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**Cultural Rediscoveries and Hybrid Forms: Modern and Contemporary Tibetan Artists**

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**Key Terms:**

- 17 Point Agreement (May 1951)
- Socialist Realism
- Tibetan Autonomous Region (officially established 1965)
- Ethnic minority
- “Peaceful Liberation”
- “Unity of all Nationalities”
- State propaganda
- State art workers
- Diaspora
- Displacement

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