



# ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON NATIONAL MINORITIES IN BORDER REGIONS

Ethnic Conflict & Reconciliation  
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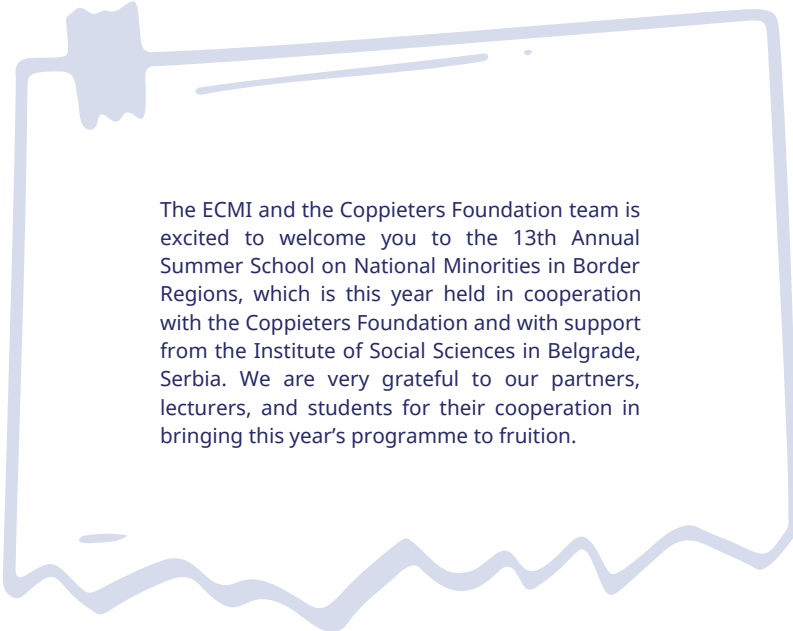
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## WELCOME TO THE 2023 SUMMER SCHOOL ON NATIONAL MINORITIES IN BORDER REGIONS!



The ECMI and the Coppieters Foundation team is excited to welcome you to the 13th Annual Summer School on National Minorities in Border Regions, which is this year held in cooperation with the Coppieters Foundation and with support from the Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade, Serbia. We are very grateful to our partners, lecturers, and students for their cooperation in bringing this year's programme to fruition.

## BACKGROUND ON THIS YEAR'S TOPIC

Ethnic conflict has again become a threat to peace in Europe since Ukraine's invasion by Russia has been linked to ethnopolitics and the safeguarding of ethnic minorities. Ethnic conflicts, in addition to the variety of their causes, their actors involved, and their levels of intensity, take a significant toll in terms of human, economic, and social costs. Conflicts can fundamentally change political institutions, social norms, and identities. Equally important are conflict resolution arrangements. So-called "accommodation regimes" for inter-ethnic conflict resolution include minority rights, autonomy arrangements, and power-sharing.

In 2023, the Summer School will consist of two thematic parts. In the first part, attention will be paid to what our collective knowledge about ethnic conflict – both in Europe and elsewhere in the world – can tell us about why this torment is rising again. Alongside more micro-level precipitators like local disputes or triggers in specific contexts, participants will discuss long-term, structural causes like poverty, discrimination, and exclusion. Here, the Summer School will feature a quantitative component, where scholars linked to the Ethnic Power Relations project (EPR) will introduce the wealth of comparative datasets available to examine conflicts on a more systematic level. In the second part, participants will examine conflict resolution arrangements, including institutional mechanisms and bottom-up programmes.

## ABOUT THE ECMI

### EMBRACING DIVERSITY SINCE 1996

At ECMI, we believe that embracing diversity is what makes the world a colorful and exciting place. Founded in 1996 by the visionary governments of Denmark, Germany, and Schleswig-Holstein, our mission is clear: to promote respect for diversity in every nook and cranny of society. From tackling majority-minority concerns to fostering cooperation and understanding, we're here to champion unity in diversity like never before!

### BRIDGING THE GAP - THEORY MEETS PRACTICE

We don't just stay in the ivory tower of theories. Oh no, we're all about action! We're masters at connecting theory and practice, research and politics, and even mainstream politicians with our fabulous minority activists. Our secret ingredient? A dash of interdisciplinary theoretical and empirical studies combined with loads of practical activities and initiatives.

## ABOUT THE ECMI SUMMER SCHOOLS

Since 2011, the ECMI Annual Summer School has trained over 200 young scholars and practitioners from all over Europe and around the world, who have advanced their knowledge on diversity management, border region challenges, and human and minority rights. Welcoming participants and lecturers in Flensburg and introducing them to the history and achievements of the German-Danish border region of Schleswig-Holstein, the Summer School has fostered cooperation and networking not only among participants, but also between local, regional, and international partners. The cooperation between the ECMI and the alumni is active, involving the alumni network in various ECMI activities, publication series, projects, and information exchange.

## PARTNERSHIPS

For the past 12 years the ECMI Summer School has been organized in cooperation with various regional institutions in the Danish-German border region as well as other organizations. The University of Flensburg, the City of Flensburg, the Regional Government of Schleswig-Holstein in Kiel, the Robert Bosch Foundation, the Akademie Sankelmark, the ZEIT Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucorius, the office of the Schleswig Holstein Minister-President and the Jaruplund Højskole are some of our strong supporters from the previous years.

The 2023 Summer School is a joint initiative of the ECMI and the Coppieters Foundation, with financial support from the European Parliament for the fifth consecutive year. The Summer School is hosted by the The Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade, Serbia.



## ABOUT THE COPPIETERS FOUNDATION

The Coppieters Foundation is a think tank focusing on European affairs. It develops new ideas and produces knowledge on the management of cultural and linguistic diversity, collective and minority rights, multi-level governance, decentralization, state and constitutional reform, statehood processes, self-determination, migration, peace studies and the protection of human rights in Europe.

It aims to influence decision-making process at the European level and create a legal framework that allows for better protection of diversity, equality and anti-discrimination of minority groups, enhanced implementation of the principle of subsidiarity and the right to self-determination.

It aims to drive the EU towards an alternative institutional structure that is more democratic, more respectful of collective rights of unrecognised European peoples; to play a role as a platform for dialogue between academia, European institutions (the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions) and other political actors; to transform scientific knowledge in the fields of political science, economy, sociology, philosophy and history into usable concepts for political action to help well informed decision making; and to feed the European Free Alliance with politically relevant concepts, ideas, data and knowledge, both in the institutional sphere and in EFA's action sphere outside European institutions.

## ABOUT THE VENUE

The Institute of Social Sciences was founded on July 10, 1957, by the Federal Executive Council of the Federal National Republic of Yugoslavia. In 1977, the Republic of Serbia assumed the role of the founder. Upon establishment, the Institute's activities were organized into departments for legal, economic, historical, and sociological sciences.

Today, the Institute has six scientific research centers: the Centre for Demographic Research, Centre for Politicological Research and Public Opinion, Centre for Economic Research, Centre for Legal Research, Centre for Sociological and Anthropological Research, and Centre for Philosophy. The Institute boasts a staff of 38 doctoral degree holders and five master's degree holders.

The Institute's work is grounded in the research of fundamental social phenomena. It aims to promote scientific thinking, develop scientific methodology in the realm of social sciences, foster the professional growth of scholars, establish collaborations with professional institutions and organizations, and implement scientific research results into public policies.



## ACCOMMODATION & GETTING AROUND

### ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be staying in shared twin-bed rooms at the fantastic [MARK Hotel](#), located in [the heart of Belgrade](#). The hotel offers comfortable accommodations and modern amenities to ensure a pleasant stay.

### TRANSPORTATION

To make your journey as smooth as possible, let's look at the best transportation options to reach Belgrade. Here are some useful links to help you plan your trip:

- By Air:
  - Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport serves as the primary international gateway to the city. It offers numerous flights from major cities around the world. The cheapest flights can be booked with AirSerbia or Wizzair.
  - Niš Constantine the Great Airport, the second largest and second-busiest airport in Serbia. You can find cheap flights with Ryanair to this city. There are many direct buses from Niš to Belgrade, including Flixbus (3-4 hours).
  - Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, Hungary: Budapest is approximately 377 kilometers northwest of Belgrade, and it offers excellent flight connections. From there, you can take a direct bus (Flixbus) to Belgrade (6 hours).
  - Zagreb Airport, Croatia: Zagreb is around 386 kilometers southwest of Belgrade. Flights to Zagreb Airport are available from major European cities. From Zagreb, you can take a bus (5.5 hours).
- By Train:
  - From our own experience we can say that trains are not that great in Serbia (the only exception would be the new high-speed line between Belgrade and Novi Sad).
- By Bus:
  - An extensive network of international and domestic bus routes makes traveling to Belgrade by bus a convenient choice. Several bus companies operate regular services from various European cities. Check out Eurolines or FlixBus for routes and ticket information: <https://www.eurolines.com/> and <https://www.flixbus.com/>.
- Airport to City Center:
  - Taxi: Taxis are readily available at the airport. Be sure to use licensed taxi services such as Taxi Beograd or Pink Taxi. The journey to the city center takes around 20-30 minutes, depending on traffic. Remember to negotiate the price before entering the taxi.
  - Public Transportation: The city bus line 72 operates between the airport and Zeleni Venac, a central location in Belgrade. The bus departs every hour, and the journey takes approximately 40 minutes. [More info](#). There is a lot of construction at the airport right now, so it might take a bit of time and patience to find the bus stop.
  - Pre-book transfer: The easiest but also the most expensive option. The prices are between 25-35 EUR one way.



# DAILY TIMETABLE

**DAY 1**  
27/8  
Orientation

**13:00-15:00**  
**Welcome**  
Icebreakers and introduction to the programme  
*Summer School Team*

**15:00-16:30**  
**Input session**  
Introduction to ethnic conflict studies  
*Felix Schulte (ECMI)*

**17:00**  
**International Food Evening**

**DAY 5**  
31/8  
Trip to Novi Sad

**10:00-10:30**  
**Visit & tour:** Provincial Government and Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

**10:30-12:00**  
**Presentation:** Official use of languages and scripts & multiculturalism and tolerance in Vojvodina  
*Adrian Borka & Bojan Greguric (Provincial Secretariat for Education, Administration, Regulations and National Minorities)*

**13:30-15:00**  
**Visit & discussion:** The National Council of the Slovak Minority in Serbia  
*Duřanka Petrakova (Chair of the Council)*

**15:00-17:00**  
**Tour and outside talk:** Multiculturalism in Vojvodina  
*Milena Sekulic (University of Novi Sad)*

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**DAY 2**  
28/8  
Conceptual foundations

**9:00-9:30**  
**Official Opening**  
*Vello Pettai (ECMI), Inaki Irazabalbeitia (Coppieters Foundation), and Goran Bařic (Institute of Social Sciences)*

**9:30-11:00**  
**Keynote Lecture:** Why do we study ethnic conflicts?  
*Corinne Bara (ETH Zurich)*  
COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-13:00**  
**Lecture:** Different wars, different solutions?  
*Corinne Bara (ETH Zurich)*

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**14:00-15:30**  
**Lecture:** On the causes of ethnic conflict  
*Felix Schulte (ECMI)*

COFFEE BREAK

**16:00-17:00**  
**Seminar activity:** Ethnic conflict scenarios  
*Summer School Team & Felix Schulte*

**20:30**  
**Opening Dinner**  
Restaurant *Comunale Caffe e Cucina*

**DAY 6**  
1/9  
Post-conflict reality

**9:30-11:00**  
**Panel discussion:** International organizations and ethnic conflict - navigating peace in a diverse world  
Panelists: *River Hustad (HCNM/OSCE), Milica Rodic (OSCE Mission to Serbia), Nadia uk (Council of Europe)*  
Moderated by *Ljubica Djordjevic (ECMI)*

COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-13:00**  
**Lecture:** International organizations and ethnic conflict - promoting lasting peace  
*Ljubica Djordjevic (ECMI)*

**14:00-15:30**  
**Panel Discussion:** Challenges and trends of power-sharing  
Panelists: *Rubin Zemon (American University of Europe), Joanne McEvoy (University of Aberdeen), Goran Markovic (University of East Sarajevo)*  
Moderated by *Daniel Bochsler (CEU / University of Belgrade)*

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COFFEE BREAK

**16:00-17:30**  
**World cafe:** Power sharing

**DAY 3**  
29/8  
The agony of ethnic conflict

**9:30-11:00**  
**Panel discussion:** Gender & ethnic conflict  
Panelists: *Sofija Todorovic (Youth Initiative for Human Rights), Margareta Bařaragin (Women's Studies and Research), Sanja opric (University of Belgrade)*  
Moderated by *Zorica Mrřevic (Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies / Institute of Social Sciences)*

COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-13:00**  
**World cafe:** Gender & ethnic conflict

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**14:00-15:30**  
**Lecture:** The roots of ethnic cleansing in Europe: Bosnia and beyond  
*H. Zeynep Bulutgil (University College London)*

COFFEE BREAK

**16:00-17:30**  
**Lecture:** Inequality within and between ethno-religious groups & communal riots: the case of India  
*H. Zeynep Bulutgil (University College London)*

**DAY 7**  
2/9  
Reconciliation

**9:30-11:00**  
**Learning circle:** Bottom-up peace building  
Panelists: *Velma řaric (Post-Conflict Research Center), Dejana Stořic (Youth Initiative for Human Rights), Marijana Toma (KU Leuven), Denisa Kostovicova (LSE)*  
Moderated by *Sead Turalo (University of Sarajevo)*

COFFEE BREAK

**11:30-13:00**  
**Lecture:** Transitional justice and mass atrocity crimes: elusive reconciliation?  
*Denisa Kostovicova (London School of Economics and Political Science)*

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**14:00-15:30**  
**Group work:** Ethnic conflict scenarios  
*Summer School Team*

COFFEE BREAK

**16:00-17:30**  
**Final presentations:** Ethnic conflict scenarios  
*Summer School Team*

**20:30**  
**Closing Dinner**  
Restaurant *Dva Jelena*

**DAY 4**  
30/8  
Measuring ethnic conflict

**9:30-10:30**  
**Lecture:** "Measuring" ethnic identity and conflict  
*Andreas Juon (International Conflict Research Group / ETH Zurich)*

**10:45-11:45**  
**Lecture:** Quantitative approaches: opportunities and challenges  
*Andreas Juon*

**12:00-13:00**  
**Exercise:** Mapping ethnic conflict using the Ethnic Power Relations Dataset  
*Andreas Juon*

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**14:00-15:30**  
**Science Slam**  
*Aziz Berdiqulov & Stanislav ernega*

COFFEE BREAK

**16:00-17:00**  
**Science Slam**  
*Aziz Berdiqulov & Stanislav ernega*

**17:45**  
**CoE event: Kin-state engagement and its impact on minority protection in Europe**  
Restaurant "Aeroklub"  
*Council of Europe Office in Belgrade*

**DAY 8**  
3/9  
Reflections & departures

**10:00-12:00**  
**Wrap-up:** Discussion, feedback and evaluation, certificates, and goodbyes  
*Summer School Team*

DEPARTURES



### AZIZ BERDIQULOV

Aziz is a Researcher at the ECMI. His main research interests include nation-building, political mobilisation, official recognition, and socio-economic participation, particularly in post-Soviet countries.

Aziz helped establish links between the ECMI and several organizations and research institutes, including the American University of Central Asia and the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. He is one of the coordinators of the ECMI Summer School and was involved with the ECMI Spring School. His works are published by the Central Asian Bureau for Analytical Reporting (CABAR) and the Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE), for which he was also a guest editor. Prior to joining the ECMI, Aziz worked at the OSCE Office in Tajikistan on initiatives covering good governance, anti-corruption, youth participation, and elections. He gained experience on issues related to the rule of law, self-governance, and access to justice while working at a local NGO in Tajikistan.

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### STANISLAV ČERNEGA

Stani(slav) is the creative mastermind behind this brochure! As the communications guru at the ECMI, he's got a passion for connecting people and ideas. With a knack for graphic design, he sprinkled his artistic magic all over this very brochure you're holding.

During his ECMI adventure, Stani made waves as a project research associate, leading initiatives like the Eastern Partnership Programme and Empower Future Minority Leaders in Moldova. But his true joy lies in the educational activities of ECMI, especially the epic annual Summer School that brings together bright minds from around the world.

Stani holds a master's degree in European studies from Comenius University in Bratislava, where he was also pursuing his PhD studies (which are temporarily on hold). His research delves into the realm of Europeanization and its impact on stateless national minorities, inspired by his own roots as a member of the Ruthenian/Rusyn minority.

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### MICHELA BRAMARDI

Michela is an Acting Coordinator at the Coppieters Foundation. She has a background in Law and Cooperation and Development. After working for one year on projects on migration in West Africa, she moved back to Europe and focused on international development projects tackling climate change.

She then joined Coppieters, helping with the implementation of activities related to cultural and linguistic diversity, collective and minority rights, multi-level governance, and the protection of human rights in Europe.

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### ANGELIKI ATHANASOULA

Angeliki is a Junior Project Manager at the Coppieters Foundation. She first joined Coppieters last September as an intern, after completing her bachelor's degree in Sociology at Panteion University of Athens. While working for Coppieters Foundation, she had the opportunity to support the implementation of activities, such as events and publications, that are focused on cultural and linguistic diversity, gender equality, multilevel governance, and the protection of human rights in Europe.

Next year, Angeliki is planning to continue her studies at KU Leuven University, pursuing an interdisciplinary master's degree that combines the perspectives of sociology and communication science to explore how digital media shape various societal domains, including personal identity, culture, politics, business, and marketing.

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## CORINNE BARA

Dr. Corinne Bara is a Senior Researcher at the Center for Security Studies (CSS) at ETH Zürich. Prior to joining the CSS in 2023, she was an Assistant Professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research in Uppsala, Sweden.

Corinne's research uses computational methods to study the dynamics of violence in armed conflict, with a special focus on evaluating the impact of peacekeeping and ceasefire agreements. Much of her work in the past years focused on detecting unintended consequences of these conflict management efforts, such as shifts in the nature of violence. She has also worked to overcome the near-exclusive focus on UN missions in quantitative peacekeeping research and is the author of the first global dataset detailing personnel numbers in non-UN missions.

At the CSS, she is currently venturing in a new research direction to explore how data science can be leveraged to better understand humanitarian needs in environments where access is constrained, such as during sieges. Her research has been published in a range of peer-reviewed academic journals such as *International Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Security Studies*, and *International Peacekeeping*.

Corinne holds a PhD from ETH Zürich (2016), and an MA in Political Science and Humanitarian Law from the University of Zürich. Prior to her doctoral studies, she was doing social work in India, worked for the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (Human Security Division), and conducted research and policy advice on risk analysis and disaster management at the ETH CSS Think Tank.



## FELIX SCHULTE

Dr. Felix Schulte is Senior Researcher and head of the cluster "Conflict & Security". His research and teaching interests are situated at the intersection of empirical conflict studies and comparative politics and focus on three areas: the emergence of conflictive mass behavior in divided societies (conflict dynamics), institutional options for regulating such conflicts in a peaceful and sustainable way (territorial self-governance and power-sharing) as well as relationships between "old" and "new" minorities in different settings (inter-minority relations).

Felix studied political science, sociology, and history in Eichstätt, Linköping and Heidelberg and obtained his doctorate from Heidelberg University in 2019. Previously, he held positions as research associate and post-doctoral researcher at Heidelberg University and Mannheim University (Head of Chairs: Prof. Aurel Croissant and Prof. Dr. Marc Debus).

Felix was a guest researcher at the Åland Islands Peace Institute (Finland) and the Institute for Minority Rights at EURAC Bolzano (Italy). His work has been published by Palgrave MacMillan, the *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, or *Regional & Federal Studies*, among others. Felix is book reviews editor of the journal *Democratization* (Taylor and Francis).



## ZORICA MRŠEVIĆ

Prof. Zorica Mršević is a Principal Research Fellow at the Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade and a Professor of Gender Studies at the Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies in Novi Sad. She obtained her PhD from the Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade in 1986. She worked as a gender advisor for the OSCE Mission to Serbia from 2001 to 2008. From 2008 to 2010, she served as the Deputy Republican Ombudsman responsible for gender equality and the rights of persons with disabilities.

Furthermore, she taught the Theory of Violence and Women's Human Rights at the Central European University in Budapest from 2002 to 2005. She also taught the same subject at Rosa Mayreder College in Vienna and Comparative Feminist Jurisprudence at the University of Iowa Law School during 1996/97. In 2021, she was involved in drafting the Law on Same-Sex Unions for the Serbian Government.

Additionally, she conducted research on the social inclusion of LGBTI persons for the NGO Geten, a Belgrade-based organization advocating for LGBTI rights.

Zorica Mršević has authored over 20 monographs and more than 400 scientific papers in the fields of LGBTI rights, theory of violence, and gender equality.

For more information, please visit her official website at [www.zoricamrsevic.in.rs](http://www.zoricamrsevic.in.rs) and her Wikipedia page.



## SOFIJA TODOROVIĆ

Sofija Todorović completed her studies at the Faculty of Law in Belgrade and currently serves as the Programme Director of YIHR Serbia. She is primarily involved in human rights, transitional justice, and democratization processes at the national, regional, and international levels.

Sofija has received numerous human rights awards and possesses extensive experience in collaborating with journalists and the media.

LECTURERS & SPEAKERS





## MARGARETA BAŠARAGIN

Dr. Margareta Bašaragin received her PhD in Gender Studies from the Center for Gender Studies, ACIMSI, University of Novi Sad, Serbia. Her doctoral thesis, titled "The Interaction of Gender, Language, and Culture in the Identity Formation of Female Students in the Eighth Grade of Primary School in the Process of Bilingual Education in Vojvodina," was completed in 2017. She also holds a master's degree in German Philology from the Faculty of Philosophy, UNS. As part of the Erasmus Mundus Sigma Agile project, she spent the academic year 2015/16 at the Center for Transdisciplinary Gender Studies at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. Since February 2020, Dr. Bašaragin has represented the Association "Women's Studies and Research" Novi Sad in Subotica, Serbia.

Margareta has authored numerous scientific papers with a primary focus on gender and language in various written and spoken materials. Her research extends to areas such as the integration of gender equality in the educational process and the application of discourse analysis in the interdisciplinary field of gender studies. She also places special emphasis on the study of notable women in Vojvodina. Her works include publications like "Notable Jewish Women of Subotica" (2020), "Notable Jewish Women of Subotica - The Life Story of Sonja Licht" (2021), and "Anti-Fascist Women from Subotica: Partisans, SKOJ, AFG" (2021).

In recognition of her contributions, Dr. Bašaragin was awarded the "Anđelka Milić" Award by SeFem, Belgrade, in 2022. She also received the "Bring the Noise" Recognition from BeFem, Belgrade, in 2023.



## SANJA ĆOPIĆ

Prof. Dr. Sanja Ćopić is an Associate Professor at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, where she teaches criminology, juvenile delinquency, victimology, violence against children, women and prison. She is also a researcher and serves as the President of the Executive Board of the Victimology Society of Serbia.

Sanja currently holds the position of Editor-in-Chief of Temida, a leading Serbian academic journal focusing on victimization, human rights, and gender. With over twenty years of experience, she has been dedicated to promoting gender equality and combating gender-based discrimination and violence in various capacities, including as a researcher, lecturer, consultant, and activist.

Throughout her career, she has actively participated in numerous national, regional, and international research projects revolving on victims of crime. Her research has predominantly focused on different forms of gender-based violence and discrimination against women, as well as gender equality. Her extensive publications cover these vital topics.

Sanja has also been a lecturer of gender-based violence, gender discrimination, and gender equality. She possesses a wealth of experience in analyzing legislation and policies pertinent to preventing and combatting violence against women in Serbia.

Sanja has been an advocate for legal reforms aimed at protecting victims of gender-based violence. She has contributed her expertise to consultancy work related to gender equality, providing assistance to UN Women and relevant national institutions, including the Gender Equality Directorate of the Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs.

Furthermore, she played a significant role as a member of the management committee of COST Action IS1206 "Femicide across Europe" from 2013 to 2017. Presently, she is actively involved in COST Action 18121 "Cultures of Victimology: Understanding Processes of Victimization across Europe" from 2019 to 2023.



## H. ZEYNEP BULUTGIL

Dr. H. Zeynep Bulutgil is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at University College London. Her research interests focus on the relationship between religious and political institutions, political violence, inequality, and ethnic politics.



Her first book, *The Roots of Ethnic Cleansing in Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 2016; 2018), explored the conditions that lead to (or prevent) ethnic cleansing and was the winner of the 2017 Best Book Award in the European Politics and Society Section of APSA. She has also published articles on ethnic cleansing, political violence, social cleavages, and political mobilization in leading journals.

Her second book, *The Origins of Secular Institutions: Ideas, Timing, and Organization* (Oxford University Press, 2022), explores the conditions under which the institutional structures of countries become separated from religious actors and regulations. This book received the 2023 Best Book Award in the Religion and International Relations Section of ISA and the 2023 Honorable Mention for the APSA David Greenstone Prize in Politics and History.

Her research has been supported by a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship (2019-2020) and grants or fellowships from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School, the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, and the National Science Foundation. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She is also an Associate Editor at *Nationalities Papers*.

LECTURERS & SPEAKERS





## ANDREAS JUON

Dr. Andreas Juon is a postdoctoral researcher at the International Conflict Research group at ETH Zurich, led by Professor Lars-Erik Cederman. He obtained his PhD in 2020 from University College London under the supervision of Professors Kristin M. Bakke and Nils Metternich.

In his recent work, he has studied the impact of different types of power-sharing institutions and territorial autonomy arrangements on civil war, communal violence, and democratic quality. In an ongoing research project, he studies exclusionary nationalist movements, focusing on their determinants and consequences for ethnic minority rights and ethnic conflict.

One of his main interests is collecting global data on power-sharing, conflict, and nationalist movements. Among other projects, he created the Constitutional Power-Sharing Dataset and co-coordinated the newest upcoming update of the widely-used Ethnic Power Relations Dataset.



## ADRIAN BORKA

Adrian Borka from Novi Sad, Republic of Serbia, is an Independent Expert Associate for the Inspection of the Official Use of Languages and Scripts in the Division of National Minorities-National Communities, Translation and Interpretation Services of the Provincial Secretariat for Education, Administration, Regulations, and National Minorities within the Government of Vojvodina.

He holds a law degree and has completed both bachelor's and master's studies at the University of Novi Sad and West University of Timișoara. Currently, he is pursuing his Ph.D. studies in the field of Criminal Law. Adrian is a Romanian minority member in Serbia, with over 16 years of experience working in the area of minority rights protection, linguistic and cultural rights of minorities, and legal translations.

He has participated in numerous conferences, training sessions, summer schools, and seminars related to human and minority rights, serving as both a lecturer and a trainee. Adrian is also an alumnus of the ECMI Summer School.



## BOJAN GREGURIC

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He graduated from the Department of Sociology, University of Novi Sad. He has more than 16 years of experience in project implementation in the area of multiculturalism and interethnic tolerance, serving as a project administrator and project manager in both nationally and internationally funded projects.

In addition to project implementation, he also fulfills the duties of a program control officer in charge of projects of organizations representing national minorities and organizations whose projects focus on interethnic tolerance and receive co-financing from the Secretariat.



## DUŠANKA PETRÁKOVÁ

Dušanka Petraková graduated from a secondary healthcare school and continued her education at the Faculty of Philosophy, majoring in pedagogy. She lives in Kovačica. Since 1991, she has been employed at the Center for Social Work in Kovačica as an educational specialist. In 2015, she became the acting director of the Center for Social Work, and since 2016, she has been serving as the director of this institution.

She is a co-founder of the association Blue Angel, which is engaged in humanitarian activities. She has carried out several projects funded by the Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veterans, and Social Affairs in the field of protection of persons with disabilities.

In cooperation with the Evangelical Church from Slovakia, they have implemented over 20 humanitarian projects aimed at teaching tolerance and developing positive attitudes towards diversity and otherness among marginalized and vulnerable groups of children from Serbia, specifically from the village of Kovačica. These projects also aimed to help the children preserve and improve their mother tongue.

She also joined the Women's Association in Kovačica, where she is an active member. Since December 2022, Dušanka has been the chairwoman of the National Council of the Slovak National Minority.



## MILENA SEKULIĆ

Milena Sekulić is a Research Associate and Ph.D. student at the Department of Geography, Tourism, and Hotel Management, Faculty of Science, University of Novi Sad. She has been teaching eight subjects to bachelor students at the Chair of Social Geography since 2018. Starting from June 2020, she has held the position of a doctoral scholar at the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia.

Her scientific research is focused on the field of Social Geography with a particular emphasis on demography. She is currently engaged in the study of marriage and cohabitation, reflected in her doctoral dissertation titled "Marriage and Cohabitation in Vojvodina".

Milena has authored several scientific papers in both national and international journals, covering topics such as population aging, marriage, fertility, population policy, and the status of the Croatian and Slovak national minorities in Vojvodina.

Additionally, she has presented her research at eight international scientific conferences. Milena is an active member of the Serbian Geographical Society as well as the Society of Demographers of Serbia.



## RIVER HUSTAD

Dr. River Hustad is presently Senior Legal Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities in the Hague with areas of responsibility in Southeastern Europe.

Previously worked a Research Fellow, Assistant Professor, and Program Adviser at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. Main fields of research and publication included the nexus between poverty and human rights, non-discrimination and LGBT rights, the right to development, legal theory, sovereignty, and counter-terrorism. Teaching experience when in academia was at numerous universities in Norway, China, Vietnam, USA and Mexico, as well as the Norwegian Foreign Service Institute and various international institutions.

Prior to academia was a practicing civil rights and public interest attorney in the United States, licensed at the U.S. Supreme Court and various federal and state jurisdictions and having participated in more than 100 appellate cases.

Additional experience in political offices as a research assistant to the Counsel to the Governor of the State of Connecticut, USA and as a researcher for a Connecticut State Senator in USA. Also was a representative on an election-mandated town council committee in Norway.

Education includes a Ph.D. in law (Oslo), a Juris Doctorate in law (USA), LL.M. in Human Rights Law (Oslo), M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy (London), B.A. in History (USA), and B.A. in Business Administration (USA).



## MILICA RODIĆ

Since 2015 working as National Programme Officer on National Minorities with the OSCE Mission to Serbia, with main focus on integration of diverse societies, rights of persons belonging to national minorities, inter-culturalism and youth.

From 2010 to 2015 worked as Adviser to Director of the Office of the Government of Serbia the Coordination Body for the Municipalities of Preševo, Bujanovac and Medveđa. Through research-based policies, supported the development of various policies particularly in the area of formal education.

From 2002 active in civic sector and engaged in various civil society organisations and programmes targeting youth from the region addressing the issues of reconciliation, mutual acceptance and sustainable peace.

Studied at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade (MA in sociology).



## NADIA CUK

Nadia Cuk was appointed as Deputy Head of the Belgrade Office on 1 October 2019. She has been working for the Council of Europe (CoE) since 2001, gaining professional experience both in the field and at the HQ.

During her previous posting in Strasbourg, she coordinated the CoE's support to the EU member states through the Structural Reform Support Programme, as well as the strategic programmatic cooperation with the countries in the Western Balkans.

She also served as a visiting fellow and guest lecturer at various academic institutions, both domestically and abroad, and contributed to several research programs in the areas of international private and public law.



LECTURERS & SPEAKERS



## LJUBICA DJORDJEVIĆ

Dr. Ljubica Djordjević is a Senior Researcher and the head of the cluster for Justice and Governance. As a constitutional lawyer, her main research interests focus on European and national legal frameworks, the implementation of minority rights, indicators and ethnic data, institutional frameworks, as well as minority language rights.

Ljubica holds a PhD and an LL.M. in European Integration, both from the Faculty of Law at TU Dresden (Germany), and an LL.B. from the Faculty of Law at the University of Niš (Serbia). Prior to joining ECMI, she was an associate professor in public law at the Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies (FEPPS) in Novi Sad (Serbia). During her time at FEPPS, she held the positions of vice-dean (2011-2017) and chairman of the public law department (2014-2017). Ljubica is a member of the Serbian Association for Constitutional Law and a member of the National Minority Council of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Serbia. She was actively involved with the Ethnicity Research Center based in Belgrade.

Supported by the Slovak National Scholarship Program, Ljubica conducted research on minority protection in Slovakia from January to March 2017 at the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica.



## RUBIN ZEMON

Dr. Rubin Zemon was born in Struga, Macedonia, in 1970. He holds a Ph.D. in ethnology from the Ethnographic Institute with the Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia. He has worked as an expert analyst for international organizations such as the Council of Europe and OSCE / ODIHR.

His research interests encompass ethnology, cultural anthropology, ethnic identity, and multiculturalism in the Balkans. His publications primarily focus on minorities, communities vulnerable to racial discrimination, Balkan Egyptians, digital humanities, and intercultural communications.

More recently, his research has been directed towards political anthropology, effective participation of minorities in public life, national identities, and nation-state development, among other topics.

He currently serves as the director of the Institute for Social and Humanities Research at Euro-Balkan University in Skopje, Macedonia.



## JOANNE McEVOY

Dr. Joanne McEvoy is Senior Lecturer and Head of Politics and International Relations at the University of Aberdeen, UK. Her research interests lie in peace processes and institutional design of post-conflict, deeply divided societies. She is particularly interested in the capacity of power-sharing settlements to promote peace and democracy.

She has published widely on power-sharing in academic journals and books (Power Sharing Executives: Governing Northern Ireland, Bosnia, and Macedonia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014; Power-Sharing in Deeply Divided Places 2013, eds with Brendan O'Leary). With Professor Allison McCulloch (Brandon University, Canada) she has developed a lifecycle approach to understanding the variable performance of power-sharing.

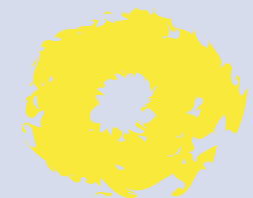
Her research also focuses on public participation in post-Brexit constitutional debate on the island of Ireland (with Professor Jennifer Todd, University College Dublin).



## GORAN MARKOVIĆ

Prof. Goran Marković is a full professor of Constitutional Law. He teaches at the Faculty of Law, University of East Sarajevo. His fields of interest include the constitutional system of Bosnia and Herzegovina, federalism, consociational democracy, self-management, electoral law, and political institutions.

Goran Marković has published around 100 scientific articles, three books, one textbook, and is a co-author of another textbook. His scientific monographs are as follows: "Perspectives of Participatory Democracy," "Bosnian-Herzegovinian Federalism," and "Constitutional Labyrinth: Apories of the Constitutional System of Bosnia and Herzegovina." He wrote the textbook "Constitutional Law" and co-authored the textbook "Constitutional Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina."



# LECTURERS & SPEAKERS



## DANIEL BOCHSLER

Prof. Daniel Bochsler is Associate Professor in Nationalism Studies and Political Science at Central European University (CEU) and Full Professor in Political Science at the University of Belgrade. He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Geneva.

His research deals with the effect of political institutions and social diversity, particularly with ethnic diversity, mostly in democracies in Central and Eastern Europe, or worldwide. His most recent publications deal with territorial autonomy and political transitions, ethnic minority parties (consociational democracy and quotas, and the democratisation of power-sharing regimes.

His work has been published among others in the European Journal of Political Research, Comparative Political Studies, the Journal of Peace Research and Democratization.



## VELMA ŠARIĆ

Velma Šarić is a researcher, journalist, peacebuilding expert, and human rights defender from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Velma has approximately 20 years of work experience and is currently the Founder and President of the Post-Conflict Research Center, as well as the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Balkan Diskurs. She holds an MA Degree in Political Science from the University of Sarajevo and is a trained journalist from the BBC Reporting School.

During her time as a journalist at the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) in London and The Hague, Velma spent eight years reporting on war crimes trials and investigating transitional justice processes in the former Yugoslavia. She also holds the distinction of being a Columbia University fellow, participating in the Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability Fellowship Program.

Furthermore, she is a fellow of the Robert Bosch Foundation and the Global Post's GroundTruth Project.



## DEJANA DEXI STOŠIĆ

Dejana Dexi Stošić is a 24-year-old student of ethnology and anthropology, as well as an activist and educator. Her main focus is the prevention of gender-based violence, gender equality, and youth empowerment.

She has received numerous international human rights awards for her work. She served as the ambassador of Serbia in Women Against Violence of Europe and created the #NisamPrijavila hashtag to raise awareness about survivors of sexual abuse. This hashtag was used by over 21,000 women in just 3 days to share their experiences of sexual violence that went unreported. Furthermore, she has organized more than 60 protests addressing government regimes, local issues, and the preservation of students' polyclinics.

In her leisure time, she enjoys forum theater, TV series, and spending time with dogs. She strongly believes in the potential of people, the power of love, the enchantment of magic, and the existence of unicorns.

# LECTURERS & SPEAKERS







## MARIJANA TOMA

Marijana Toma (Belgrade, Serbia), a historian and transitional justice specialist, is currently working on her PhD project at KU Leuven. She has been involved in numerous transitional justice initiatives, both regionally and internationally, since 2002, when she joined the Humanitarian Law Center. There, she served as Deputy Executive Director (2012-2016), Project and Program Coordinator, and Consultant, focusing on documenting war crimes, oral history, education, and transitional justice. She also played a key role as a member and coordinator of the Expert group responsible for drafting the mandate for RECOM (Regional Commission for the Establishment of Facts about War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia between 1991-2001). Additionally, Marijana served as Serbia Programme Coordinator in Impunity Watch and gained experience at the International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) in Cape Town, South Africa.

In her capacity as a consultant and transitional justice specialist, Marijana collaborated with various organizations, including UNDP Missions to Serbia and Ukraine, the International Organization for Migration, OSCE Mission to Serbia, the German Agency for International Cooperation, the Academy for Conflict Transformation of the Forum ZFD, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNDP Ukraine, ICTJ, and the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, among others.

Marijana holds a degree in history from the University of Belgrade, Serbia, and an MPhil in Justice in Transformation from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.



## SEAD TURČALO

Dr. Sead Turčalo is the Dean and an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo. He specializes in geopolitics, international security, energy security, and conflict management across various academic levels.

His academic career includes leading the Horizon2020 project "PAVE," among 15 international and national research initiatives, demonstrating his expertise in international security and geopolitics. His publication record includes several books and studies, as well as around 30 papers. His latest works are as follows: "Russian Influence in Bosnia and Herzegovina: How Russia's Support for Anti-NATO Forces Could Re-shape the Country and the Region," in Democracy and Security in Southeastern Europe, "Energy Geopolitics in the Balkans," published by FES and FPI, Sarajevo, 2020; "Maps in International Security: Revealing the Unseeable," in Journal of Regional Security; "Popular Geopolitics" (2021); and "Intercepted Conversations: Preparations for War" (2022).

He supplements his academic endeavors by serving as the Vice President of the Atlantic Initiative, a Sarajevo-based think-tank focused on security and justice research, and providing consultancy to international organizations such as OSCE, IOM, and IRI. Additionally, he contributes to academic discourse as an editorial board member for various scholarly journals.



## DENISA KOSTOVICOVA

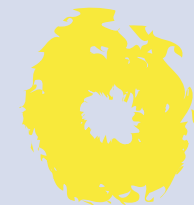
Dr. Denisa Kostovicova is Associate Professor of Global Politics at the European Institute at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is a scholar of conflict and peace processes with a particular interest in post-conflict reconstruction and transitional justice. She is the author of Reconciliation by Stealth: How People Talk about War Crimes (Cornell, 2023) and Kosovo: The Politics of Identity and Space (Routledge, 2005).

Denisa co-edited 8 volumes, including Rethinking Reconciliation and Transitional Justice After Conflict (Routledge, 2018). Dr Kostovicova's research has been funded by a number of prestigious grants, including those by the Leverhulme Trust, MacArthur Foundation and Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), among others. Her academic research has been published widely in world leading scholarly journals, such as International Studies Quarterly, Security Dialogue and International Journal of Transitional Justice.

Denisa currently directs a major research programme funded by the European Research Council, titled 'Justice Interactions and Peace-building (JUSTINT).' She has authored a number of policy papers on issues concerning Western Balkans' European integration, post-conflict recovery and regional security.

Her academic research and policy contributions have informed policy making at the EU, UN, and in the UK. Dr Kostovicova has a PhD from the University of Cambridge. Prior to joining LSE, she held junior research fellowships at Wolfson College, Cambridge and Linacre College, Oxford.

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## SYNOPSIS OF THE 2023 SUMMER SCHOOL

The following part of the brochure presents the abstracts of academic lectures and presentations delivered by some of our guest speakers. Most of the reading material [can be found here](#).

### Input Session: Ethnic conflict

*Felix Schulte*

Sunday 27 August | 15:00-16:30

This session provides an introduction to research on ethnic conflicts. The session outlines the characteristics and historical roots of ethnic conflicts as "nationality problems" and discusses key concepts. The session is divided into four sections: We will begin with a historical review and examine the emergence of nation-states and the influence of nationalism on "ethno-national" conflicts. Subsequently, key concepts and approaches to conceptualizing and operationalizing ethnic conflicts will be examined in more detail. We will then explore the empirical conflict panorama and important patterns and trends. Finally, as a prelude to the subsequent lectures and workshops, we will briefly look at ways of managing ethnic conflicts. The specific learning objectives will be explained in the session.

### Activity: International Food Evening

*Summer School Team & Participants*

Sunday 27 August | from 17:00

Get ready to embark on a mouthwatering journey around the globe, all in one scrumptious evening. Drumroll, please... It's the one and only International Food Evening, coming to you on August 27th! Picture this: You, surrounded by a symphony of laughter and the intoxicating aroma of culinary masterpieces from every corner of the earth. It's like a foodie's dream come true, and we're turning that dream into a reality.

All the participants are encouraged to bring anything edible that define their individuality. We're talking about the gems that define your homeland, the bites that transport you back to your roots with every delectable nibble. Whether it's your grandma's legendary lasagna from Italy 🇮🇹, a sizzling platter of spicy tacos that scream Mexico 🇲🇪, or even a refreshing glass of world-class French wine 🍷 that embodies sophistication – it's all fair game!

We're not just indulging our taste buds; we're fostering a vibrant melting pot of cultures, all united by the magic of food. So, whether you're from a bustling metropolis, a tranquil village, or a mystical island paradise, your dish has a spot at the global table.

And let's not forget the pièce de résistance – the mini culinary diplomacy happening in real time. Imagine exchanging tales and tastes with your newfound friends, swapping stories of tradition, heritage, and that hilarious mishap the first time you tried to cook!

### Keynote Lecture: Why do we study ethnic conflicts?

*Corinne Bara*

Monday 28 August | 09:30-11:00

This keynote lecture situates ethnic conflict research within the broader field of conflict studies. The questions addressed are: Why do we study ethnic conflict as a special case? Do ethnic conflicts have different causes than other armed conflicts? What is the role of ethnicity among risk factors for civil war, in general? The goal is to take a critical look at a subfield and enable students to choose among various approaches to studying the role of ethnicity in armed conflict.

#### Required reading:

- Cederman, L.-E., & Vogt, M. (2017). Dynamics and Logics of Civil War. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 61(9), 1992–2016. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002717721385>

#### Recommended readings:

- Denny, E. K., & Walter, B. F. (2014). Ethnicity and civil war. *Journal of Peace Research*, 51(2), 199–212. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/24557416>
- Walter, Barbara F. (2017) The New New Civil Wars. *Annual Review of Political Science* 2017 20:1, 469-486. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-060415-093921>
- King, Charles (2001) The myth of ethnic warfare, *Foreign Affairs*, 80 (6), p 167. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/reviews/review-essay/2001-11-01/myth-ethnic-warfare>

### Lecture: Different wars, different solutions?

*Corinne Bara*

Monday 28 August | 11:30-13:00

This lecture continues the theme of the keynote and asks: To what extent do ethnic conflicts require different solutions than other armed conflicts? Are they genuinely harder to solve or contain? It first provides a general overview of conflict management and conflict resolution strategies before discussing how ethnicity and ethnic conflicts are (or are not) addressed within them.

#### Required reading:

- Svensson, I., & Harding, E. (2011). How holy wars end: Exploring the termination patterns of conflicts with religious dimensions in Asia. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 23(2), 133-149. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2010.516210>

#### Recommended readings:

- Gowan, R., & Stedman, S. J. (2018). The international regime for treating civil war, 1988–2017. *Dædalus*, 147(1), 171-184. [https://doi.org/10.1162/DAED\\_a\\_00482](https://doi.org/10.1162/DAED_a_00482)
- Aguilar, S. L. C. (2021). Ethnic conflicts and peacekeeping. In: *Risks, Identity and Conflict* (pp. 157-183). Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-1486-6\\_7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-1486-6_7)

**Lecture: On the causes of ethnic conflict***Felix Schulte*

Monday 28 August | 14:00-15:30

The lecture discusses the causes of ethnic conflict, placing particular emphasis on the Grievance-Conflict Model. Following an outline of primary explanatory approaches, the lecture delves deeper into the three pivotal components of Gurr's "etiology": Identity, incentives and motivation, as well as opportunity factors. We also discuss the role of proximate causes of ethnic conflict escalation. Alongside gaining knowledge of important explanations for the outbreak of ethnic violence, students are acquainted with the challenges associated with analyzing the causes of conflict. The specific learning objectives will be explained in the session.

Recommended readings:

- Cederman, Lars-Erik, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, and Halvard Buhaug. *Inequality, Grievances, and Civil War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- Cordell, Karl, and Stefan Wolff, eds. *Routledge Handbook of Ethnic Conflict*. Routledge Handbooks. London: Routledge, 2011.
- Wimmer, Andreas. *Waves of War. Nationalism, State Formation, and Ethnic Exclusion in the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

**Group Activity: Ethnic conflict scenarios***Summer School Team & Felix Schulte*

Monday 28 August | 16:00-17:30

This activity aims to immerse participants in the complexities of ethnic conflicts, encouraging them to critically analyze real-world scenarios, synthesize knowledge from lectures and discussions, and collaborate effectively in teams.

On the first day of the summer school, participants will be divided into diverse groups, carefully selected to foster cross-cultural perspectives. Each group will receive a carefully crafted ethnic conflict scenario. These scenarios will represent various regions, historical contexts, and underlying factors, showcasing the multifaceted nature of ethnic conflicts.

As the summer school progresses, participants will delve deep into their assigned ethnic conflict cases. They will attend lectures and engage in discussions that shed light on the theoretical frameworks, historical underpinnings, and contemporary dynamics of ethnic conflicts. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with experts in the field, extracting insights that they can apply to their chosen conflict scenarios. Through peer discussions, brainstorming sessions, and guided reflection activities, they will continuously refine their understanding of their case's complexities.

During the final session of the summer school, each group will present their in-depth analysis of their assigned ethnic conflict scenario. These presentations will not only showcase the participants' grasp of theoretical concepts but also their ability to integrate various dimensions of ethnic conflicts into a comprehensive narrative. The presentations will be followed by a dynamic Q&A session, allowing participants to challenge each other's interpretations and extend their perspectives. This interactive exchange will highlight the diversity of viewpoints and the depth of knowledge gained throughout the summer school.

**Panel discussion & World café: Gender and ethnic conflict**Moderated by *Zorica Mršević*Panelists: *Sofija Todorović, Margareta Bašaragin, Sanja Čopić*

Tuesday 29 August | 09:30-13:00

This panel discussion and the subsequent world café will delve into the intersection of gender and ethnic conflict. The panelists will engage in a comprehensive exploration of the roles women play in conflicts, post-conflict settings, and peace-building processes. They will shed light on the multifaceted dimensions of gender dynamics in the context of ethnic strife.

The discussion will delve into post-conflict settings, where women's security and decision-making become vital and explore how women, victims of gender-based violence, also contribute as agents in conflict and post-conflict societies, shaped by gender roles and identities. It will also uncover the crucial involvement of women in post-conflict reconstruction and peace-building, transforming gender norms and preventing future conflicts. From the former Yugoslavia's conflicts, the panel will address gender's role in crimes, resistance, and judicial practices, especially addressing sexual violence's aftermath.

This panel will offer insights into intersectionality theory and its impact on women's experiences across multiple minority statuses.

**Lecture: The roots of ethnic cleansing in Europe: Bosnia and beyond***H. Zeynep Bulutgil*

Tuesday 29 August | 14:00-15:30

Using a new approach to ethnicity that underscores its relative territoriality, this lecture brings together previously separate arguments that focus on domestic and international factors to offer a coherent theory of what causes ethnic cleansing. The lecture will present that domestic obstacles based on non-ethnic cleavages usually prevent ethnic cleansing whereas territorial conflict triggers this policy by undermining such obstacles. This lecture is based on the empirical analysis that combines statistical evaluation based on original data with comprehensive studies of historical cases in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as Bosnia, in the 1990s. The findings demonstrate how socio-economic cleavages curb radical factions within dominant groups whereas territorial wars strengthen these factions and pave the way for ethnic cleansing.

Recommended readings:

- Bulutgil, Zeynep H. *The Roots of Ethnic Cleansing in Europe*. Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- Bulutgil, Zeynep H. "Ethnic Cleansing and Its Alternatives during Wartime: A Comparison of Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman, and Russian Empires," *International Security*, 2017, 41:4.
- Scott Straus, *Making and Unmaking Nations: War, Leadership, and Genocide in Modern Africa*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015.

## Lecture: Inequality within and between ethno-religious groups & communal riots: the case of India

H. Zeynep Bulutgil

Tuesday 29 August | 14:00-15:30

How does inequality within and between ethno-religious groups influence the likelihood and frequency of communal riots? Using evidence from India, this lecture finds that low within-group and high between-group inequality dampens the likelihood and frequency of communal riots. This lecture will suggest that the instrumental logic, which posits that ethnonationalist politicians use violence to stoke ethnic cleavages and mobilize support, best accounts for this finding. It will be argued that to be politically competitive, ethnonationalist politicians need their supporters to identify foremost with their ethnic identity. When inequality within groups is high and/or inequality between groups is low, citizens are less likely to focus on ethnicity as their primary identity. In such contexts, politicians may use communal riots to improve their electoral prospects by reinforcing the salience of ethnicity. Empirically, the lecture relies on a time-series cross-district analysis of inequality and Hindu-Muslim riots in India to test the instrumental argument against theoretical alternatives. The lecture concludes with the suggestion that communal riots are distinct from cases of mass violence – such as civil wars, genocide, and ethnic cleansing – and could be conceptualized, along with other types of small-scale political violence, as a separate class of events with their own internal logic.

### Recommended readings:

- Bulutgil, H. Z., & Prasad, N. (2022). Inequality, elections, and communal riots in India. *Journal of Peace Research*, 0(0).
- Berenschot Ward (2020) Patterned pogroms: Patronage networks as infrastructure for electoral violence in India and Indonesia. *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1):171–184.
- Vogt, Manuel (2018) Ethnic stratification and the equilibrium of inequality: Ethnic conflict in postcolonial states. *International Organization* 72(1): 105–137.

## Lecture & exercises: The "measurement" of ethnic identity and conflict

Andreas Juon

Wednesday 30 August | 09:30-13:00

This session will discuss the question of whether, and how, we will be able to measure ethnic identity and ethnic conflicts. This session will be structured in three parts:

### 1) The "measurement" of ethnic identity and conflict

In the first part, we will motivate these questions by revisiting the controversial debate on how ethnic inequality will shape the risks of civil war. We will highlight the important role that ethnic identity and grievances will play in numerous case accounts of specific ethnic conflicts. We will contrast this with skepticism from political economic approaches, which will find no explanatory role of ethnic diversity and socio-economic inequality, mainly using demographic and individual-level measures. Finally, we will discuss more recent findings in favor of grievances as an explanatory factor for civil war, which will rely on group-based measures of political and economic inequality, based on datasets such as MAR and EPR. Motivated by the far-reaching implications of this debate, we will discuss the measurement of ethnic identity and conflict more generally. For this purpose, we will discuss the widely-used Ethnic Power Relations (EPR) dataset in more detail.

We will highlight its underlying concepts of ethnic identity and horizontal inequalities and explain its various components. Using examples from the EPR dataset, we will point to two main applications of quantitative conflict data more broadly: On the one hand, descriptive statistics, which will summarize data using simple statistical measures (such as the description of trends in ethnic in/exclusion and conflict over time). And, on the other hand, inferential statistics, which will use data to generalize explanations and predictions for a larger universe of cases (such as statistical examinations of the relationship between ethnic in/exclusion and civil war onset). This part will also feature brief exercises, whereby participants will familiarize themselves with the EPR dataset.

### 2) Quantitative approaches: opportunities and challenges

In a second part, we will discuss the opportunities and challenges that will face quantitative research on conflict more broadly, once again predominantly utilizing examples related to ethnic inequality and civil war. We will start by highlighting several potential advantages: there will be a larger scope for theory building and stronger inferences, the ability to test rival explanations (such as grievance, greed, and opportunity), and transparency and reproducibility (such as making publicly available data on ethnic power relations which can be publicly scrutinized and criticized). Following that, we will conversely highlight several challenges: transforming complex concepts such as ethnic inequality into numerical measures, generalizing research findings (such as predicting diverging determinants of civil war in different world regions), measuring long-term mobilization and escalation processes, considering omitted variables for difficult-to-measure concepts (such as leadership characteristics and intersecting identities), and addressing endogeneity (where ethnic inequality will not only affect civil war risk but also the other way around).

### 3) Mapping ethnic conflict using the Ethnic Power Relations Dataset

A third part will be dedicated to a practical exercise. In small groups, the participants will work independently with the EPR dataset. They will be asked to explore the data with an eye on their own research interests in the future. Using concrete examples, they will reflect on how to measure ethnicity and ethnic conflict, think about potential advantages and challenges that will be entailed by their proposed research purposes, and present their conclusions to the other participants.

### Required readings:

- Vogt, M., N.-C. Bormann, S. Rügger, L.-E. Cederman, P. Hunziker, and L. Girardin. 2015. "Integrating Data on Ethnicity, Geography, and Conflict: The Ethnic Power Relations Data Set Family." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59 (7): 1327–42. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002715591215>.

### Recommended readings:

- Bochsler, D et al. 2021. "Exchange on the Quantitative Measurement of Ethnic and National Identity\*." *Nations and Nationalism* 27 (1): 22–40. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12688>.
- Clayton, G. 2014. "Quantitative and Econometric Methodologies." In *Routledge Handbook of Civil Wars*, edited by Edward Newman and Karl R. DeRouen, 28–40. Routledge Handbooks. London ; New York: Routledge.
- Cederman, L., and Vogt, M. 2017. "Dynamics and Logics of Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61 (9): 1992–2016. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002717721385>.
- Korf, Benedikt. 2006. "Cargo Cult Science, Armchair Empiricism and the Idea of Violent Conflict." *Third World Quarterly* 27 (3): 459–76. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436590600588018>.



## Science Slam

*Aziz Berdiqulov & Stanislav Černega*

*Wednesday 30 August | 14:00-17:00*

A science slam is a forum in which scientists present their work to a general, non-specialist audience. The aim is to communicate your ideas and research in a clear, concise, and entertaining way – and in a short amount of time. Not only is it good training for communicating complicated concepts, showing off your great ideas, and telling people what you're working on, it's also an opportunity for you to get helpful feedback on your presentation skills.

## Day Trip to Novi Sad

*Thursday 31 August*

This thoughtfully curated day trip is designed to provide participants with a firsthand experience of the intricate interplay between ethnic communities and their resilience. Novi Sad, a vibrant city nestled on the banks of the Danube River, offers a unique lens into the complexities of coexistence and harmony in a multicultural setting. Guided by local scholars and leaders, participants will explore the city's historic neighborhoods, iconic landmarks, and diverse cultural enclaves. Engaging discussions and interactive sessions will shed light on Novi Sad's journey from ethnic diversity to peaceful cohabitation, showcasing valuable lessons in conflict transformation and reconciliation.

## Visit & tour: Provincial Government and Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

The Government and Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina are situated in the building known as Banovina. This unique architectural masterpiece was constructed between 1936 and 1940, based on the design by Serbian architect Dragiša Brasovan. The Banovina building comprises two main sections: the larger one houses the Government of Vojvodina along with all its supporting services and secretariats, while the smaller one serves as the Assembly building. The entire complex is adorned with marble tablets sourced from the Croatian island of Brač. Within the building, a central staircase crafted from Karara marble adds to its grandeur.

## Presentation: Official use of languages and scripts & multiculturalism and tolerance in Vojvodina

*Adrian Borka & Bojan Greguric*

Two presentations delivered by experts from the Provincial Secretariat for Education, Administration, Regulations, and National Minorities in Novi Sad will provide profound insights into the complexities of ethnic dynamics and conflict resolution. They will offer a comprehensive view of the efforts to preserve linguistic diversity while fostering a harmonious coexistence as well discuss how proactive initiatives, educational reforms, and grassroots engagement have contributed to nurturing an inclusive society where different ethnicities thrive together.

## Visit: The National Council of the Slovak Minority in Serbia

*Dužanka Petráková*

During this engaging session, participants will have a possibility to hear from the chairwoman of the National Council of the Slovak Minority in Serbia as they shed light on the captivating theme of everyday life within the minority community. The talk will delve into the mechanisms that foster peaceful cohabitation among diverse groups in the culturally vibrant region of Vojvodina.

## Tour & outside talk: Multiculturalism in Vojvodina

*Milena Sekulić*

The territory of today's Autonomous Province of Vojvodina has undergone multiple leadership changes throughout history. Starting from the Middle Ages, it was ruled by various powers including the Byzantine Empire, the Kingdom of Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and the Habsburg Monarchy. In 1918, Vojvodina became part of the Kingdom of Serbia and subsequently the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, later evolving into the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. The rulers of this region were predominantly affiliated with their respective nations or closely related ones. As a result, present-day Vojvodina stands as a distinctive area characterized by its diverse ethnic composition, hosting over 20 different nations. By analyzing population trends, we aim to trace the historical evolution of certain national minorities within this region, with a particular focus on the period following the Second World War up to the present day.

## Panel discussion: International organizations and ethnic conflict - navigating peace in a diverse world

Moderated by *Ljubica Djordjević*

Panelists: *River Hustad, Milica Rodić, Nadia Ćuk*

*Friday 1 September | 09:30-11:00*

Ethnic conflicts continue to pose significant challenges, impacting communities, stability, and human rights. These conflicts have multiple and complex implications that extend beyond the borders of the countries involved. All of this calls for the international community to intervene. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, understanding the approaches and actions of international organizations becomes highly relevant. International organizations play a crucial role in responding to these complex conflicts, seeking to mitigate violence, protect human rights, and foster sustainable solutions.

The panel brings together practitioners from the OSCE and the Council of Europe to shed light on the critical role they play in addressing ethnic conflicts. Through interactive discussions, we will explore general approaches to ethnic conflicts, successful initiatives in dealing with ethnic conflicts, core strategies or mechanisms for conflict prevention or resolution, main challenges, as well as safeguards for peace sustainability.

## Lecture: International organizations and ethnic conflict - promoting lasting peace

*Ljubica Djordjević*

*Friday 1 September | 11:30-13:00*

As a follow-up to the panel, the aim of the lecture is to delve into the role of international organizations in navigating the complex landscape of ethnic conflict. From prevention to post-conflict resolution, we will uncover the multifaceted approaches and interventions that shape the path towards sustainable peace in diverse societies. We will start by exploring the significance of early warning systems and other mechanisms employed by international organizations to prevent the escalation of ethnic tensions into violent conflict. Next, we will examine the role of international organizations in safeguarding communities in conflict zones. Furthermore, with diplomacy at the forefront, we will delve into the art of peace negotiations facilitated by international organizations.

We will explore successful instances of dialogue and the challenges faced in finding common ground and forging lasting agreements. Addressing the aftermath of conflict, we will delve into the complexities of post-conflict reconstruction, which involves rebuilding communities, infrastructure, and social institutions to foster resilience and sustainable peace. Finally, we will shed light on the issue of human rights violations and explore how international organizations champion human rights, document abuses, and advocate for accountability.

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Recommended readings:

- Raymond C. Taras and Rajat Ganguly, *Understanding Ethnic Conflict*, Routledge, 2016 (4th edition), Chapter 4: Resolving Ethnic Conflicts Through International Intervention.
- Natalie Sabanadze, "Twenty Years of Conflict Prevention: Reflections on the Work of the OCSE High Commissioner on National Minorities", IFSH (ed.), OSCE Yearbook 2012, Baden-Baden 2013, pp. 237-247.
- Stefan Wolff, The EU and Annemarie Peen Rodt, "The EU and the Management of Ethnic Conflict", in: Marc Weller, Denika Blacklock, and Katherine Nobbs (eds.), *The Protection of Minorities in the Wider Europe*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008, pp. 128-153.

**Panel discussion & World Café:** Challenges and trends of power-sharing

Moderated by *Daniel Bochsler*

Panelists: *Rubin Zemon, Joanne McEvoy, Goran Marković*

Friday 1 September | 14:00-17:30

This panel brings together experts in the field to explore various dimensions of power-sharing systems. The speakers will delve into critical aspects of power-sharing, its evolution over time, and the intricate dynamics of defining communities and groups within these systems. A fourth theme will be proposed by the summer school students allowing for a fresh perspective informed by the students' evolving understanding of power-sharing dynamics.

**Panel discussion:** Bottom-up peace building

Moderated by *Sead Turčalo*

Panelists: *Velma Šarić, Dejana Stošić, Marijana Toma, Denisa Kostovicova*

Saturday 2 September | 09:30-11:00

This panel discussion features speakers who have dedicated their lives to advocacy, human rights activism, and conflict resolution. Through their unique experiences, they have actively worked towards the protection of human and minority rights, facilitated peace processes, and navigated the complex terrain of ethnic conflicts. Their narratives highlight the profound impact of their work, showcasing the transformational power of activism in safeguarding minority rights and fostering harmonious coexistence.

**Lecture:** Transitional justice and mass atrocity crimes: elusive reconciliation?

*Denisa Kostovicova*

Saturday 2 September | 11:30-13:00

The lecture introduces students to transitional justice as a theory and practice that are focused on how states and societies address the legacy of violence. The pursuit of justice in the aftermath of mass atrocity and gross human rights violations has become a norm in the globalised post-Cold War world. Transitional Justice rests on the premise that states and societies ought to engage with the difficult past in order to transition from conflict to peace and reconcile with former adversaries. While it is now unthinkable to talk about peace without addressing the question of accountability for war crimes, the question of how this can be done effectively continues to puzzle both researchers and practitioners. We have observed the proliferation of transitional justice instruments, ranging from war crimes trials, truth commissions or reparations to most recent innovations, including artistic and digital memorialisation practices. At the same time, the limitations of transitional justice practices have become evident. Instead of promoting peace and reconciliation, transitional justice practices, such as war crimes trials, truth commissions, reparations and others, have often had the opposite impact: they have further divided communities, distorted the truth about suffering, and traumatised rather than dignified the victims. Using a range of empirical examples from post-conflict societies around the world, the lecture will explore the role of transitional justice in recovery from mass atrocity in the light of its intended and unintended consequences in societies transitioning from conflict to peace.

Required reading:

- Kostovicova, Denisa (2023), *Reconciliation by Stealth: How People Talk about War Crimes* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), "Introduction: Reconciliation through Public Communication", pp. 1-16.

Recommended readings:

- Newman, Michael (2019), *Transitional Justice* (Cambridge: Polity), Chapter: "Introducing Transitional Justice", pp. 1-25.
- Bakiner, Onur (2016), *Truth Commissions: Memory, Power, and Legitimacy* (Philadelphia: Pennsylvania University Press)
- Kurze, Arnaud and Christopher K. Lamont (2019), *New Critical Spaces in Transitional Justice: Gender, Art and Memory* (Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press).
- Orentlicher, Diane (2018), *Some Kind of Justice: The ICTY's impact in Bosnia and Serbia* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Rubin, Maxine (2020), "Politicized Justice: Africa and the International Criminal Court", *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, 14(2): 401-411.
- Teitel, Ruti (2003), "Transitional Justice Genealogy", *Harvard Human Rights Journal* 16: 69-94

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