

**Seminar week in May 2010:  
Bosnia and Herzegovina - Challenges of a Post-Conflict Society**

**Day 1, May 10 2010 – Introduction**

**Location: The Jewish Community**

**09:30-10:00** - Briefing about the topics and goals of the seminar week. Introduction about Humanity in Action: its visions, activities and goals. Phil Ugalow, Director of HIA Centre in the USA

**10:00-11:30** - Bosnia during Medieval period; the importance of Middle Ages for the understanding of current situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Dubravko Lovrenovic, historian

**11:30-11:45** - Break

**11:45- 13:15** -Bosnia and Herzegovina during the time of the Ottoman Empire, Dr. Ešref Kenan Rasidagic, Professor

**13:15-14:30** - Lunch

**14:30-16:00** - Bosnia since the end of the Ottoman rule till the First World War, between and during the First and Second World Wars and during Tito's Yugoslavia.

**16:00-16:15** - Break

**16:15- 17:45** - The position of Jews in BiH with the focus on Second World War and the war from 1992-1995, Lecture by Jewish Community Centre representatives

**19:00- 20:30** - Dinner. Each of the Bosnian participants present their 'Three most significant events for the Bosnian history'

## **Day 2, May 11 2010 – From Dayton till Today**

**09:00-10:30** - From Dayton till today: Memories, Progress and Reconciliation, Dr. Lamija Tanovic, the Chair of BiH Board

**10:30-10:45** - Break

**10:45 – 12:00** - The resolutions on BiH passed by American and European lawmakers, Dr. Hamza Karcic, Professor at the International University of Sarajevo

**12:00 – 12:30** - Lunch

**13:00 – 15:00** - Visit of the Sarajevo War Crimes Chamber: Discussion on the articulation of the international court with the local tribunals and insight on the role of the chamber today, especially since the mission of the ICTY is coming to an end.

**16:00 – 18:30** - City tour with Gen. Jovan Divjak, former general and member of HiA BiH Board.

## **Day 3, 12 May 2010 – Researching War Crimes and Public Debate**

**09:30-11:00** - Visit to the Sarajevo Research and Documentation Centre, a non-profit organization with the task of investigating and gathering facts, documents and data on genocide, war crimes and human rights violations in Bosnia.

**12:00-14:00** - Documentary Blue helmets; the story of French soldier who participated in peace keeping forces during the war in BiH.

**14:00 till 17:00** - Lunch and walking tour of the *čaršija* (Sarajevo's Ottoman bazaar) but also of other historically and religiously symbolic places. Bosnian Senior Fellows will organize this tour.

### **18:00 – 21:00 - Public debate**

Forgiving, remembering and living together

Dirk Mulder, Director of Memorial Center Camp Westerbork

Mersad Smajlovic, Director of Memorial Center Potocari

Dion van der Berg, NGO IKV/Pax Christi

The debate is open for all interested participants and it will take place in Hotel Bosnia

#### **Day 4, 13 May 2010 - Memories**

##### **08:00** - Trip to Srebrenica

Day trip to Srebrenica: Visit of the Srebrenica Genocide Memorial in Potočari. The program coordinator of Srebrenica Genocide Memorial will give a lecture about the history of the Centre and about the cooperation with Memorial Centre Westerbork.

Participants of this seminar week discuss together with the directors of Westerbork and Potočari: Remembering or letting go?

Do centres like Westerbork and Potočari help in rebuilding and stimulating the cooperation between different ethnic groups? What is the role that a memorial centre can play and how does that role change as the time passes by?

**Afternoon** - Meeting and survivor's account of Mr. Hasan Nuhanovic, former UN-translator during the war, whose family was killed during the overtaking of the Srebrenica enclave by the Bosnian Serb forces of Gen. Ratko Mladic; discussion on the role of the international community in the Srebrenica genocide.

##### **Evening**

Return to Sarajevo

#### **Day 5, 14 May 2010 –The Future of Bosnia**

Seminar day will take place at the **Centre André Malraux** in Sarajevo.

**09:00- 11:00** - The participants will in small groups exchange their views regarding the observations made during this seminar week. They will also discuss about the potential future cooperation with BIH organisations and Bosnian HIA. The cooperation between Westerbork and Potočari and ideas related to new impulses that could be given to this cooperation will also form part of the discussion. HIA should become a bridge between these two organizations making sure how both the results of the cooperation and cooperation between Westerbork and Potočari develop further.

**11:00-11:15** - Break

**11:15- 12:45** - Discussions and presentations focusing on the role of NGOs and international community in Bosnia.

Meeting representatives of Transparency International: impacts of bribing and corruption on Bosnian society.

**12:45 – 13:00** - Break

**13:00 – 14:30** - Meeting representatives of the NGO active in supporting rights of female members of Bosnian society: Organisation CURE

**14:30 – 15:20** - Lunch

**15:30 – 17:00** - The participants give a short presentation about their ideas and advices regarding the cooperation of Westerbork-Potocari Memorial Centers.

## **Day 6- Mostar: The Divided City?**

**08:00** - Trip to Mostar

A field trip to Mostar, the city that in the imaginary of Westerners mostly symbolizes the division of Bosnia, would confront participants with their own prejudices and clichés on the country and would contribute, after having seen other Bosnian cities, to forge a more representative image of Bosnia.

**11:30-13:00**- Visit to the Mostar Centre for Human Rights and meeting with centre director Dr. Rebeka Kotlo. Presentation about the role/aims of the centre.

**13:00-14:00** - Lunch

**14:00–16:00** - Visit of United World College Mostar. Presentation about the work of the UWC followed by discussion: challenges of integration/education of the Roma community.

**16:00 – 17:00** - Student debate

The role of science and research in reconciliation of different ethnic groups: the impact of universities, educational system and research on the cooperation of Croats, Serbs and Bosniaks. Students from the University Dzemal Bijedic, United World College Mostar, the University of Mostar and HIA seminar week participants debate on the role that universities/education (can) play in reconciliation of the people of Bosnia.

Return to Sarajevo