

ZATIRANJE POVIJESTI

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TARGETING HISTORY

AND MEMORY

Conference Program

THE DESTRUCTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE, POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND TRUST BUILDING

Pula, 14 October 2017

Massive destruction of cultural and religious heritage during the wars in the former Yugoslavia required complex rethinking and innovation in legal prosecution and the approaches to heritage on the whole. Over the past 20 years the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) addressed a relatively limited number of cases of destruction of cultural and religious sites, however, the inclusion of the crimes against cultural and religious property in the Statute of the ICTY, and its precedent-setting prosecutions and convictions of the individuals responsible for those crimes, represent a major step towards the strengthening and enforcement of international instruments of protection of cultural and religious sites in an armed conflict.

The conflicts in the former Yugoslavia have shed a new light on the interconnection between cultural/historic heritage and the forming of the national identity, and consequently a possible role of heritage in the protection of human rights. Following these wars, an awareness has been raised among heritage experts that, since cultural and religious heritage had been used as a tool for fostering inter-ethnic hatred and conflict, it could just as well be used counteractively – as a tool for creating trust, cooperation and new interethnic ties.

The aim of this conference is to analyse the achievements and the lessons learned in the past two decades about the important role of cultural and religious heritage during conflicts and the challenges in addressing the reconstruction of that heritage, post-war peace-building and the problems of divided societies in South-East Europe. At the conference these issues will be discussed on four panels, each focusing on one of the important aspects of our topic - the targeting of history and memory: 1. understanding heritage, identities and conflicts; 2. achievements and challenges in legal prosecution of heritage destruction; 3. using heritage for peace-building; 4. how to bring together divided societies through learning about history and the culture of memory.

09:00-09:30 – Introduction by the organizers

Speakers: Mirko Klarin – *SENSE, Pula*, Vesna Teršelič - *Documenta, Zagreb*, Elma Hašimbegović - *History*

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Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Jelena Krstić - Humanitarian Law Center, Belgrade

Moderator: Mina Vidaković

09:30-11:15 - **Understanding the role of cultural heritage in identity building and in the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia**

Speakers: Helen Wallasek – *expert in cultural heritage protection and associate of Bosnian Institute in London*, Višnja Kisić – *Europa Nostra*, Derviš Hadžimuhamedović, *archeologist, Youth and Heritage*

Moderator: Borka Pavičević

11:15-11.30 Coffee break

11.30- 13:15 - **Prosecuting destruction of cultural and religious heritage at the ICTY and other courts: legal precedents, challenges and ways forward**

Speakers: Serge Brammertz – *Chief Prosecutor for the ICTY*, Andras Riedlmayer – *expert in the Balkan cultural and religious heritage*, Jasmina Dolmagić – *Attorney General of Croatia*, Marko Sjekavica – *monitor of war crimes trials*

Moderator: Vesna Teršelič

13:15- 14:00 Lunch

14:00– 15:30 – **The role of heritage in post-conflict reconstruction, peace-building and cooperation: learning from different approaches**

Speakers: Lejla Hadžić – *Cultural Heritage without Border*; Drago Pilsel - *journalist, theologian*, Goran Božičević – *MIRamiDA Center*, Mirzah Fočo – *Commission for the preservation of national monuments of Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Moderator: Višnja Kisić

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15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15:45 - 17:15 – **Saving cultural heritage and memory: Connecting divided societies through education about history and memory**

Speakers: Vjeran Pavlaković - *University of Rijeka*; Igor Jovanović - *history teacher at school Veli vrh, Euroclio*; Igor Šaponja – *history teacher at School of Economics in Pula*, Aida Vežić - *Balkan Museum Network*

Moderator: Maja Dubljević

17:15 – 18:00 - **Creating space for dialogue about heritage and the past: possibilities of cooperation and ways forward**

Round table discussion

Moderator: Vesna Teršelič

18:00 **Guided tour** of Pula

19:00 **Dinner** at restaurant *Ribarska koliba, Verudela 16*

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