

## *From Afghanistan to Italy* *The Russian-Afghan war rugs 1979-1988*

Carpets keep among their wefts important stories to tell, some millenarian and exotic, others more recent and dramatic.

Coming from different parts of Afghanistan these war rugs tell a story of fighting, misery, exile and resistance. The collection of Luca Emilio Brancati is a tribute to the extraordinary artistic ability of Afghan weavers, skilled craftsmen, often illiterate, repositories of an ancient knowledge handed on from generation to generation.

They are Afghan rugs of nomadic manufacture, outcome of the work of entire villages (women, men and children). They show, together with the traditional decorative repertoire, stylizations of a war arsenal such as airplanes, tanks, Kalashnikov rifles, helicopters, armored vehicles, missiles and others.

First collection of its kind to be exhibited and the only one to be formed by rugs exclusively made before the retreat of the Soviet army.

### *Palazzo Lascaris*

Carla Spagnuolo Gallery

14 September – 5 October 2018

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 17:00

Free entry

