

REPRESENTING PEACE AND JUSTICE : THEATRES OF MEMORY IN SARAJEVO AND THE HAGUE

Peace & Justice Summer School + Autumn Project 2014

06.06.14 – 09.06.14: Peace Event Sarajevo 2014

02.06.14 – 02.10.14: Project work in The Hague

To mark the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI, which was triggered by the assassination of Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo in June 1914, the Political Arts Initiative and World Class The Hague invite motivated students from the international capital of peace and justice for a theory, practice, research, and experience-driven summer school which will explore the history and politics of collective and cultural memory. How and what we remember are core to who we are, how we live, and what we do as individuals and communities. As the 21st century continues to pivot between peace and conflict and negotiate the significance and instruments of justice, the power of memory and the activity of recollection can create opportunities for understanding, dialogue, and reconciliation.

In addition to a set of three preparatory seminars in The Hague on the history, memory, and trauma of nation-building, communicative and cultural recollection in the 21st century, and the ethics, aesthetics, publicity, and theatricality of collective and cultural memory, there will be a field trip to Sarajevo for participation in Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 (6 – 9 June 2014) for full immersion in the course theme through participation in seminars, workshops, public events, street actions, artistic performances, exhibitions, concerts, film screenings and a youth camp (suitable for undergraduates). Debriefing and group project preparations and execution will follow back in The Hague over the summer and into the autumn, towards a symposium and exhibition in The Hague for International Day of Peace (21 September 2014) and International Day for Non-Violence (2 October 2014).

LOGISTICS

Course fees: None, but participants should expect to self-fund the field trip, currently estimated at EUR500 (including flights to and from The Hague and Sarajevo, 4 – 5 nights of accommodation, participation in the Peace Event, and other group activities and excursions).

Pre-requisites: None. Students from any programme of study interested in exploring alternative manifestations and creative avenues to studying, critiquing, and presenting (images and performances of) peace and justice, towards showcasing the results of this exploration at symbolic moments in the international capital of peace and justice are welcome to apply.

Assessment: Convenors will provide continuous feedback throughout the course, especially during the project supervisory and preparation process. Upon successful delivery of the group project in September and October 2014, participants will receive a certificate of completion.

CONVENORS

Dr. Cissie Fu [Assistant Professor of Political Theory, Leiden University]

Dr. Maja Vodopivec [Assistant Professor of Peace & Conflict Studies, Leiden University]

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Interested students should e-mail representing.peace.justice@gmail.com by 12:00 noon on Monday 10 March 2014, with the following information:

- > Full name
- > Institution and programme of study
- > A motivation paragraph of no more than 100 words
- > A statement to confirm self-funding of the field trip to Sarajevo

Applicants can expect to hear from the convenors by Friday 14 March 2014.

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Peace Event Sarajevo 2014
*From a World of War and Violence to a
Culture of Peace and Nonviolence
Sarajevo, June, 6-9th, 2014*

From a World of war and violence...

The year 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I, which was triggered by the assassination of the Austro-hungarian heir to the throne in Sarajevo on June 28th, 1914.

This can be seen as a symbolic date for a century of a “Culture of War and Violence” with two world wars and numerous regional wars - among them the one in the former Yugoslavian countries in the 1990’s when Sarajevo suffered from the siege of the city during the “last war in Europe” - as well as for the global dominance of structural and cultural violence.

... to a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

But the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century have also seen a world-wide rise of nonviolent actions and achievements as an alternative to war and violence, and increased efforts for global and social justice, human rights, peace and reconciliation which was reflected in the declaration of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence (2001–2010) by the United Nations.

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Activities

The Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 will include, among others, the following types of activities:

- Plenary sessions, keynote speeches, workshops and roundtable discussions on the above mentioned topics;
- A Peace trail, with NGOs presentations, exhibitions; music and film festival;
- Public events, street actions, artistic performances, animations in/with schools
- An International Youth Camp

How you can contribute

If your organization or yourself as an individual have expertise on any of the above topics and/or wish to organize an activity that fits into one or more of the outlined categories, you are invited to write to the Coordinating Committee of the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 to receive more information on the required steps.

KEY VALUES

Positive peace;

Overcoming the institution of war;

Further build on positive experiences related to nonviolent movements;

Solidarity, overcoming rivalry and competition, developing inclusive policies.



An European and International Event

In September 2012 a number of Bosnian and other European organisations and individuals working in the field of peacebuilding, conflict transformation and nonviolent action have met for the first time as a group in Sarajevo, BiH.

During the Sarajevo meeting these organizations decided to organize a Peace Event in Sarajevo 2014, and to open up for participation in the planning and realization to all those willing to contribute to a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence.

Thousands of people from the city of Sarajevo, the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the region of the former Yugoslavia, all of Europe, but also from other countries around the world will be expected to participate to this Event.

Linked to many other events

This Peace Event will hopefully be embedded into a more extended series of events in Sarajevo and in different countries in Europe. It would create a “European Season for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence”, e.g. from June 2014 till September 21st, the International Day of Peace and October 2d, the International Day for Nonviolence.

Different decentralized previous or simultaneous events could be organized in many places in Europe.

The Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 will be:

- A meeting and exchanging place for activists, practitioners and researchers of peace and active nonviolence.
- An opportunity to review the achievements and challenges related to peace and nonviolence in Europe.
- An opportunity to present a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence in its diverse dimensions.
- A space to plan joint initiatives for the advancement of a Culture of Peace

Themes of the event

ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE Nonviolent actions for social justice; Nonviolent revolutions	SCIENCE AND PEACE New technologies and Peace Scientists for Peace
HISTORY AND PEACE Demilitarization of History Histories of peace movements	NETWORKING Strengthen peace movements Involve young people
ECONOMY AND WAR/PEACE War industry & Arms trade Conversion of these industries	ARTS AND PEACE Peace artists; Music for peace Forum and Playback Theatre
WOMEN FOR PEACE Role of women in/after war Gender issues and gender equality	DEALING WITH THE PAST Reconciliation; Peace memories Culture of remembering
HUMAN SECURITY Human rights, gender justice, economic, food, health and development security	SUSTAINABILITY AND PEACE WITH NATURE Ecological issues, economical systems and growth
MEDIA AND PEACE Journalists & Press agencies for Peace TV, Radio, Internet	NETWORKING Strengthen peace movements Youth involvement
ACTIVE PEACE POLICY A new European policy for Peace Ministries of Peace; Conflict transformation and Civil Peace corps	EDUCATION FOR PEACE Education for Peace and Nonviolence; Curriculum for Peace; Teachers for Peace
INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE Religions and cultures in peacebuilding Cultural diversity	

FRAMEWORK FORUM PEACE EVENT SARAJEVO 2014

	FRIDAY JUNE 6	SATURDAY JUNE 7	SUNDAY JUNE 8	MONDAY JUNE 9			
9h					9h		
10h	WELCOMING PARTICIPANTS	WORKSHOPS	THEMATIC ROUND TABLE 2	WORKSHOPS	THEMATIC ROUND TABLE 4	WORKSHOPS	COLLABORATION AND SYNTHESIS THEMATICS MEETINGS
11h							
12h							
13h			PEACE FAIR				
14h	WORKSHOPS	THEMATIC ROUND TABLE 1		WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS	THEMATIC ROUND TABLE 5	CLOSING CEREMONY
15h							
16h	WORKSHOPS		WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS			
17h							
18h	OPEN CEREMONY		THEMATIC ROUND TABLE 3				
19h							
20h							
21h	LET'S DANCE	PEACE FEST					
22h							
23h							
24h							