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Justice without reconciliation?

War crimes and trials in Europe since 1945

International seminar cycle France-Germany-Kosovo-Serbia
Organized by the Youth Initiative for Human Rights Serbia,
Humanitarian Law Centar Kosovo, Community Building Mitrovica (Kosovo),
Altea France, Max-Mannheimer-Studienzentrum Dachau (Germany)
and the French-German Youth Office (FGYO, Paris/Berlin),
In the framework of the South Eastern European Initiative of the FGYO

The aim of this project is to discover, analyze and discuss the role of War Crime Trials (WCT) and their judicial, political and societal implications in the 20th century, especially regarding Serbia, Kosovo, France and Germany. The leading question of this seminar cycles are: To what extent and in which ways do war crime trials contribute to reconciliation/ dealing with the past processes in and between societies? The group will explore different examples of mass violence in the 20th century in relation especially with the four named countries, and will work on the following questions for each case: Which crimes are we talking about? To what extent, how, by whom and with which purpose have these crimes been prosecuted? What impact on the societies did have the trials, which took place? One topic of the seminar cycle will also be to compare the role of trials and of other mechanisms in dealing with the past and reaching for reconciliation in and between post-conflict-societies.

The seminars include field visits, presentations of and discussion with experts, group discussion and working groups.

The project is part of the South Eastern European Initiative of the French-German Youth Office (FGYO), which is also funding the project.

Phases:

1st phase: Dachau, München, Ludwigsburg and The Hague, 3 – 11.11.2015

2rd phase: Paris and Limoges, 6 – 13.3.2015

3rd phase: Belgrade and Pristina, 25.10 – 2.11.2016

Target-group:

Students of history, law and political science, civil society activists and multiplicators, young journalists, youth of political parties, aged between 20 and 30 years, living in France, Germany, Croatia and Serbia.

A good knowledge of the English language is requested.

The organizers cover the costs for the program, the accommodation, the meals and the transfers during the seminars, while the travel costs to the seminar places are reimbursed up to a certain amount after each seminar on the basis of the guidelines of the Franco-German Youth Office. The participation fee for persons from France and Germany is 100 € per seminar, and for persons from Serbia and Kosovo 50 € per phase.

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Preliminary Program Third Phase, Serbia and Kosovo, 25/10 - 2/11/2016

Tuesday, October 25th

Arrival in Belgrade, check-in in Hotel Palace, (Toplicin Venac 23, Beograd, +381 11 185585)

<http://www.palacehotel.co.rs/en/>

Dinner at the hotel

Wednesday, October 26th

9.00 – 10.30 Welcome, Introduction into the project and the program in Serbia and Kosovo, presentation of the participants,

10.30 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.00 Introduction to the World War II in Yugoslavia – Stefan Radojkovic, historian

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch at the hotel

13.00 – 14.30 Visit of the former World War Two concentration camp “Staro Sajmište“, with Stefan Radojkovic

14.30 – 15.00 Return to Hotel Palace

15.00 – 16.00 Lecture with discussion: Trials after World War II and their current interpretations – Jelena Djureinovic, historian

16.00 – 16.30 Break

16.30 – 17.30 Debriefing of the day

Free time and dinner in the town

Thursday, October 27th

9.00 – 10.00 Introduction to War in Kosovo 1998-1999 – Jasmina Lazovic, YIHR Serbia

10.00 – 10.45 Transport to Higher Court in Belgrade, Department for War Crimes

11.00 – 12.30 Meeting with the representatives of the Higher Court in Belgrade (TBC)

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch in the town

14.30 – 16.30 Working Groups: ICTY Judgements in cases related to Kosovo – introduction by Jasmina Lazovic, YIHR

16.30 – 17.00 Walking to the Humanitarian Law Center

17.00 – 18.00 Discussion: How civil society can contribute to the prosecution of war crimes – Natasa Kandic, RECOM Initiative

18.30 Dinner in the town

Friday, October 28th

9.00 – 10.00 Meeting with a representative of the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: the position of the Serbian government concerning the prosecution of war crimes, especially in the context of the relations Kosovo - Serbia relations (TBC).

11.00 – 12.30 Screening of documentary movie “Unidentified”, BIRN Serbia

- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch at the hotel
- 14.00 – 15.30 Debate: The impact of war crimes prosecution on Serbian public opinion, representatives of BIRN, Humanitarian Law Center and an expert on war crimes
- 15.30 – 16.00 Break
- 16.00 – 17.00 Debriefing of program in Serbia
- 17.00 – 19.30 Free time
- 19.30 Common dinner in downtown

Saturday, October 29th

- 9.00 Departure from hotel to Batajnica, suburb of Belgrade where in 2001 mass-graves with bodies of Albanian civilians killed in 1999 in Kosovo were discovered
- 9.30 Stop in Batajnica
- 10.00 Travel to Prishtina (including lunch break)
- 16.00 Arrival to Prishtina
- 16:00-18.00 Visit to the Humanitarian Law Center (HLC) Kosovo, presentation of the work of HLC Kosovo regarding war crimes by HLC Executive Director Bekim Blakaj, followed by discussion
- 18.00: Travel to the hotel and check in
- Hotel Real (Kosta Novaković, Prishtinë, +381 38 225029)
- 19.00: Dinner

Sunday, October 30th:

- 08.45 Meeting in the hotel lobby and travel by bus to Starogradsko
- 09:15 Meeting and discussion with Zoran Ćirković, representative of the village, related to the massacre of 14 Serbian civilians on 23rd July 1999
- 10:00 Travel to Suhareka
- 11:00 Meeting and discussion with Gramos Berisha, survivor of the massacre of 48 Berisha-family members on 26th March 1999
- 11:45 Travel to Gjakova and lunch in Gjakova (at 13:00)
- 14:30: Travel to Meja
- 15:00 Meeting and discussion with Lush Krasniqi, witness of the separation and removal of his family by units of the 52nd battalion of Military Police in 1999
- 15.45 Travel to Prizren
- 16:30: Visit of Prizren and break
- 18.00-19.30 Debriefing of the day
- 20.00 Dinner in Prizren
- 21.30 Return by bus to Pristina

Monday, October 31:

- 09:00 Meeting and discussion with the Kosovo State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi
- 11:15 Meeting with Saranda Bogujevci, author of the exhibition “The Bogujevci – a visual history”, and survivor of the Podujevo massacre in March 1999
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:45 – 16:00 Meeting with EULEX Kosovo (European Union Rule of Law Mission Kosovo), and discussion with EULEX Judges and Prosecutors about investigating and judging war crimes in Kosovo, and the role of the international community in this process
- 17:00 – 18:30 Lecture by and discussion with Prof. Remzije Istrefi, Professor at the Faculty of Law and the Department of Political Science of the University of Prishtina, about the

establishment of transitional justice-course at the Faculty of Law and the role of university in dealing with the past.

18:45 – 19:30 Debriefing of the day

20:00 Dinner

Tuesday, November 1st:

07.00 Departure by bus to Mitrovica

09:00 - Monitoring court session, war crime case – Basic Court of Mitrovica

12.00 Lunch

13:15 - 14:15 Meeting and discussion with Valdete Idrizi, Platform Civikos, about the situation in Mitrovica and civil society's perspectives on war crime trials

14:15 – 14:30 Break

14:30 – 16:00 Concluding discussion: Under which conditions can war crime trials contribute to reconciliation processes?

16:00 – 17:00: Evaluation of the week and of the whole project

17:00-19:00: Free afternoon in Mitrovica

19:00 Travel back to Pristina

20:30: Dinner in Pristina

Wednesday, November 2nd :

Departure of the participants

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