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A transgenerational perspective
on conflict-related sexual violence:
Facing the Past – Transforming
the Future

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Bosniak Institute, Sarajevo, Bosnia and
Herzegovina



Welcome

On behalf of the Children Born of War network (CHIBOW ITN) we warmly welcome you to our Sarajevo Conference *A transgenerational perspective on conflict-related sexual violence: Facing the Past – Transforming the Future*.

This meeting will bring together academic partners and non-academic stakeholders in an important area of study, knowledge exchange and cross-sectoral collaboration. We intend to foreground some key themes around experiences of conflict-related sexual violence and their impact on post-conflict society with particular emphasis on the Bosnia and Herzegovina. Focal points of the meeting will be issues of identity, belonging, mental health outcomes and psychosocial support from an interdisciplinary and transgenerational perspective, as well as aspects of healing of human rights violations in conflict and post-conflict societies in Europe and beyond.

We are delighted to be joined by Monika Hauser, representing *medica mondiale*. Almost exactly 25 years ago, in April 1993, this women's rights organisation opened a project house in Bosnia aimed at supporting women affected by war-related sexual violence, a service taken up by more than 4,000 women in its first year of operation. Since then, more than 150,000 women and girls globally have benefitted from *medica mondiale's* support, and Monika Hauser's perspective on memorisation and recognition of human rights violations will provide invaluable insights into lessons to be learnt from quarter of a century of *medica mondiale's* experiences.

We will screen the award-winning film "*Grbavica – Esma's Secret*", and have the opportunity to discuss the film with representatives from the Bosnian Association *Forgotten Children of War*, and of War Child's Youth Engagement Panel (UK), thus allowing us to put centre-stage the transgenerational aspects of the complex healing processes.

We would like to express our gratitude to the ITN partners, the University of Greifswald and the University of Leipzig, and in particular Amra Delic, Sophie Roupertz and Kimberley Anderson the doctoral researchers, who have put together this exciting programme. Thanks also to all participants, academic and non-academic, from different generations, disciplines, nationalities and ethnicities, for joining us for this meeting – we look forward to engaged conversations and fruitful exchanges across sectoral and disciplinary boundaries.

Sabine Lee and Heide Glaesmer

Detailed Programme

Monday, 14th of May 2018

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome

Sabine Lee (University of Birmingham, UK)

Amra Delic (University of Greifswald, Germany)

09:30 – 11:30 Panel I

Chair: Sabine Lee

Heide Glaesmer (University of Leipzig, Germany):
Long-term consequences of conflict-related traumatic experiences and sexual violence – a transgenerational perspective

Esmina Avdibegovic (University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina):
Lesson learned from psychosocial approach in helping victims/survivors of gender-based and conflict-related sexual violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 Panel II

Chair: Sabine Lee

Monika Hauser (*medica mondiale*, Germany):
Healing of human rights violations needs memorisation and recognition of society & politics – 25 years of experience of medica mondiale in conflict & post-war regions

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 Panel III

Chair: Sabina Alispahic (University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Kimberley Anderson (Psychotraumacentrum Zuid Nederland, Reinier van Arkel Groep, 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands):
Mother-child attachment representations in traumatized refugee mothers: Case examples from the Netherlands

Sophie Roupetz (University of Leipzig, Germany):
Mother-child attachment of children born of rape in Post-WII Germany

Amra Delic (University of Greifswald, Germany):
Lived experiences of children born of recent war in Bosnia and Herzegovina – How we can make it better in post-conflict settings?

15:30 – 16:00 Summary, discussion, future directions

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 19:00 Film screening (*Grbavica – Esma's Secret*) and roundtable discussion with

Ajna Jusic and Alen Muhic (Representatives from the Bosnian Association “Forgotten Children of War”)

Lejla Damon (Representative of War Child’s Youth Engagement Panel, UK)

Sabina Basic

Godelieve Mukasarasi (Solidarity for the Development of Widows and Orphans to Promote Self-Sufficiency and Livelihoods (SEVOTA), Rwanda)

Monika Hauser (*medica mondiale*, Germany)

Moderation: Sabine Lee and Heide Glaesmer

19:00 – 21:00 Dinner and reception

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Sabina Alispahic, *University of Sarajevo, BiH*

Sabina Alispahic is a gestalt psychotherapist under supervision and an assistant professor of clinical psychology at the Department for Psychology of the Philosophical Faculty, University of Sarajevo. Her book *Psihologija boli* (Psychology of Pain) was published in 2016.

Kimberley Anderson, *Psychotraumacentrum Zuid Nederland, NL*

Kimberley Anderson is a PhD student of the clinical facility Psychotraumacentrum Zuid Nederland, Reinier van Arkel Group, the Netherlands. She is currently working with refugee and asylum-seeker mothers in the Netherlands who have children born of sexual violence. Her research focuses on present-day conflicts across the world and the added burden of migration and asylum. She holds a Master of Science in Child & Adolescent Mental Health from University College London.

Esmina Avdibegovic, *University of Tuzla, BiH*

After obtaining her specialisation in neuropsychiatry in 1991 in Sarajevo, Professor Avdibegovic pursued a Master in the field of mental health of women. She is engaged in the processes of reform of mental health services in BiH, empowerment of user organizations, and through NGOs in providing support and assistance to victims and survivors of genocide, torture and war trauma. She currently works as a psychiatrist and group analyst at University Clinical Centre in Tuzla, and teaches at the Faculty of Medicine and the Department for social work at the University of Tuzla.

Amra Delic, *University of Greifswald, DE*

Amra Delic is a specialist in neuropsychiatry and psychotherapist with two decades of practical experience working in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Her Master's thesis examined the quality of life and long-term mental health outcomes in Bosnian women survivors of wartime rape. Currently, Amra is in her final year of a PhD at the University of Greifswald and visiting researcher at the University of Leipzig, Germany, with a research focus on children born of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Heide Glaesmer, *University of Leipzig, DE*

Dr. Heide Glaesmer is psychologist and trained psychotherapist (CBT) and is the head of the research group “Psychotraumatology and migration research” and the vice head of the Department of Medical Psychology and Medical Sociology at University of Leipzig. She is member of the International Network for Interdisciplinary Research on Children Born of War (INIRC) (www.childrenbornofwar.org) and the director of training of the EU-funded Innovative Training Network “Children born of war” (www.chibow.org).

Monika Hauser, *medica mondiale, DE*

Dr Hauser is specialist in gynaecology, and established together with female Bosnian doctors and psychologists Medica Zenica women’s therapy centre in Central Bosnia, and later medica mondiale, which today provides psycho-social and legal support to women and girls who have experienced sexualised war-related violence in conflict zones worldwide. In her work she campaigns for the removal of the societal taboo that surrounds rape in wartime and makes use of conferences and seminars to pass this message on to professional women and men in the affected areas. For her initiative she has received numerous awards, including the Right Livelihood Award, also known as the alternative Nobel Prize, in 2008.

Sabine Lee, *University of Birmingham, UK*

Sabine Lee is Professor of Modern History at the University of Birmingham. She has published widely on the social consequences of conflict. Her most recent book *Children Born of War in the 20th Century* (Manchester University Press, 2017) focusses on the experiences of children fathered by foreign soldiers and born to local mothers in diverse 20th century conflicts.

Godelieve Mukasarasi, *SEVOTA, Rwanda*

Immediately following the genocide in Rwanda Godelieve Mukasarasi used her background in social work to establish an organization called Solidarity for the Development of Widows and Orphans to Promote Self-Sufficiency and Livelihoods (SEVOTA), to promote the socio-economic rights of Rwandans

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widowed and orphaned by the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Godelieve is also founder of a women's peace network, Urunana, and is also the senior co-organizer of Fora ABIYUBAKA, a group comprised of women who have children born from rape. She has received international recognition for her efforts, including the 2011 Winner of the Human Rights International Award.

Sophie Roupetz, *University of Leipzig, DE*

Sophie Roupetz is a PhD student in the Department of Medical Psychology and Medical Sociology at the University of Leipzig, Germany. Her project considers the psychological impact of growing up as an occupation child born of rape after World War II, in Germany and Austria. She holds a Master of Science in Psychology from the University of Vienna and is a trained Clinical and Health Psychologist.

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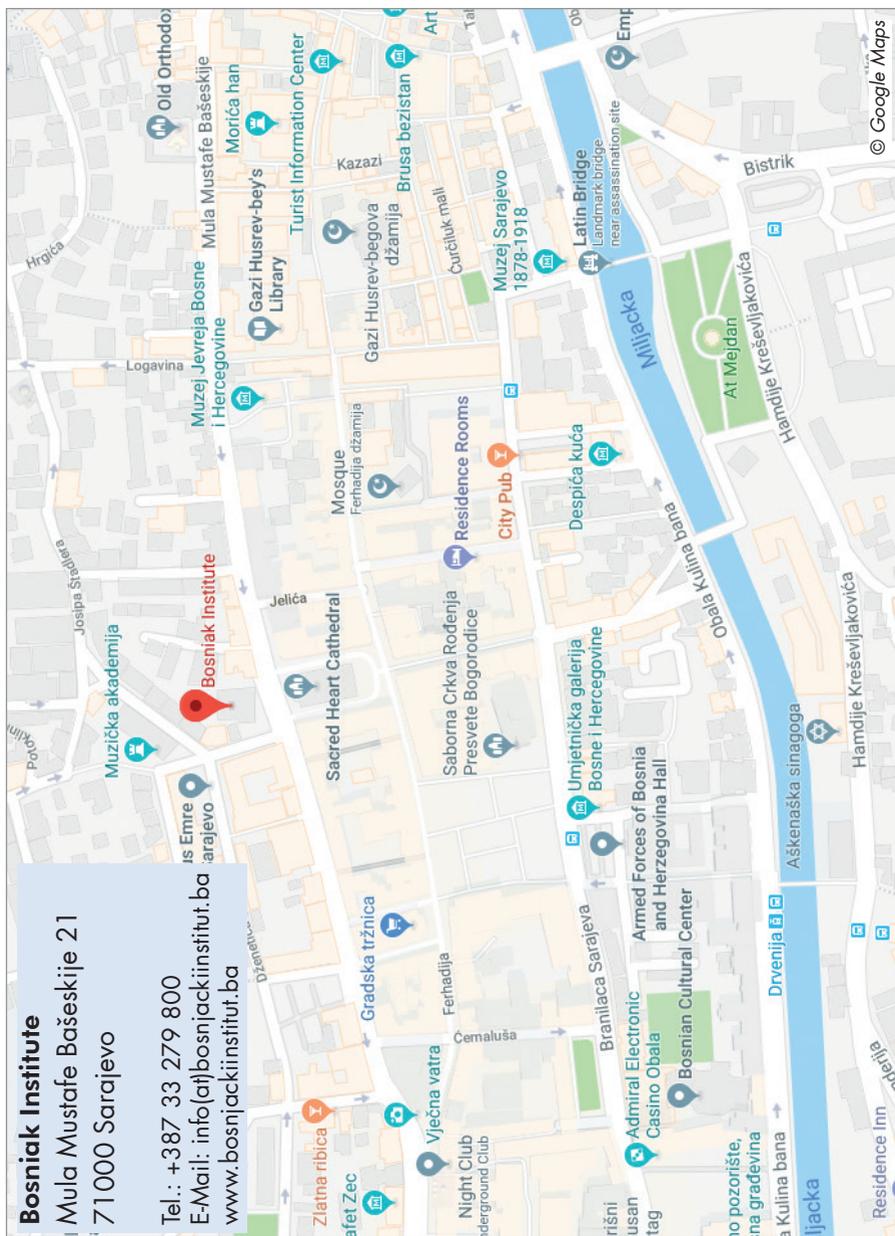
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About CHIBOW

CHIBOW (Children Born of War – Past, Present, Future) is an H2020 Marie Curie Innovative Training Network (ITN), supporting a new generation of researchers to advance our knowledge and understanding of the lived experiences of Children Born of War in a variety of 20th century conflict and post-conflict situations. For more information refer to www.chibow.org.

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