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## **The Legacy of Hannah Arendt: Beyond Totalitarianism and Terror**

### **Zaveštanje Hane Arent: s one strane totalitarizma i terora**

Belgrade/FR Yugoslavia – Hotel Intercontinental  
(July 3<sup>rd</sup> - July 7<sup>th</sup> 2002)

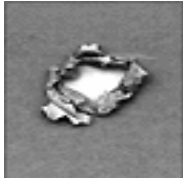
#### **I Project Background**

Democratic transformation and stabilization of the Yugoslav state and society, as well as Southeast Europe as a whole, is unlikely to be realized without fundamental reform of the institutional infrastructure system. With no structural changes of the legal, economical, political, cultural, media, and educational norms, defined by the EU, Yugoslavia will not be ready for institutional integration into the European Union and World Community. A democratic process of integration into the European Union presupposes a radical rejection of the old system, which for a long time posed a considerable threat to peace and social prosperity in the region. It is therefore our strong belief that only through (self)responsible confrontation with the *totalitarian past* (and, indeed, with the *nationalistic present*) will we be able to create the necessary precondition for a *democratic future*.

In a unique theoretical and practical manner our project **Legacy of Hannah Arendt: Beyond Totalitarianism and Terror** will search for causes and consequences of both the old totalitarianism and the new forms of terrorism, which threaten to endanger the very basis and foundation of the World Community. Arendt's heritage offers a genuine theoretical-political frame for a radical encounter with and fruitful overpowering of all forms of the "banality of evil" (wars, terror, violence, ethnic cleansing, xenophobia, hatred, discrimination, ethno-nationalism, and corruption), which – by their very definition – jeopardize individual sovereignty and human freedom. It is clear that solution for local, regional problems should not be sought for in an isolated perspective of *domestic politics*, but primarily inside international, global *foreign policy*. Thus, the answer and solutions must be looked for only in a unique field of indiscriminate liberal-democratic politics which will unite the World Community on its road to general contentment and Kantian "eternal peace".

Finally, the project will not exclusively deal with theoretical investigation of causes and consequences of totalitarianism and terror. On the contrary, in accordance with practical aims set out by the *The Citizens' Pact for South Eastern Europe* (an initiative of civil society groups in South Eastern Europe and the rest of Europe in response to the establishment of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) we will attempt to promote real implementation of the *normative models* for stability, peace and democracy in the region.

Our goal is to encourage and oblige state institutions and social actors to *accelerate* the process of overpowering the current situation in the region, deeply marked by its tumultuous recent past and still haunted by its ghosts. In the heart of South-East Europe, struck by the tragic events of war, peace is still fragile and threatened by burning ethnic conflicts and weak democratic institutions.



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## **II PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

### ➤ **International conference** Belgrade/FR Yugoslavia – Hotel Intercontinental

to be realized in the period of five days (from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> 2002) in the form of 6 sessions. Each session will be presided by the key-note speaker and nine guest co-speakers.

The conference will host 60 guests from Western Europe, United States and South-East Europe; all six sessions will be open for the public, the organizers expect approximately hundred professors, academics and students from the region.

Included in the conference are evening panels dedicated to the theme:

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REGIME IN YUGOSLAVIA/SERBIA:

- Responsibility in/of politics and economy:

**Mr. Zoran Djindjic** (Serbian Prime Minister)

**Mr. Bozidar Djelic** (Serbian Minister of Finance and Economy)

- Responsibility in/of media:

**Mr. Zarko Korac** (Deputy Prime Minister)

**Mr. Veran Matic** (Director of Radio & TV B92)

- Responsibility in/of the University:

**Ms. Srbijanka Turajlić** (Deputy Minister of Education and Sport)

**Mr. Vukašin Pavlović** (Dean, The University of Belgrade)

### ➤ **Exhibition**

of Hannah Arendt's photos and books: *Against "arcana imperii"*.

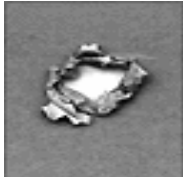
in the course of conference the Center for Cultural Decontamination

### ➤ **Promotion**

of the book: Dasa Duhacek and Obrad Savic (eds.),  
**Captives of Evil: The Legacy of Hannah Arendt.**

### ➤ **Promotion**

of the movie on Hannah Arent



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### **Project Partners:**

**Belgrade Circle**, an association of independent intellectuals, was founded in February 1992. The Belgrade Circle NGO operates through its current and new Projects: Democracy Seminars (project manager: Obrad Savić, Acting President of the Belgrade Circle NGO); University Defense Activities (project managers: Vesna Bogojević). Balkan as a Classroom (project manager: Jelisaveta Blagojević). *KRUG* Library: Works by Yugoslav Authors (ongoing long-term project, project manager: Nenad Daković); Belgrade Circle Journal (regular quarterly publication, project managers: editor, Dušan Đorđević-Mileusnić); *CIRCULUS* Edition (Project Manager: editor, Obrad Savić). The Belgrade Circle NGO has directed all its political and cultural initiatives against the militaristic policy of the state, against the war and nationalism, against populism and xenophobia during Milosevic period.. During all those war years, especially during the period of sanctions and isolation, the Belgrade Circle NGO was one of the few organization from Serbia to maintain permanent contacts with the similar organizations in Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Croatia and Slovenia.

### **Obrad Savic – Acting President**

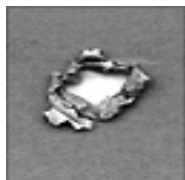
**Belgrade Women's Studies Center** is an interdisciplinary, comprehensive educational project, consisting of teaching, research and publishing programs. The Center, through addressing issues of gender, ethnicity, race, class, etc., is committed to exploring mechanisms of social marginalization, theoretically locating potential resistances to exclusionary processes and thus building models of tolerance to differences. Belgrade Women's Studies Center has a long-term strategy of gender mainstreaming and sensitizing higher education programs to issues of differences and minority rights. The Center has activities in different areas, all striving towards creating a complex educational program. The primary activity is its teaching program, framed and supported by independent research and diverse publications; it is also sustained by its library and documentation programs. The Center organizes conferences, workshops, and trainings.

### **Dasa Duhacek - Director**

The Conference will be organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry for Telecommunications, the University of Belgrade, National Library, University Library, Radio and TV B92, National TV (RTS), Center for Cultural Decontamination, and Fund for Open Society – Belgrade.

The Conference will be organized in cooperation with:

- **Hannah Arendt Center**, NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, New York, USA.
- **Hannah Arendt-Zentrum**, INSTITUT FÜR POLITIKWISSENSCHAFT, Carl v. Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany.



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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### first day – July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Arrival of conference guests – Hotel Intercontinental, Belgrade  
Opening Session – Main hotel Hall

### second day – July 4<sup>th</sup>

### third day – July 5<sup>th</sup>

### fourth day July 6<sup>th</sup>

#### ❖ morning session

- 10:00-12:00 Roundtable I:  
12:00-12:30 coffee break  
12:30-13:30 continuation of Roundtable I and discussion  
13:30-15:00 lunch break

#### ❖ afternoon session

- 15:00-17:00 Roundtable II:  
17:00-17:30 coffee break  
17:30-18:30 continuation of Roundtable II and discussion  
19:00-20:00 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

first day: Responsibility in/of politics and economy:

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20:00- dinner and free evening  
fifth day – July 7<sup>th</sup> departure of guests

Conference organizers:

**For Belgrade Circle – Obrad Savic**  
**For Belgrade Women's Studies Center – Dasa Duhacek**