



CERTIFIED COURSES 2018: SYLLABI

I GENOCIDE AND GENOCIDAL ATROCITIES IN THEORY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

LECTURER: Dennis Gratz, Dr. phil.

DATES: 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th of March 2018

TIME: 14-17:00h (duration-12 hours)

The course examines the concept and phenomenon of genocide, its origins and mechanisms of prevention and punishment. Following a brief general introduction to the history of genocide science and more specifically the development of international criminal law, students will be familiarized with the main forms of genocidal atrocities on the basis of historical events and occurrences. The participant shall in particular analyze the Armenian genocide, Holocaust, Rwandan genocide and Cambodian Mass Killings. Following that, legal definitions and understanding of the crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide as established in the UN Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide will be discussed, compared and analyzed, both from the legal and theoretical point of view. Specific legal terms such as *intent*, *motive*, *genocide-in-part* etc. shall be introduced and thoroughly discussed. The second part of the course will be dedicated to the introduction to different aspects of genocide science, including the theoretical approaches from a historical, cultural, social and economic perspective, as well as some recent developments in the field of prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide. The last part shall cover the specific forms of genocidal crimes, their circumstances of occurrence and their consequences for the victim population. The participants shall reflect upon terms such as ethnic cleansing, gendercide, elitocide, war amongst the people etc. Within this part, the students shall learn about the recent conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the special importance of the ICTY verdict on the proven genocide in Srebrenica for the international prevention and detection mechanisms.

Dr Dennis Gratz was born in 1978 in Sarajevo. He graduated from the Law School of Sarajevo University in 2001 and received his MA degree in Democracy and Human Rights at the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of Sarajevo University and University of Bologna in 2002. In 2003 he passed his bar examination and started to work as an attorney at law in Sarajevo, specializing in family law, copyright law and the law on media and freedom of press. In 2008-2009 he worked as a coordinator of the regulation work group with the DTT Forum of the Communications Regulatory Agency of B&H. Dr. Gratz was awarded a PhD degree from the University of Hamburg, Faculty of Social Sciences. His thesis dealt with systematic war crimes committed during the war in Bosnia 1992-1995, with a specific focus on elimination of local elites (theory of *elitocide*).

He published several scientific studies and essays on the topic of war crimes, constitutional issues, human rights protection and implementation, and was engaged as lecturer and panelist on many international and domestic scientific conferences and symposia. He is currently lecturing as associate professor at the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of the University in Sarajevo and the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology. From 2009 to 2010, Dr. Gratz was admitted as a Fulbright visiting scholar at the Columbia University of the City of New York, conducting a postdoctoral research on sociology of genocide. In the winter semester 2010 he conducted a series of lectures on war crimes in the former Yugoslavia as a guest professor at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Studies with Hamburg University, Germany. Since 2016, Dr. Gratz has been a member of EGAM (European Grassroots Antiracist Movement) and Elie Wiesel Network of Parliamentarians of Europe for the Prevention of Mass Atrocities and Genocides and against Genocide Denial.

Dr. Gratz is the co-founder of *Naša stranka*, a socio-liberal, multi-ethnic political party from Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was the chairman of the party from 2011 to 2015, in which period *Naša*

stranka doubled its election results. In the 2014 October elections he was elected a Member of Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He is currently serving as head of the party's Main Board. In the 2016 local elections the party again doubled its results becoming the second strongest political force in the Sarajevo region. He is also a published novelist. His works have found critical acclaim both in Bosnia and the region.

II INTRODUCTION TO REFUGEE LAW AND PROTECTION RIGTHS

LECTURER: Selma Porobić, PhD

DATES: 3-6th of April 2018

TIME: 9-12:00h (duration 12 hours)

This course offers an overview of the key terms, concepts, methodologies and ethical principles relevant to studies of refugee protection and rights. Using the case studies from around the world, the course will introduce students to comparative insights into causes and consequences of forced migration, including forced displacement issues directly related to the dissolution of the former Yugoslavia and the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It will also offer a short introduction to international protection regime, refugees' rights and responsibilities as enshrined in Geneva Convention and its Protocol as well as an overview of the practices and solutions to forced displacement developed by the international organisations and governments.

The emphasis will be on the population under investigation, i.e. forced migrants, and how they access protection rights and are affected by asylum procedures in different countries of the region. The course will employ an interactive learning environment using documentary films and open discussions enabling participants to both contribute to and gain an in-depth knowledge of asylum adjudication procedures, reception and integration policies. This course promotes a multidisciplinary approach to studying forced migration phenomena and includes relevant theories and interdisciplinary studies from the field of human rights, law, sociology, socio-cultural anthropology, political science and social psychology.

Selma Porobić is an Assistant professor of International Humanitarian and Social Work Studies at Palacky University in Olomouc and an international scholar focusing refugee protection from the integrative perspective of social sciences. She holds a PhD degree in migration studies from Lund University in Sweden and American University in Cairo. In 2006 she was a Visiting fellow at Development Studies Department and Refugee Studies Centre, at Oxford University, UK. She also holds a prestigious International Academic Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance, from the International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs at Fordham University in New York. From 2012-2015 she was a director the Center for refugee and IDP studies (CESI) at the Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo, where she organized and delivered International summer schools in refugee law and protection with professor Barbara Harrell-Bond, University of Oxford (2013,2014,2015). More recently, she completed the implementation of a two-year-long, regional cross-country project (RRPP/Fribourg University, 2014-2016) that employed 28 researchers, investigating the long-term effects of war-displacement and psychosocial service protection of women forced migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo. Dr Porobić has over ten years of experience in education, research, mentoring of academic work and conducting evaluations relating to crisis-affected communities, politics and discourses of humanitarian responses, and protection and rehabilitation of the war-displaced. She has authored, edited and co-edited four books and published dozens of articles and book chapters on range of refugee issues, including the state of asylum in the Western Balkan states, Bosnian refugee and resettlement experiences in Sweden, return and reintegration issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and long-term psychosocial well-being of forced migrants (especially women) in the Balkans.

III LIFE STORIES AND DIALOGUES

LECTURER: Nejra Nuna Čengić, PhD

DATES: 3-5th of April 2018

TIME: 13-17:00h (duration 12 hours)

All around us we find stories. Through stories we express ourselves, our attitudes, values, belongings, emotions. Through stories we communicate and learn about others and in general about the world around us. This seminar aims at providing students with knowledge of the ‘life story telling model’, a great resource for the exploration of social phenomena through meanings that people ascribe to their life experiences (actions, suffering, belongings) in relation to social structures. Accordingly, we mainly focus on the interrelationship between individual and collective, private and public, dominant and alternative, present and past. While storytelling can be used for a variety of purposes, this seminar will approach it as a research method, a peace building tool, a tool for empowerment and social changes. The concept will be introduced through an eclectic body of theoretical approaches from the field of philosophy, anthropology, gender studies, narrative theory, critical literal theory, psychology and history, also incorporating documentary films and existing/published life stories as tools for work and discussion. Finally, throughout the seminar it will be shown how in the context of diverse transitions and conflicts in South-East Europe, and particularly the 1990s conflicts in the former Yugoslav region individual stories may help us go beyond paradigmatic competing narratives and offer relevant insights and an alternative vision to given events, a source of resistance and an inspiration for social change.

Nejra Nuna Čengić holds a PhD in the Anthropology of Everyday Life from Institutum Studiorum Humanitatis (ISH), Ljubljana, Slovenia. Most of her working experience she gained in different positions and at different programmes at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of the University of Sarajevo. She gained her extensive knowledge of storytelling as research and dialogue/empowerment tool primarily through participation in the three-year Storytelling in Conflict Training Programme in Hamburg (2006 – 2008). Accordingly, from the academic year 2007/2008 she started teaching the elective course entitled ‘Life Stories and Dialogues’ at the University of Sarajevo. Gradually, she started to employ this knowledge in the civil society sector too, particularly in the form of courses/trainings for peacebuilding and women’s associations and for individual research projects. The most extensive individual research project where she employed this method is her doctoral research (published as a book in 2017) about the relationship between speech and violence and, specifically, about how Sarajevo people verbally articulate their war experience and integrate it into their overall life experience. Moreover, she is the author of co-authored book, book chapters, academic articles, book reviews. Broadly speaking, Nejra Nuna Čengić’s research interests concern social memory, storytelling, violence, peace and gender relations. She is a member of numerous professional and activist networks. She made an important contribution to establishment of the Gender Studies Programme at the University of Sarajevo. Currently, she is a post-doctoral fellow at the New Europe College-Institute for Advanced Studies Bucharest.

A selection of her publications dealing with, or using, the life story model include: Čengić, N.N. (2017): *Desilo se to što se desilo. Govor, život i vrijeme nakon opsade u Sarajevu*. Orion Art, Beograd; Čengić, N. N. (2016): “Integrating ‘During the War’ in ‘After the War’: Narrative Positionings in Post-War Sarajevo”, in: Jansen, S., Brković, Č. and Čelebičić, V., eds., *Negotiating Social Relations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Semiperipheral Entanglements*, Routledge, London and New York, 60–73; Čengić, N. N. (2013): “Noise, Silence, Voice. Life Stories of Two Female Peace Activists from BiH”, in: Jambrešić Kirin, R., Prlenda, S., eds., *Women Narrating their Lives and Actions. Feminisms in Transnational Perspective*, Centar za ženske studije i Institut za etnologiju i folkloristiku, Zagreb, 69–87.