

# Straniak Academy

for Democracy and Human Rights

**6 to 19 September 2015, Ulcinj/Montenegro**

## Information for students

**Dear students and new graduates,**

We invite you to apply for the third *Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights*, which will take place from **6 to 19 September 2015 in Ulcinj/Montenegro**.

The Academy was established in 2013 by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights - Research association (BIM) in Vienna in cooperation with the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Vienna and the Faculties of Law and Political Science of the University in Montenegro.

The name of the Straniak Academy refers to the Hermann and Marianne Straniak Foundation, Sarnen/Switzerland, being the main facilitator of the Academy. The Foundation's objective comprises, *inter alia*, the promotion of the goals, ideas and values of the European Convention of Human Rights, in particular in East and Southeast Europe.

The Academy was and is also supported by other sponsors i.e. the Central European Initiative (CEI), the agricultural company Agrana, the assurance company UNIQA, and several law firms such as Grilc Vouk Škof, Lansky Ganzger & partners, and others, providing stipends for students, as well as the Humboldt Society for German-Montenegrin cultural exchange.

### ***Aim and concept of the Academy***

The goal of the Academy is to promote academic education on democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the Western Balkan region as a specific focus. The Academy establishes a link connecting academia and practice, promoted through an interdisciplinary and interactive format. To keep abreast with political, legal and social changes and to underscore the Academy's continuous relevance for future professionals, a reasonable part of each year's programme focuses on specific themes.

The intense two-week programme includes courses and workshops on different thematic fields such as concepts of democracy in a globalised world, the international and regional human rights instruments and standards (UN, CoE, OSCE, EU), the relevance of the rule of law, the efficiency of judicial systems, and also includes special human rights related topics.

### ***Who teaches?***

Lecturers at the Straniak Academy are experienced professors, regional and international experts and practitioners who will teach in “tandems” representing different subject-specific and regional approaches. The students will not only have the opportunity to listen to presentations, but will also actively participate in discussions, workshops, roundtables and evening talks. They will get insights into the every-day work of practitioners and experts, such as judges, officials, lawyers, politicians and journalists, economists as well as representatives of the civil society.

### ***Who is eligible to apply?***

We invite motivated students and new graduates with different academic background – who are especially interested in democracy, human rights and the rule of law – to apply for the programme. The target group are in particular students from the Western Balkan region and from EU Member States. Students coming from other countries are also welcome to apply, however preference will be given to students coming from the above mentioned target regions.

### ***Programme and time management***

The syllabus of the Academy 2015 will be uploaded in April 2015, available on the website of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights:

<http://bim.lbg.ac.at/en/straniak-academy-democracy-and-human-rights-0>

In general, the lessons will take place daily in the morning and in the afternoon, except for two afternoons for free time. On some days, evening discussions on current topics will take place with invited experts and practitioners.

### ***Free time***

During noonday the students will not only have time for lunch, but also to relax on the beach which is right underneath the hotel. On two afternoons, no courses will take place. Ulcinj is a very nice place for young people, with a lot of bars, discos, esplanades, ancient romantic squares, castles, and wonderful beaches. An excursion will be organised during the weekend to Cetinje, the mountain of Lovćen and the wonderful historic towns of Budva and Kotor.

### ***Certificates and credits***

Students will receive a diploma and a certificate after the final exam. The preconditions for a positive evaluation are to pass the exam (multiple choice questions and short open questions) and active participation during the two weeks.

Transfer of ECTS is possible according to the plan and programme of the students’ respective faculties and universities. Students will have to inform themselves regarding the necessary procedure and documents required for approval and transfer of ECTS at their faculties/universities. The Straniak Academy team will provide all necessary support in organisational and administrative matters to the students.

### ***Fees and other costs***

The participation fee is EUR 150 for students and new graduates from the Western Balkan region and EUR 250 from EU and other countries. Travel costs have to be borne by the participants themselves. Accommodation including half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner) for the two weeks is covered by the Academy.

### ***Venue***

Students and lecturers will be accommodated in the hotel complex “Dvori Balsića” and “Palata Venezia”, both situated side by side at the wonderful historic fortress of Ulcinj, with a famous panorama over the bay of Ulcinj:

<http://www.hotel-dvoribalsica-montenegro.com/de/>

<http://www.hotel-palatavenezia-montenegro.com/>



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The lessons and workshops will take place in the conference room of the hotel “Palata Venezia” with a wonderful terrace and enough space for working groups. The hotel has a separate beach underneath the fortress, which can be used during the two weeks.

### ***How to apply?***

If you are interested to participate, please fill in the **application form** and send it, together with your **CV and a motivation letter IN ONE PDF DOCUMENT until 21 June 2015 to the following e-mail addresses** of the Academy’s team (see below):

[hannes.tretter@univie.ac.at](mailto:hannes.tretter@univie.ac.at), [ijelic@yahoo.com](mailto:ijelic@yahoo.com), [n.radovic@univie.ac.at](mailto:n.radovic@univie.ac.at)

The Straniak Academy team will inform you about the **selection results until 10 July 2015**. The **registration fee** has to be transferred not later than **31 July 2015**, confirming your participation. Please note that due to organisational reasons and fairness, candidates who do not transfer the registration fee in due time, will be excluded from the list of participants and a candidate from the waiting list will be contacted instead. The Straniak Academy team will contact the **waiting list** candidates until 7 August 2015 who will have to transfer the registration fee not later than 14 August 2015.

### ***Selection criteria***

The Selection Committee of the Straniak Academy will select **30 to 35 students** after close consideration of the following **selection criteria**: motivation of the candidates, academic achievements and advancement in the respective studies, academic background, practical experience, equal gender proportion, regional proportion.

### ***Cancellation***

The cancellation of the application has to be submitted in writing **not later than 4 weeks before the start of the Academy**. The **cancellation fee** amounts to 30% of the tuition fee. If an application is not cancelled in due time, the cancellation fee amounts to 100% of the tuition fee.

### ***The Academy's team:***



**Prof. Hannes Tretter, Director**

Associate Professor for Fundamental and Human Rights Law at University of Vienna and Scientific Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Vienna



**Prof. Ivana Jelić, Deputy-director**

Associate Professor for Public International Law, Human Rights Law and Diplomatic and Consular Law at the Faculties of Law and Political Science of the University of Montenegro



**MMag. Nina Radović, Coordinator**

Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Assistant to Professor Tretter at the Faculty of Law of the University of Vienna

***For all additional questions, please visit our website and do not hesitate to contact us:***

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### **About the Straniak Academy**

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In 2015, the Academy will take place for the third time in Montenegro from 6 to 19 September 2015 in Ulcinj, in the hotel complex "Dvori Balsića" and "Palata Venezia".



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### **Aim of the Academy**

The goal of the Academy is to promote academic education on democracy, human rights and the rule of law by linking academia and practice, promoted through an interdisciplinary and interactive format. Special focus is set on the Western Balkan region.

### **Concept and Programme**

The Straniak Academy offers an intense two weeks programme to advanced students from the Western Balkan region, EU Member States and other states,

who will have the unique opportunity to work with experienced professors, practitioners, and international/regional experts and to elaborate important issues on democracy, human rights and the rule of law. The lessons, provided in "tandems" of teachers with different academic and regional backgrounds, will take place daily in the morning and in the afternoon (with the exemption of two afternoons for free time), followed by evening discussions and round tables.

Between the lessons, students will have time to enjoy the sea and explore the cultural heritage of Montenegro!

### **Certificates and credits**

After passing the final exam, students will get a certificate of the Academy. The transfer of ECTS is possible according to the plan and programme of the student's respective faculties or universities.

### **Application fees and accommodation**

Students and graduates from Western Balkan states: **EUR 150.**

Students and graduates from the EU and other countries: **EUR 250.**

The Straniak Academy covers the costs for the courses and accommodation (half board including breakfast and lunch or dinner in the hotel).

**Call for applications open until 21 June 2015!**

**More information** about the application procedure and reports about the Straniak Academy are available on the following website:

<http://bim.lbg.ac.at/en/straniak-academy-democracy-and-human-rights-0>

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### Programme

6 to 19 September 2015

Ulcinj/Montenegro

#### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

- 18:00-19:30 Welcome drink  
Welcome by the leading team of the Straniak Academy
- *Hannes Tretter*
  - *Ivana Jelić*
  - *Nina Radović*
- Introduction of students and organisational questions
- 19:30 Welcome addresses by
- H.E. *Johann Fröhlich*, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria
  - Mr. *Milan Mrvaljević*, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Austria
  - Deans or Vice-deans of the Faculties of Law and of Political Science of the University of Montenegro
- 20:00 Reception

#### Part 1: Introduction

#### Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

- 09:30-11:00 Initial lessons & discussions: What does democracy, rule of law and human rights mean? Is there a coherence of them? What are the powers in a modern democracy, how does the system of 'checks & balances' work? (*Hannes Tretter* and *Ivana Jelić*)
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-13:00 Concepts & standards, strengths & weaknesses of modern democracies (*Sonja Tomović-Šundić* and *Vedran Džihić*)
- 13:00-15:30 Lunch & Beach

- 15:30-17:30 Reality of democracy in Southeast European States (*Sonja Tomović-Šundić and Vedran Džihić*)
- 17:30-18:00 Break
- 18:00-19:30 Reality of the rule of law and human rights in western Balkan states (*Vedran Džihić and Milan Popović*)

## Part 2: United Nations

### Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September

- 09:30-11:00 The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the development of the UN Human rights framework (*Hannes Tretter and Ivana Jelić*)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Actual status and challenges of the UN human rights protection system (*Hannes Tretter and Ivana Jelić*)
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Transitional justice, individual criminal responsibility and special International Criminal Tribunals (ICTY, UNICTR, SCSL, Khmer Rouge Tribunal) (*Christina Binder and Vasilka Sancin*)
- 16:30-16:45 Break
- 16:45-18:15 Transitional justice, individual criminal responsibility & the International Criminal Court (ICC) (*Christina Binder and Vasilka Sancin*)
- 18:15-18:30 Break
- 18:30-20:00 Evening discussion with legal experts from the ICTY Outreach Programme  
Moderation: *Christina Binder*

### Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September

- 09:30-11:30 Responsibility to protect (R2P) – Peace enforcement, humanitarian intervention & UN case studies (Ruanda, Kuwait-Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Iraq, Syria) (*Vasilka Sancin and Hannes Tretter*)
- 11:30-11:45 Break
- 11:45-13:00 The case of the “Islamic State (IS)” – What could/should be done with regard to R2P and international criminal jurisdiction? (*Vasilka Sancin and Hannes Tretter*)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Time for studying

### Part 3: OSCE

#### Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September

- 09:00-10:45 The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) – its history and mission & OSCE in practise (human dimension, conflict prevention, early warning, crisis management, mediation) (*Hannes Tretter and Vasilka Sancin*)
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:30 The Dayton Agreement and Bosnia and Herzegovina today (*Wolfgang Petritsch and Nina Radović*)
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 Rights of ethnic and national minorities (*Ivana Jelić and Hannes Tretter*)
- 15:00-16:00 The Ukrainian crisis – challenges and threats for the OSCE (*Wolfgang Petritsch and Vasilka Sancin*)
- 16:00-16:30 Break
- 16:30-19:30 Role play: Negotiations for a friendly settlement of the Ukraine crisis (*Wolfgang Petritsch and Vasilka Sancin*)

### Part 4: Council of Europe

#### Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September

- 09:30-11:00 Introduction into the human rights regime of the Council of Europe (*Hannes Tretter and Ivana Jelić*)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) (*Hannes Tretter and Nebojša Vučinić*)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch

### Part 5: European Union

- 14:00-18:00 The fundamental rights framework of the EU – Treaty of Lisbon, EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (CFR), the relationship between the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) before and after the accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the role of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) (*Gabriel Toggenburg and Vesna Knežević Predić*), including break
- 18:30-20:00 Evening discussion: Human rights and rule of law in the EU enlargement and integration process – achievements and challenges of the EU accession countries Montenegro, Albania and Serbia (*Wolfgang Petritsch, Gabriel Toggenburg, Svetlana Rajković*, Director General for European Integration in the Montenegrin Ministry for Foreign Affairs, *Vesna Knežević Predić*, and *N.N.* from Albania)  
Moderation: *Ivana Jelić*



## **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Excursion to Budva, Cetinje, Lovćen, and Kotor

## **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Free time & time for studying

## **Part 6: Selected human rights issues**

### **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

- 09:30-11:00 Independence and impartiality of the judiciary and procedural rights with a focus on the right to personal liberty and security (*Ivana Krstić and Christof Tschohl*)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Freedom of expression, independence and pluralism of the media as preconditions for a living democracy (*Hannes Tretter and Filip Radunović*)
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Right to vote, political participation, and transparent parliamentarism as basic elements for a living democracy (*Ivana Jelić and Olivera Komar*)
- 16:30-16:45 Break
- 16:45-18:15 Economy and human rights (*Christoph Liebscher*)
- 18:15-18:30 Break
- 18:30-20:00 Evening discussion with *Christoph Liebscher* and Montenegrin lawyers and representatives of civil society on possible political impacts of civil society and necessary legal reforms  
Moderation: *Hannes Tretter*

### **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**

- 09:30-11:00 Combating corruption and the concept of good governance (*Verena Wessely and Olivera Komar*)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Data protection and access to information (*Aleksa Ivanović and Christof Tschohl*)
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-16:30 Women's and children's rights (*Julia Planitzer and Ajša Hadžibegović*)
- 16:30-16:45 Break
- 16:45-18:15 Combating trafficking in human beings (*Julia Planitzer and Ivana Krstić*)

### **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September**

- 09:30-13:00 The principles of equality and non-discrimination & Combating discrimination and underlying ideologies like racism, anti-semitism, xenophobia, islamophobia and homophobia (*Katrin Wladasch and Mehmed Dječević*), including break
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch & Beach
- 15:00-17:30 LGBT rights (*Helmut Graupner and Jovan Kojičić*)
- 17:30-18:00 Break
- 18:00-19:30 Evening discussion with experts on gender issues and various forms of discrimination with a special focus on the Western Balkan region

### **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September**

- 09:00-11:00 Social rights and poverty reduction, right to property (*Karin Lukas and Laura Maria Crăciunean*)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Human rights and corporate social responsibility (*Karin Lukas and Vladimir Savković*)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Time for studying

### **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**

- 09:30-11:00 Prohibition of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment including CPT, OPCAT and the rights of prisoners (*Hannes Tretter and Ivana Krstić*)
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-13:00 Asylum, refugees, IDPs and immigrant societies: challenges and political concepts (*Ivana Jelić and Katrin Wladasch*)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch & Beach
- 14:00-17:00 Time for studying
- 17:00-19:00 Multiple choice test
- 20:00 Farewell party

### **Saturday, 19<sup>st</sup> September**

- 10:00 Handing over certificates to the students  
Farewell addresses and reception  
Departure

**As to the lectures:**

All lectures will be given by a **'tandem' of teachers**, namely by one expert from an EU Member State and one from a Western Balkan State.

**The teachers are** (in alphabetical order):

**Christina Binder** is University Professor of international law at the University of Vienna and Deputy Director of the interdisciplinary research centre "Human Rights". Her fields of expertise are general public international law, the law of international relations and conflicts, international human rights and humanitarian law and the rights of indigenous peoples. She regularly publishes and teaches in these fields. Christina also has long-standing work experience as independent consultant/legal expert for OSCE/ODIHR and EU election observation and assessment missions.

**Laura Maria Crăciunean** is Associate Professor PhD, at "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania, Faculty of Law, where she teaches courses on Public International Law, International Humanitarian Law and Diplomatic Law. Her research interests include economic, social and cultural rights, cultural diversity, human rights and minorities protection. She is a member of the European Society of International Law (since 2007) and serves as an independent expert in the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (since 2014).

**Mehmed Dječević** is Teaching Assistant and Researcher at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Montenegro, where he researches mainly in social psychology. He is a doctorate candidate in the department of Social Work and Social Policy at the University of Montenegro, where he defended his master thesis in social psychology in 2010. He graduated in psychology at University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2006. In addition, he attended gestalt psychotherapy and transactional analysis education for years. He contributes regularly to the international and domestic conferences and publishes.

**Vedran Džihić** is Senior Researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Politics and holds lectures at the University of Vienna. His field of expertise are socioeconomic and political transformation, conflict studies, international conflict management, European integration, EU enlargement. Since 2010, he is an Austrian Marshall Plan Fellow and Senior Fellow at the Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, USA.

**Helmut Graupner** is active in many human rights fields. He is a lawyer in private practice in Vienna and lecturer at the Vienna Academy of Sexology. He is Co-Coordinator of the European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Director for Europe of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Intersex Law Association (ILGLaw) and counsel of crime victims on behalf of victim protection centres (Vienna Ombudspersons for Children and Adolescents, Helpline for Raped Women and Girls, and others). In addition, he is co-founder and hitherto President of Law Committee LAMBDA (RKL) and Co-President of the Austrian Society for Sexologies (ÖGS), acting as counsel in leading cases before the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union, and served as an expert for the German federal parliament (Bundestag), the Austrian federal parliament (Nationalrat) and Austrian Ministers of Justice. He is also legal adviser to ILGA-Europe and temporary adviser of UNAIDS, member of the Austrian Federal HIV/Aids-Commission and of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS).

**Ajša Hadžibegović** is Program Director of the NGO Civic Alliance in Montenegro. She has professional experience as trainer on peace education, conflict transformation, human and children rights, employability, inclusion, project management, training and presentation skills, communication and fundraising. She is also a member of the working groups for drafting the Strategy for Development of the NGO sector and the Law on Youth in Montenegro.

**Aleksa Ivanović** is a member of the Council at the Agency for Personal Data Protection in Montenegro. He worked for diverse international organisations such as the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, and has profound experience in the rule of law and in the NGO sector. In addition, he was a member the working group for drafting Montenegrin law on NGOs, working group for Preparation of the Draft Law on Discrimination, and the State Committee for Reducing Weapons.

**Ivana Jelić**, Deputy Director of the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights, is Associate Professor at the Law Faculty and Faculty of Political Science in Podgorica, University of Montenegro. She teaches public international law, international human rights law and diplomatic and consular law. She has profound working experience as consultant/expert with the CoE, EU, OSCE, OECD, ICRC, UNDP, and provided expertise on the harmonization of Montenegrin legislation with EU standards. Since 2012, she is a member of the Advisory Committee on the CoE Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in respect of Montenegro. She has been recently elected as a member to the UN Human Rights Committee, for mandate period 2015-2018. She published numerous scientific papers, among which three monographs.

**Vesna Knežević Predić** is Chair in public international law and law of international organizations of the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade. She is Head of The Faculty's Center for International Humanitarian Law and International Organisations and a member of the Commission for International Humanitarian Law of the Serbian Red Cross. Prof. Knežević-Predić acted as principle legal advisor to the Ministry of foreign affairs of Serbia and has rich expertise in international academic projects. She authored several books and published extensively in international and domestic journals.

**Jovan Kojičić** is Assistant Professor in European Law. Prof. Kojičić has an extensive background in the human rights field, policy and legislative framework, as well as in environmental law and international environmental law. Prof. Kojičić obtained his Doctor of Laws (Dr. iur.) degree at the Viadrina European University in Germany. During his doctoral studies, he was awarded the prestigious German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Fellowship. Prof. Kojičić joined the Faculty of Administrative and European Studies in Podgorica in April 2008. In addition, he has finished his post-doc in the field of human rights in international law and the relation of law to social change (in the non-discrimination field) at the Lund University Department of Sociology of Law in Lund, Sweden.

**Olivera Komar** is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Political Science in Podgorica, University of Montenegro and teaches on contemporary political systems, introduction to political science, political communication, political behaviour, introduction to comparative politics, political marketing and public opinion. Since November 2012, she is Vice-dean for international cooperation at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro.

**Ivana Krstić** is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade and holds lectures on international human rights law, international public law, minority rights, animal rights, international jurisprudence with particular emphasis on the ECtHR. She has profound working experience in

diverse international organisations such as the World Bank, UNICEF, IOM, OSCE, UNHCR and UNWOMEN.

**Christoph Liebscher** not only does he have decades of experience as attorney and arbitrator. For several years, he had left the law to take over management responsibilities in several European multinationals. He is well versed in the gas industry, including gas price revisions. He publishes and lectures regularly. Having built up the arbitration department of a large CEE law firm, he founded Liebscher Dispute Management. In addition to his activities in arbitration, he advises comprehensively in dispute situations (from a legal and a business perspective).

**Karin Lukas** is Senior Researcher and Team Leader of the Human Rights in Development Cooperation and Business Team at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. She holds lectures, trainings and presentations for various target groups on human rights and business, women's rights and development cooperation. She is a member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe and works as consultant for UNDP, Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Austrian Development Agency, OMV, etc.

**Wolfgang Petritsch** was the EU's Special Envoy for Kosovo (1998-1999), EU chief negotiator at the Kosovo peace talks in Rambouillet and Paris (1999), and then High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina (1999-2002). He served as the Austrian ambassador to the UN in Geneva (2002-2008) and to the OECD in Paris (2008-2013), and was the Joseph A. Schumpeter Fellow at Harvard University (2013-2014). He is currently the President of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation.

**Julia Planitzer** works as Legal Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in the Unit for Women's Rights, Children's Rights and Trafficking in Human Beings. Her current work focuses on trafficking in human beings. Between 2010 and 2013 she was a research fellow at the Doctoral College "Empowerment through Human Rights" of the University of Vienna.

**Milan M. Popović** is a theoretician of modern society, sociologist and political scientist. He is ordinary professor at the University of Montenegro in Podgorica, teaching in the field of Modern Political Systems. Prof. Popović is visiting professor and lecturer at several European and international universities as well as local and international non-governmental programs. He declares himself as anti-war, civil and democratic activist. He is member of a large number of local and international non-governmental organizations. Prof. Popović is author of about twenty books on social sciences and two novels. He is regular columnist for the Montenegrin independent weekly *Monitor*. A more detailed biography and bibliography can be found on the website: [www.milanmpopovic.info](http://www.milanmpopovic.info)

**Nina Radović** is working for the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in Vienna as Coordinator for the Straniak Academy for Democracy and Human Rights and Coordinator for the Initiative on Supporting the Civil Society in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She holds a Master Degree in French Language and Philology and International Development and is currently enrolled at the Law Faculty of the University in Vienna. Her academic and professional focus lies on the Western Balkan region. She previously worked for the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the area of minority rights.

**Filip Radunović** works as project manager for ERSTE Foundation's Europe Programme, overseeing initiatives on media freedom, civic education and democratisation, social research and EU-Policy/good governance. He studied communication studies and political science at the University of

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