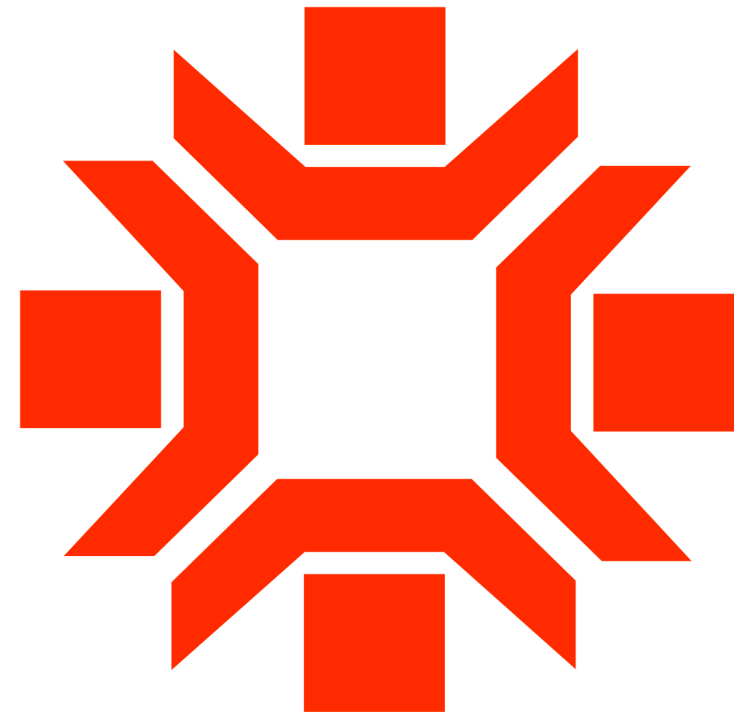
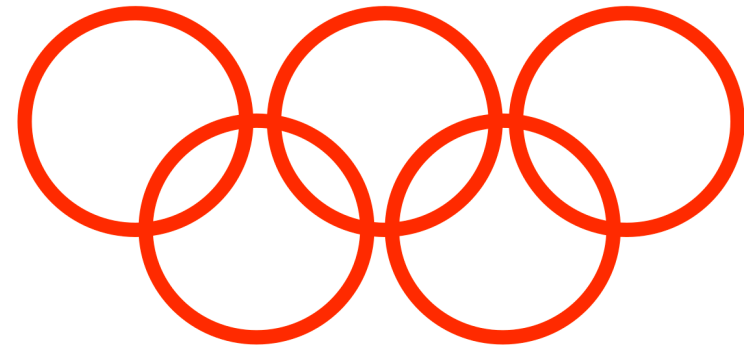


1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics



Sarajevo '84

Sarajevo is often forgotten in discussions of Sports and Politics as it took place between major Olympics boycotts in the Summer Games and after the storied “Miracle on Ice” Hockey tournament at the previous winter Olympics in Lake Placid, NY.

Sarajevo is a helpful example in nationalism performance studies as they are a great example of an attempt (albeit failed) to project a federal “Yugoslav” identity in place of the national identities persistent across Yugoslavia and already growing in their dissatisfaction with Yugoslav and Serbian authority. The opening ceremonies were a small but important segment of my analysis of establishing core identities in a national performance at the Olympic Games.

Sarajevo is also an unfortunate example of the failure to capitalize on Olympic infrastructure. Today, most venues are lost and their most common use is in collections of haunting images of sports venues lost to overgrowth or disrepair.

