

# DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN MULTIETHNIC SOCIETIES

Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia (Konjic)

## General Informations:

The Sixth International Seminar is organized in co-operation with the Department of Comparative Politics and the Rokkan Centre, Univ. of Bergen, Norway, and supported by the Project *The Politics of Democratic and Welfare Development in South Eastern Europe: a Network for Research and Education*, backed by the Center for International University Cooperation and the Norwegian Research Council, Oslo.

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Place: Cultural House, Konjic, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Deadline for submission: December 31, 2002.

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Transport and accommodation information is available at the Institute's web site: <http://www.democracy-konjic.org> or [http://www.bosnet.org/democracy\\_institute/](http://www.bosnet.org/democracy_institute/).

The seminar *Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies* is organized together with Norwegian Institutes (see besides). You hereby are invited to take part and to submit papers at this seminar.

In order to make a tentative program, you are kindly requested to submit as soon as possible your proposals, to organize a panel, submit a paper, take part in discussions, or simply attend the seminar. Working titles of panels and presentations are welcomed at this stage. Any other initiative on your part will be highly appreciated.

For your information, the DS 2002 gathered people from 27 countries, while inquiries and interests to take part came from 51 countries. Regrettably, although the organizers have this time been able to invite a number of participants from South East European countries, a bulk of our colleagues from East European, Asian and African countries, interested to join us, were again not able to come due to financial or visa obstacles.

Many participants from this year event vowed to come again. Such a growing interest encourages us to continue with our friendly and fruitful gathering. Students, women, members of minority groups, as well as disabled persons are encouraged to participate.

A number of grants for travel and accommodation for participants from Bosnia, the Balkans and South Eastern Europe, are available owing to the support already provided by the University of Bergen. The organizers hope to ensure additional grants for participants from Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa, and are undertaking necessary moves to provide it timely. This can also be considered as an invitation to foundations which were reluctant so far, to shore our endeavor up. We are sure that the *Andrew's Participant for Participant Fund* will go on to function this time as well.

The seminar will be held at the Cultural House in Konjic, heavily damaged during the war, but already partly restored.

Consecutive translations from/to English/Bosnian will be provided. Speakers are requested to map their talks in line with time limits. Subject matters and speakers may be subject to change. The seminar works in plenary sessions and panels. Participants of the seminar are encouraged to organize additional workshops. Slots for individual speakers are not determined. Chairmen are due to organize their sessions, panels and workshops by agreement with speakers. The seminar is open to the public. The audience will be consisting of people both coming from and invited from both entities in Bosnia. Those interested in taking part at the seminar should contact Dzermal Sokolovic, director of the Institute, by e-mail and as soon as possible.

## Announced participation/inquiries:

1. **Lidiya Yanakieva** (Bulgaria)
2. **Jakob Finci** (Sarajevo, Bosnia)
3. **Nils Rosemann** (Berlin, Germany)
4. **Roza Pati** (St. Thomas Univ. School of Law, Miami, USA)
5. **Jamie Spector** (California, USA)
6. **Roberto Belloni** (Denver, USA)
7. **Sergei Romanenko** (Moscow, Russia)
8. **Jelica Kurjak** (Moscow, Russia/Serbia)
9. **Artjom Ulunjan** (Moscow, Russia)
10. **Julia Szelivanov** (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Budapest, Hungary)
11. **Elizabeta Madjarevic** (FPZ, Zagreb, Croatia)
12. **Gemma Collantes Celador** (Univ. of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK/Spain)
13. **Merita Xhumari** (Univ. of Tirana, Albania)
14. **Toni Petkovic** (Novi Sad, Srbija)
15. **Zane Bandere** (Jūrmala, Latvija)
16. **Alex Kapatadze** (Georgia)
17. **Emilio Cocco** (Univ. of Trieste, Italy)
18. **Daniel Ionut Barbulescu** (Slatina, Romania)

19. **Stefelic Marko** (Zagreb Univ., Croatia)
20. **Markovic Marina** (Univ. of Zagreb, FPZ, Croatia)
21. **Gabriel Goldberg** (Univ. of Edinburgh, Scotland/Belgium)
22. **Margaret Vandiver** (Univ. of Memphis, USA)
24. **Zala Volcic** (Ljubljana, Slovenija)
25. **Lozovanu Dorin** (Ass. of Geography and Ethnology of Moldova)
26. **Claire Cary** (USA)
27. **Ekaterina Stepanova** (Russian Acad. of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)
28. **Milena Davidovic** (Uppsala, Sweden)
29. **Valery Yevarouski** (Inst. of Philosophy, Minsk, Belarus)
30. **Taro Tsukimura** (Kobe Univ., Japan)
31. **Anna Szul-Szywaza** (Women's Rights Centre, Kraków, Poland)
32. **Harun Uluyol** (Goteborg, Sweden/Turkey)
33. **Nevena Nikolovska** (Skopje, Macedonia)
34. **Antonella Pocecco** (Inst. of Intern. Sociology of Gorizia and Univ. of Udine, Italy)
35. **Olga Malinova** (Moscow, Russia)
36. **Kiss Endre** (Budapest, Hungary)
37. **Ahmet Sozen** (Univ. of Bahcesehir, Istanbul, Turkey)
38. **Alhaji Abdulkareem Onakoya** (Heekay Tours, Dakar, Senegal)
39. **Salomon Bosange** (Conakry, Guinea)
40. **Kosinska Monika** (Brussels, Belgium)
41. **Gisèle Swedi** (ANFD Non-profit NGO, Bujumbura, DR Kongo)
42. **Aissatou Poreko Diallo** (Conakry, Guinea)
43. **Ozgunes Meriç** (European Commission Representation to Turkey, Ankara, Turkey)
44. **Wim van Meurs** (Berthelmann Stiftung, Munich, Germany)
45. **Mohammed Hassan Machori** (Fundamental Human Rights & Rural Development Ass., Golarchi, Pakistan)
46. **Florian Bieber** (European Centre for Minority Issues, Beograd, Yugoslavia/Luxembourg)
47. **Shavkat Akhmedov** (Swiss Coop. Office, Dushanbe, Tajikistan)
48. **Arshad Chaudhry**
49. **Deeka Menegbon** (MOSOP Office, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria)
50. **Neslihan Ozgunes** (Turkish History Found., Ankara, Turkey)
51. **Vlad Maltsev** (Moscow, Russia)
52. **Titiana Adinda** (Indonesian National Commission on Violence Against Women, Jakarta, Indonesia)
53. **Lianna Khachatryan** (Counterpart Intern., Inc., Community and Humanitarian Assistance Program, Yerevan, Armenia)
54. **Radha Krsna** (Trivandrum, Kerala, South India)
55. **Ayten Azizova** (Helsinki Citizen's Assembly, Baku, Azerbaijan)
56. **Mamoru Sadakata** (Nagoya Univ., Japan)

#### **Aims of the Institute**

1. *Preservation of Bosnia-Herzegovina Social Science* – The principal tasks of the Institute may not be accomplished if one does not biologically and intellectually preserve Bosnian social science and Bosnian social scientists. Social scientists from Bosnia-Herzegovina must be included in the scientific life and research activities in Europe. Those who have already fled from Sarajevo should assemble somewhere in Europe where they find support for this enterprise. Those remaining in Bosnia-Herzegovina must receive research support and can be included in the research projects of the Institute.
2. *Encouragement of research projects, publication* of books and articles in scientific journals, and workshops and conferences concerning Bosnia and topics related to the Bosnian war and post-war reality.
3. *The think-tank group for Bosnia-Herzegovina* – A group of experts, consisting of Bosnian and other scientists from different social science fields, will be at the disposal of governments with special interest in Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as to institutions of the international community. In addition, the group will regularly inform the public (the mass media particularly) about the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and seek support for political initiatives.

4. The Institute will *cooperate with all institutions of the international community* such as the UN and EU, as well as all scientific institutions dealing with the case of Bosnia, researching war and peace issues, and inter-ethnic relations.
5. The Institute's services will be at the disposal of all *international organizations dealing with the problem of Bosnia*, particularly those interested in human rights, peace, the improvement of democratic institutions, and those dealing with humanitarian relief and the post-war cultural, social, political and economic restoration of Bosnia-Herzegovina.
6. The Institute will *aid the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina* as well, so that it helps in the search for a democratic and peaceful solution and acts to preserve the integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the restoration of a civil society.
7. If the international community sets up an UN protectorate over Bosnia-Herzegovina or the EU establishes its own administration in Sarajevo and other cities, the Institute will participate as an *expert consulting body*.

The scientific, political and sociological aims of the *Institute for Strengthening Democracy in Bosnia* will be achieved through the following forms of activity:

1. *Research* – theoretical and empirical
2. *Teaching* – workshops, seminars, conferences, lectures, instruction for professionals (UN employees, journalists etc.)
3. *Education* – preparing the citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina for future democratic life and political participation
4. *Publications* and acting through the mass-media
5. *Information-documentation* center and library; information campaign in the mass media.