



European Workshop

on dealing with the violence burdened past of Bosnia and Herzegovina

A contribution to dialogue and a culture of listening and solidarity

23rd till 30th June 2024



Idea of the workshop

The deep divisions in former Yugoslavia and especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina are an open wound to the body of Europe. The country's current problems are closely related to the European history of violence of the 20th century. From the shots in Sarajevo in 1914 to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, to World War II with its manifold armed conflicts that lead to the establishment of communist rule, which was transformed into nationalist rule and found its end in the bloody wars of the 1990s, many injuries and crimes left their marks in the societies affected that are decisively marked by these experiences. A history people are still trying to come to terms with and the lack of reconciliation are a severe challenge to the present and the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The importance of these challenges goes beyond Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region of former Yugoslavia. Even if the future of the different societies most of all depends on the responsibility of the people living there, the close and far neighbours are included in this responsibility in many ways.

A first step is to develop an understanding for the different perspectives and the underlying experiences. Truth and justice are indispensable components of every reconciliation process. The respect for all victims and their sufferings are as essential as addressing and understanding the fundamental experiences of the Bosnian, the Serbian and the Croatian population in an adequate way. We need to develop a culture of dialogue based on an attitude of listening and solidarity.

In order to contribute to building this culture of dialogue the MA Programme Inter-religious Studies and Peace Building (Catholic Faculty of Theology Sarajevo, Faculty of Islamic Studies Sarajevo and Orthodox Faculty St. Basil Foča) and the Maximilian-Kolbe-Foundation are inviting 30 young leaders from various European countries including Bosnia and Herzegovina to join an European Workshop on Dealing with the violence burdened past of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The workshop is going to provide the opportunity to learn from the experiences of the region, to make own experiences with the burdened history and its concrete effects on the present and get talking to one another about these experiences. Connected to this is the hope to deepen the own understanding for the present strain and to be able to make a modest contribution to the healing of the wounds. By visiting (symbolic) relevant places of suffering as **Kazani, Križančevo selo, Korićanske stijene, Kruščica and Srebrenica** and meeting representatives of different national, religious and civil society contexts the workshop will give a sign of solidarity with all those in Bosnia and Herzegovina who suffered from violence and who work today for healing and reconciliation.

Visiting places of suffer and memorials: Kazani, Križančevo selo, Korićanske stijene, Achmici, Kruščica and Srebrenica

Venues: Catholic Theological Faculty (Josipa Stadlera 5), Faculty of Islamic Studies (Cemerlina 54) – Sarajevo

Accommodation: Hotel Europe - Vladislava Škarića 5, Hotel Art - Vladislava Škarića 5

Program

23 June 2024 – Sunday

Arrival - Hotel Europe - Vladislava Škarića 5

19:00 Dinner in Morocco Restaurant (Address: Vladislava Škarića 3)

24 June 2024 – Monday - The Group and Introduction

08:00 Breakfast

09:30 Introduction into the aims and the programme of the Workshop

Venue (Faculty of Islamic Studies Sarajevo)

- Dr Jörg Lüer (Vice-president of the Maximilian-Kolbe-Foundation)

- Dr Darko Tomašević (Vicedean Catholic Theological Faculty University of Sarajevo)

- Senad Ćeman (Faculty of Islamic Studies University of Sarajevo)

- Kerima Šljivo (MA Interreligious Studies and Peace Building)

- 10:00 **Detailed introduction of the participants**
- 11:30 Coffee Break
- 12:00 **Introduction to the places of suffering Croats**
 Dr Pavle Mijovic (Catholic Theological Faculty University of Sarajevo)
- 14:00 Lunch (Restaurant Marocco – Vladislava 3)
 Venue (Catholic Theological Faculty)
- 15:30 **Introduction to the places of suffering Serbs**
 Dr Vedran Golijanin (Orthodox Theological Faculty St. Basil Foca)
- 17:00 Coffee Break
- Introduction to the places of suffering Bosniaks**
- 17:20 Dr Dzevada Susko (Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina – International University of Sarajevo)
- 19:00 Daily Reflection
- 20:00 Dinner (Restaurant Marocco)

25 June 2024 – Tuesday – Visit to Kazani and Kruščica

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 09:15 – 11:00 Visit to Kazani – suffering of Serbian people in the previous war in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Meeting with survivors
- 11:15 Travel to Kruščica
- 12:00 – 13:30 Visit to Kruščica - Suffering of Jewish people in World War II
 Introduction by Igor Kožemjakin
- 14:00 Lunch (Venue: Etno village Čardaci)
- 17:00 Arrival in Sarajevo
- 18:00 – 19:00 Visit to Jewish community Sarajevo
- 19:30 Daily reflection
- 20:15 Dinner (Restaurant Marocco)

26 June 2024 – Wednesday – Visit to Križančevo selo and Achmici

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 08:45 - 10:30 Travel to Križančevo selo
- 10:30 - 11:00 Visit to Križančevo selo – suffering of Croats in the previous war in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- 11:00 – 12:00 Travel to Korićanske stijene
- 12:00 – 13:00 Visit to Achmici – suffering of Bosniaks in the previous war in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 14:30 Lunch in Sarajevo (Restaurant Marocco)
- 16:00 Daily reflection (Catholic Theological Faculty)
- 19:30 Dinner (Restaurant City walk)

27 June 2024 – Thursday – Visit to Memorial center Potočari (Srebrenica)

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 08:00 – 11:00 Travel to Memorial center Potočari (Srebrenica) – place of suffering and remembrance for the victims of Srebrenica genocide (3 hours drive)
- 11:00 – 12:30 Visiting museum exhibit in Potočari
- 13:00 Lunch (Venue: Emmaus centre Srebrenica)
- 14:00 Meeting with the survivors „Mothers of Srebrenica“
- 15:00 Visit to the cemetery and common prayer
- 16:00 Travel back to Sarajevo
- 19:00 Daily reflection (Catholic Theological Faculty)
- 20:00 Dinner (Restaurant City walk)

28 June 2024 – Friday - Sarajevo Tunnel of Hope

- 07:00 – 9:00 Breakfast
- 09:45 – 11:45 Visit to Sarajevo Tunnel of Hope (The Tunnel of Hope remains a testament to the resilience and courage of the people of Sarajevo during the war, symbolizing the struggle for survival and hope in even the darkest times)
- Break and Juma prayer
- 14:00 Lunch (Restaurant Marocco)
- 15:30 City tour in Sarajevo
- 17:00 Visit to War Childhood Museum Sarajevo
- 19:00 Daily reflection (Catholic Theological Faculty)
- 20:00 Dinner (Restaurant Marocco)

29 June 2024 – Saturday - Reflection

- 07:00 – 9:00 Breakfast
- Eucharistic Mass (Cathedral Sacred Heart of Jesus) and Orthodox liturgy (Cathedral Church of the Nativity of the Theotokos)
- Venue: Catholic Theological Faculty**
- 09:00 - 10:00 Prof. Ljubica Jahura: World War II and its consequences in the Balkans
- Questions and Discussion
- 10:30 Dr. Jörg Lür: „Memory, Truth and Justice. Dealing with violent burdened past as a challenge and a chance“
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 12:00 Open Space I
- 14:00 Lunch (Restaurant City walk)
- 16:00 Open Space II
- 17:30 Coffee break
- 18:00 Plenary session – report from the Open space, discussion
- 20:00 Dinner and music evening (Venue: Catholic Theological Faculty, restaurant)

30 June 2024 – Sunday - Departure

- 08:00 Breakfast
- Departure of the participants

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