

Nanopublication – An archive project and a retrospective satisfy 'work-in-suspension' too easily to test it

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The correspondence with P10 is real but costs the source nothing to produce: any archived institution later given a retrospective would satisfy 'creation in suspension awaiting re-activation' – the article gives no purchase for the framework's finer machinery (codex, invariant, diffraction, ricochet), since it never touches how reception transforms what was received, only that reception recurs. The finding is that P10 grips at the level of generic archival narrative, not at any level that distinguishes ideamorphism from ordinary museum historiography.

WHAT THE SOURCE SAYS [1]

Hyperallergic reports on Aljira, a Newark artist-led nonprofit space founded in 1983 by Victor Davson and Carl E. Hazlewood, which for 35 years exhibited underrepresented and socially engaged artists (including Dawoud Bey, Firelei Báez, Jeffrey Gibson, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith) before closing in 2018 due to debt. Since its closure, Davson and artist Cecily Cottingham have run an archive project to preserve its legacy, and the Newark Museum of Art is now mounting a group exhibition tracing its history and influence.

WHERE THE LENS GRIPS

P10's claim that a work 'is not a record of creation, it is creation in suspension, awaiting the next reception' finds a loose correspondence: the archive project preserves Aljira's material and curatorial output specifically so it can be reactivated, and the museum's 35-year retrospective is exactly that reactivation decades later.

WHERE IT BREAKS

Nothing – the reading reports none. The field is left empty by design: inventing an edge where the lens grips cleanly, or a grip where it fails, is the very fault this instrument exists to avoid.

PROPOSITIONAL GRID [2]

Read this grid. "Not evaluated" does **not** mean the source has nothing to say about that proposition. It means **the reading did not instruct it**. That is not a result, and it counts in no denominator. A silence, by contrast, is a finding: the reading touched the proposition without concluding, or noted its absence itself.

Evaluated

proposition		audit status	relational verdict
P10	Persistence	not audited	triviality-warning

Remarkable silences

4 called for by what the reading found, and absent from the source.

- **P3 – Invariants**
the reading establishes a loose reactivation narrative (archive then retrospective), but distinguishing this from ordinary museum historiography would require identifying what structural invariant survives the crossing from original exhibition to retrospective, and the article names no such invariant.
- **P14 – The Codex as Ouverture**
the reading establishes that Aljira's archive was preserved so it could be reactivated as a museum retrospective (P10's suspension-awaiting-reception), but genuine ideamorphist reactivation requires a codex structuring how that reception occurs, and the article never shows any codex at work – only that reception recurs.
- **P16 – Alterity of Reception**
the reading establishes that reception recurs (archive to retrospective), but it explicitly notes the article 'never touches how reception transforms what was received' – the alterity-driven transformation that would distinguish diffraction from mere repetition is absent.
- **P18a – The Ricochet Effect**
the reading establishes a reactivation-through-retrospective narrative, but it explicitly flags the absence of the 'finer ma-

chinery' including ricochet – no dialogue or revelation of intentional invariant generating a new diffraction is shown in the source.

Not evaluated (32) – P1, P2, P3a, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P11, P12, P13, P14a, P14b, P15, P16a, P17, P18, P19, P19a, P20, P21, P22, P23, P24, P25, P26, P27, P28, P29, P30, P31

Overall verdict: Cheap fit – taxonomy of the August 2026 pass, predating the move to relational verdicts. Kept as metadata: the gap between the two forms is data, not residue. This reading’s judgement is in the grid above.

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FIRST PASS – KEPT AS WRITTEN

Reading produced by the T50 RSS pass, before the boundary lens. It is reproduced UNCORRECTED. Keeping it is the point: without it, a changed title is just a changed title – with it, what the second pass refused becomes legible.

Title it carried : « Aljira's 35 Years: When Artist-Led Space Becomes Codex for Resistance »

Aljira operates as a crystallized codex – a stable yet evolving system of constraints (artist-led governance, socially engaged curation, resistance to gentrification narratives) that shapes every emission from the space. The 35-year trajectory reveals how a codex survives by periodic destabilization: each new artist (Bey, Báez, Gibson) enters as a diffracting overture, refracting the space's intentional invariant (critique of capitalism) through their own formal systems. The space itself becomes the game designer; artists are players whose scores reveal what the codex generated without predicting it. This is not a gallery expressing a vision – it is a structured aperture through which resistant practice diffracts into visibility.

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REFERENCES

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[2] Quercy, A. (2026). The 31 Propositions of Ideamorphism. <https://ideamorphism.org/en/publications/2026/03/the-31-propositions-of-ideamorphism.html>

EPISTEMIC PROFILE

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