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Learning lessons from a violent past for a peaceful future

Seminar cycle Bosnia and Herzegovina – France – Germany
in the framework of
the South Eastern Europe Initiative of the Franco-German Youth Office
and of Memory Lab – Trans-European Exchange Platform on History and Remembrance

General information

Organization:

Memorial of Buchenwald, Germany; Foundation of Les Milles Camp – Memory and Education, France; Forum ZFD (Forum Civil Peace Service), Bosnia and Herzegovina ; History Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Phases:

- First seminar in Fall 2018 in Sarajevo and Mostar: 30 September 2018 (arrival day in Sarajevo) – 6 October 2018 (departure day from Sarajevo)
- Second seminar in Spring 2019 in France (Aix-en-Provence, Marseille)
- Third seminar in Fall 2019 in Germany (Buchenwald, Weimar)

Aims, topics and methods of the seminar cycle

What is the role and the responsibility of education when dealing with the difficult past of wars and mass violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina, France and Germany? And what we can learn from history to respond to current socio-political challenges in European societies, as for example, nationalism, xenophobia or populism? These are the core questions this international seminar cycle wants to tackle. It is organized by four institutions from three different countries which all, in their own way, work in an educational perspective on violent periods of their respective countries: the Second World War in France and in Germany for the Memorial Site of Les Milles Camp and the Buchenwald Memorial, and the 1992-1995-war as well as the Second World War in Bosnia and Herzegovina for Forum ZFD and the History Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The concrete aims of the project are the following:

1. To live the experience of an intercultural exchange
2. To learn about the history and the memories of periods of war and mass violence in the 20th century in Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and Germany
3. To learn about educational concepts and approaches how to deal with violent pasts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and Germany
4. To work on the question how to connect the past to current socio-political challenges in our societies

5. To work on concrete tools and means to deal with difficult past and how to use these in the daily work in order to address current socio-political challenges

The project will bring together educators, teachers, student-teachers, NGO-representatives and other multipliers from Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and Germany, who will meet in the framework of three five-days-seminar in each of the respective countries. The participants will work together in order to exchange their experiences and learn from each other, in connection with field visits, presentations, discussions with external experts, educational exercises and group work, in a spirit of intercultural cooperation and of multi-perspectivity. The seminar cycle will also be an opportunity for working on common outputs, for networking and for developing further collaborative projects.

Target group:

Educators, teachers, student-teachers, NGO-representatives and other multipliers who are working in an educational context on history and/or current socio-political challenges, and are living in Bosnia and Herzegovina, France or Germany.

Seven participants from each of the three involved countries, 21 participants all together.

The participants should take part in the three phases of the seminar cycle.

A good knowledge of the English language is requested.

The organizers will cover the costs for the program, the accommodation (in two-bed-rooms), the meals and the transfers during the seminars, while the travel costs to the seminar places will be reimbursed up to a certain amount after each seminar on the basis of the guidelines of the Franco-German Youth Office (max. 0,24 € per km from the town of departure to the seminar place, see:

<https://www.dfwj.org/ressourcen/fahrtkostenberechnung-fur-die-forderakten-im-dfwj.html>)

The participation fee for persons living in France and Germany is 50 € per seminar, and for persons living in Bosnia and Herzegovina 20 € per seminar.

Applications:

If you are interested to participate please send your CV and a motivational letter until 15th July 2018 at the latest to krizanovic.tijana@muzej.ba (for persons living in BiH), to jkoenig@buchenwald.de (for persons living in Germany), or to christian.melka@campdesmilles.org (for persons living in France). You will be informed about the decision concerning your application until end of July 2018 at the latest.

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For more information, please contact one of the members of the organization team.