



Peace Institute

Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies

Peace Institute Final Grant Report January – December 2012

Ljubljana, January 2013

GENERAL

Confirmation

- A) We confirm the receipt of the OSF funds for the year 2012 (grant period from January 1st to December 31st, 2011). The amount was 661,139.00 USD.
- B) We hereby confirm that the Grantee (Peace Institute) used the funds for the original charitable purpose, in accordance with the terms of the original Grant Agreement.

Introduction

The year 2012 was a turbulent year for Slovenia. Following early elections at the end of 2011, at the peak of the economic crisis, Slovenia obtained a new center-right government which immediately started imposing austerity measures. To secure public support for the measures and crush resistance the government portrayed the economic situation as worse than it really was, constantly referring to the possibility of an EU bailout system. In spite of the fact that addressing the crisis solely by strict austerity measures is not adequate the Slovenian government remained faithful to this approach which already resulted in a certain reduction of public systems (e.g. welfare state, universities, science institutes, public media, culture, health care), increase of poverty and precariousness of workers, and even in cases of hunger among school children. Some austerity measures were adopted in an openly discriminatory way, such as pension cuts that affected only certain categories of retirees. The governing structures also embarked on a mission to adopt as many laws as possible as quickly as possible with as little public discussion as possible. The National Assembly even adopted a unique law Slovenia has never seen before – a law by which 39 other laws from very different spheres of life were amended.

The lack of transparency of the legislative process, the lack of possibility of the people to have a say in governing public matters and the lack of legal certainty caused a significant decrease of trust in the rule of law and public institutions. The trust into authorities was further diminished due to a series of corruption, cheating and plagiarism scandals, criminal indictments and court investigations, involving various public officials (the prime minister, members of the parliament and mayors). These developments together with the growth of inequality were expected to inevitably lead to civic unrest as well as to increase of intolerance and xenophobia. In fact, in the last quarter of the year the dissatisfaction of the public with the governing structures culminated in mass protests across the country, with thousands of protesters demanding political elites to step down. Two protests turned violent, and at one of them Nazi groups were openly expressing their hatred.

Foreign media connected some of these protests with the presidential elections, however, the two events in fact had nothing to do with one another. The elections however resulted in defeat of the incumbent Danilo Türk and victory of Borut Pahor who became the first person in Slovenia to hold all leading functions plus terms as a member of the national and the European parliament. Pahor positioned himself as a supporter of the current government and many of its reforms, while Türk was highly critical both of the reforms and the government, and in particular the prime minister. The voters' turnout was 42 %, the lowest one so far.

Outstanding issues

Within this environment the Peace Institute (PI) both reacted to the developments in society at large but also continued to develop interdisciplinary research and critical stance towards issues within its main five field of work – politics, human rights and minorities, media, gender and cultural policy. As the two approaches overlap, the issues we have been working on were

constantly in the center of attention. For example, the issues of austerity, increased inequality and raising precariousness were addressed by a project “Transcontinental Cooperation in Addressing Labor Conditions and Labor Relations in the Times of Economic Crisis and Social Reforms” (funded by the joint initiative of Think Tank Fund and East East Partnership) and our long-standing program “Workers’ and Punks’ University” (led by students) which in 2012 focused on the topics of “Financialization” and “Double Crisis of Eurointegrations”. The Peace Institute consistently followed the developments concerning the protests and in one of the key moments when it was not clear whether the protests will have any effects opened up a space for discussions about the claims of the protesters by organizing a public forum titled “The Protests – Why and What Now?”.

Further, a very visible development in 2012 from the area of PI’s work was the landmark judgment concerning the ‘erased people’, delivered by the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg on 26 June 2012. The PI participated in the procedures before the Court as a third party and provided information and legal analysis of domestic legislation and practice to the attorneys (Anton Giulio Lana and Andrea Saccucci) of the applicants in the case. With this judgment the first compensations so far were recognized to the erased people. Moreover, the judgment was a pilot judgment in nature ordering the government to adopt an ad-hoc compensation scheme for all other erased people who were not applicants in this case. The success did not go unnoticed in the international NGO community as in 2012 the Peace Institute received two awards for its work on the issue of remedying the injustices of the erased people: *PILnet’s 2012 European Pro Bono Award for exemplary partnership in the public interest* and *PASOS Think-Tank Achievement Award 2012*.

Also, for a number of years the PI has been a pioneer in gay and lesbian studies. The results of our work have been cited in the Family Code bill (adopted in 2011) which would have provided same-sex couples equal rights comparing to opposite sex couples, except in the field of adoption and assisted reproduction services. When conservative groups claimed referendum against the bill the Peace Institute staff were actively engaged in public discussions on the rights of gays and lesbians, pointing out the importance of human dignity, equality, diversity and non-discrimination. With the support of the OSF Rights Initiative we carried out a poster campaign and organized a range of roundtables on the stated issues under the title “Citizens in Diversity”.

Projects and activities

In addition to the issues of erased people and the rights of gays and lesbians, in the field of **human rights and minorities** a number of other non-discrimination and anti-racism projects were carried out throughout the year, such as e.g. “RED Network Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance”, a partnership of 17 organizations aiming at providing the information on racism and discrimination across Europe on one portal (www.red-network.eu). We also continued to provide the up-dates for the European Commission on the anti-discrimination legislation within the “European Network of Legal Experts in Anti-Discrimination Field” and continued to organize anti-discrimination seminars. In 2012 were involved with providing various legal and social studies for various European agencies (the European Commission, the European parliament and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency) in the field of fundamental rights and legislation in the field of access to justice. A very new initiative developed by the PI in 2012 was a mapping of statelessness in Slovenia, conducted in partnership with UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

In the field of **politics** a number of projects were continued in addition to the already mentioned projects on transcontinental cooperation in the field of labor relation and the program Workers’ and Punks’ University. By using Arendt’s thesis about the break of western political tradition our work aimed at understanding, use and translation of some of the basic concepts of politics in the post-totalitarian age, deriving from a perspective that this thesis can help us understand

contemporary problems and with interpretation of some newer political categories. Within the politics field two PhD candidates were working on their dissertations, expected to complete their work in 2013.

Within the **media** field we continued to monitor, research and report on media policy and media practices in Slovenia, as well as on access of minorities to media. We published a book titled "Ours and Yours" written by historians Marko Zajc and Janez Polajnar. Also, we organized a number of public events in the media field and published two issues of our MediaWatch journal (42th issue in May/June and 43th issue in December 2012), both comprising 120 pages and more than 50 articles. Further, we participated in a number of regional and international networks in the media field and built partnership with relevant organizations abroad with a purpose to incorporate our work in regional and international initiatives on media freedom and accountability, and freedom of information. We also continued our engagement on issues of media ownership, its transparency and their impact on media pluralism, quality and independence.

Further, in the field of media we were engaged in an innovative and significant research project titled "Mig@net: Transnational Digital Networks, Migration and Gender" funded within the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission. The project addresses the question of participation of migrants in transnational digital networks by employing innovative methodologies. The focus of the project is on the ability of migrants to access and co-produce diverse digital networks, and use them to promote their own needs, as well as on possibilities for the promotion of intercultural dialogue and cooperation. The project is interdisciplinary and cross-cutting in relation to our work done in the previous years concerning trafficking, labor migration and precariousness of labor migrants.

In the field of **gender** we embarked on an interesting issue of the role of men in the gender equality in a project titled "Study on the Role of Men in Gender Equality in Europe". The project aims at better understanding the situations of men in education, family life, on the labor market, in health and tries to integrate a perspective of critical studies of masculinities in the gender equality research and policy strategies. In the field of gender we also focused on the question why breakthroughs in domains such as the level of education and employment in once masculinized judiciary, public administration, medical professions and others do not result (yet?) in a more balanced division of political power and responsibilities. This question was addressed within the project "Gender Structure of the Contemporary Slovene Society and Gender Positioning in the Field of Politics", funded by the Research Agency of the Republic of Slovenia. We also worked on complex inequalities, specifically the intersection of gender and ethnicity, as addressed by the project "Gender and Ethnic Discrimination from the Perspective of Complex Inequalities". In addition, we further worked with and supported the Rwandan Nyamirambo Women's Center within the "Women for Women" project.

Finally, in the field of **cultural policies** we worked on analyzing the situation of writers and translators (which intertwines with our work on increased precariousness of workers addressed under *politics*). The aim was to examine the situation of culture workers as defined by the publishing industry and by the public support mechanisms. Further, we also worked on raising awareness among the public and local authorities about the important role of culture in development strategies for third world countries and to involve more local authorities in seeking out town twinning opportunities to further development.

A very important cross-cutting program of the PI is the **East East – Partnership Beyond Borders**. In 2012 four sub-projects were carried out within this program that complemented our on-going projects. Among the four sub-projects the one on comparing media reforms stands out as it hosted participants from the Western Europe, Western Balkans, Russia, USA, Latin America, Middle East, North Africa, and East Africa.

In the field of secondary dissemination our **website** was continuously up-dated by our web-site manager and our **library** continued to be available and open for public, attracting new members every year. In addition to our regular activities, we also undertook the organization and hosting of the **20 anniversary of the OSI Slovenia** which included cultural program, speeches of honorary guests and bestowing of **Živko Pregl Award** (in cooperation with Slovene Philanthropy).

Fundraising

Throughout the year we cooperated with a number of OSF programs: The Office of the Regional Director for the Western Balkans, Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, Think Tank Fund, East East Partnership Beyond Borders, Rights Initiative. In 2012 we also signed an implementing partner's agreement with the UNHCR. In 2011 we experienced more difficulties than usually with regard to obtaining European Commission funding which encouraged us to look for funding even more intensively in 2012. The efforts paid off as we were successful in obtaining five European Commission-funded projects in the field of free movement, media, gender and trafficking, as well as racist and populist discourses.

Dr. Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
Director

CONTENT

PART 1: DETAILED ACTIVITY REPORT	8
1 POLITICS	9
<i>EWSI – European Web Site on Integration</i>	10
<i>Transcontinental Cooperation in Addressing Labor Conditions and Labor Relations in the Times of Economic Crisis and Social Reforms</i>	12
<i>QUING: Quality in Gender Equality Policies follow up project (The influence of Europeanization on the religious discourses in the public gender equality policies and politics of intimate citizenship in Turkey)</i>	16
<i>Violent Intersections: Dynamics of Societal and Political Elements of Collective Violence and Mass Crimes and their Consequences – Yugoslav and Rwandan Case: follow up</i>	18
2 HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITIES	20
<i>Mapping of Stateless Persons in Slovenia</i>	21
<i>Participating in a Coordination of NGOs in the Field of Asylum</i>	23
<i>Citizens in Diversity</i>	25
<i>The Erased: Remediating Human Rights Violations</i>	27
<i>European Network of Legal Experts in Anti-Discrimination Field</i>	29
<i>FRANET – National Focal Point of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) / Data Collection and Research Services</i>	31
<i>Migration to the Centre</i>	33
<i>RED, Network Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance</i>	35
<i>Awareness Raising Seminars on Non-discrimination and Equality for CSOs</i>	37
<i>Studies for the European Commission and the European Parliament</i>	39
<i>Violence, inequality and human rights</i>	41
3 MEDIA	43
<i>Media Watch Program</i>	44
<i>Networking and International Cooperation in the Field of Media Research, Advocacy and Training</i>	47
<i>Media and Minorities</i>	49
<i>Media Ownership / Media Pluralism</i>	52
<i>South East European Media Observatory – Building Capacities and Coalitions for Monitoring Media Integrity and Advancing Media Reforms</i>	54
<i>Mig@net: Transnational Digital Networks, Migration and Gender</i>	56
4 GENDER	58
<i>Nyamirambo Women's Center – Women for Women</i>	59
<i>Gender Structure of the Contemporary Slovene Society and Gender Positioning in the Field of Politics</i>	61
<i>Gender and Ethnic Discrimination from the Perspective of Complex Inequalities</i>	63
<i>Study on the Role of Men in Gender Equality in Europe</i>	65
5 CULTURAL POLICY	67
<i>The Efficiency of Public Support to Writers and Translators 2004–2011</i>	68
<i>Economy of Culture - AWARD project (Awareness Raising and Education for Development and Culture)</i>	70
<i>Cultural Policy Projects</i>	72
<i>The 'Politike' Book Series</i>	74

6 EAST EAST AND SECONDARY DISSEMINATION	76
<i>Workers' and Punks' University</i>	<i>77</i>
<i>Peace Insitute Website.....</i>	<i>79</i>
<i>East East Beyond Borders Program</i>	<i>81</i>
<i>Library, information and bibliographic activities of the Peace Institute library</i>	<i>83</i>
EXCEPTIONAL PROJECT.....	85
<i>Anniversary of the OSI–Slovenia and Živko Pregl Award.....</i>	<i>85</i>

LIST OF APPENDIXES:

APPENDIX 1: THE PEACE INSTITUTE EVENTS

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF ALL PROJECTS, APPLIED FOR IN 2012

PART 1: DETAILED ACTIVITY REPORT

1 POLITICS

EWSI – European Web Site on Integration

Head of project

Mojca Pajnik
mojca.pajnik@mirovni.institut.si

Project team

Veronika Bajt

Aims and goals

EWSI aims to provide policy makers and practitioners working on integration in Europe with a tool for the exchange of information and good practice on integration across Europe. It acts as a one-stop resource for people working on integration issues, both in non-governmental and governmental organisations.

Realization in 2012

According to the set tasks and obligations, also in 2012 the country coordinator continued the prescribed work of identifying relevant documents, news items, key national and local websites, events, and good practices, and posting them on the Web Site. In addition, the coordinator disseminated information about EWSI and encouraged the owners to submit their cases of good practices directly to EWSI. Furthermore, the coordinator identified relevant funding schemes to submit to Migration Policy Group - the project coordinator; promoting the Web Site within PI networks and at local, regional and national conferences, events, etc.; as well as verifying the information on the relevant Country Information Sheet and submitting proposed modifications to Migration Policy Group.

Events in 2012

The third project partner meeting took place in Brussels on 29-30 May 2012.

Available results in 2012

All the listed project activities are ongoing and all the uploaded documents, links, events, items, etc. are available on-line (see <http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/en/index.cfm>).

Funding

European Commission, Directorate General for Home Affairs.

Announcement of project continuation

It is assumed that the project activities will follow the same pattern of monthly updates and uploads to the Web Site also in 2013, though with increased workload for country coordinators.

Transcontinental Cooperation in Addressing Labor Conditions and Labor Relations in the Times of Economic Crisis and Social Reforms

Head of project

Maja Breznik
maja.breznik@guest.arnes.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

The goal is to improve the material, social and political situation of workers in non-standard labor conditions. Transcontinental peer learning will strengthen the capacities of two partners and will initiate the setting-up of suitable infrastructure to support the affected population in the future.

Realization in 2012

- Webpage
- Expert interviews
- Policy analysis
- Expert interviews / policy analysis report
- Exchange visit in Mexico
- Preparatory work for conference
- Mapping, protocols

Events in 2012

Round table: The case of Predrag Topić or solidarity put to the test, 15 February 2012.

Round table: Workers from outsourced companies or solidarity put to the test, 5 April 2012.

Lecture: A New Chapter in Working Class Struggle – Precarious Workers, conference *Mišljenje revolucije nakon izdane revolucije?*, Zagreb, 15-16 June 2012.

Round table: What we need to know about austerity measures?, 16 November 2012.

Seminar: A cycle of seminars for outer public confronting socio-economic crisis in Slovenia, Mirovni inštitut, November-December 2012.

Available results in 2012

1. BREZNIK, Maja. The double role of the writer as worker and rentier. *Primer. književ.*, June 2012, Vol. 35, No. 1, pp. 141-155.
2. BREZNIK, Maja. Vom selbstverwalteten Arbeiter zu den privaten Arbeitsmärkten. *Beton*, March 2012, pp. 9-10.
http://www.elektrobeton.net/download/Beton_Leipzig_2012.pdf.
3. BREZNIK, Maja, MOČNIK, Rastko. Erasing residence rights in Slovenia. V: BATTEGAY, Alain. *Profane Citizenship in Europe*. Paris: Éditions Le Manuscrit, 2012, pp. 77-103.
4. BREZNIK, Maja, MOČNIK, Rastko. L'effacement du droit de résidence en Slovénie. V: BATTEGAY, Alain. *Profane Citizenship in Europe*. Paris: Éditions Le Manuscrit, 2012, pp. 79-108.
5. BREZNIK, Maja. Proletarizacija delavcev v kulturi [Proletarianization of cultural workers], *Borec*, 2012 (in print).

Funding

Think Tank Fund
East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program
Open Society Foundations

Announcement of project continuation

The interim report has been positively evaluated in November. The project is labor intensive, but rewarding. For the continuation of the project we intensively search for new funding. Additional funding for the project will include more collaborators from PI and more partners, hopefully from other continents as well.

Hannah Arendt and basic concepts of politics (and how they relate to the post-socialist condition)

Head of project

Vlasta Jalušič, head of the project and mentor
jalusic.vlasta@gmail.com

Project team

Gorazd Kovačič, researcher
Tonči Kuzmanić, researcher
Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, PhD researcher
Primož Turk, researcher
Mihael Topolovec, MA researcher
Wolfgang Heuer (adviser) and other collaborators.

Aims and goals

The project is an adapted version of the bigger planned comparative project. It aims at understanding, use and translation of some of the basic concepts of politics in the post-totalitarian age, by using Arendt's thesis about the break of western political tradition. This thesis can help us understand contemporary problems and with interpretation of some newer political categories after the 1989 break with socialism, with understanding of some phenomena of global socio-economic policies and new forms of collective violence, for example. Research will focus on the notion of politics, policy and the concept of the political as related with some other chosen categories, such as power, violence, history, revolution, society and the social, economy, sovereignty, totalitarianism, etc. We will look for the streams of thought that have influenced the consideration of the break in tradition thesis and analyze their importance for contemporary situation in the 20th and 21st century. The relevance of the break of tradition thesis will be checked against the critical analysis of selected political concepts in the concrete post-socialist contexts.

Realization in 2012

- Chosen categories of analysis, workshops on the use of categories, planning of publication, book planning.
- The analysis of the concept of violence (Vlasta Jalušič).
- Analysis of the concept of truth by H. Arendt (connected with the transitional justice) being conducted (Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc).
- Analysis of the concept of political and power in Arendt and Foucault being conducted (Michael Topolovec, mentor Vlasta Jalušič).

- Book publication on the concept of the social in Hannah Arendt prepared for publication (Gorazd Kovačič).

Events in 2012

Methodological workshop and workshop on selected categories in July and December 2012.

Available results in 2012

The translation of H. Arendt's work *On Violence* finished and prepared for publication in 2013.

"Preserving the instrumentality of violence" foreword to *On Violence*. To be published in the beginning of 2013.

Against the Society. The concept of the Social in Hannah Arendt and the Limits of Philosophy. Book published by Gorazd Kovačič (PhD under co-methorship of Vlasta Jalušič)

Vlasta Jalušič (with Tonči Kuzmanić): Teaching course at the Sarajevo Peace Academy with the title Politics, Power and Inequality. 22–31 July 2012.

Vlasta Jalušič "Violence is not the worst that can happen to us", interview: <http://www.mirovna-akademija.org/rma/bhs/news-by-fma/291-intervju1>.

Vlasta Jalušič. Zlo nemišljenja. Arendovske vežbe u promišljanju kolektivnog nasilja i masovnih zločina (The Evil of Thoughtlessness. Arendtian Exercises in thinking of collective violence and mass crimes). To be published in 2013.

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency (PhD researcher), Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

The project will continue, possibly extend and with additional funding.

QUING: Quality in Gender Equality Policies follow up project (The influence of Europeanization on the religious discourses in the public gender equality policies and politics of intimate citizenship in Turkey)

Head of project

Vlasta Jalušič, PhD mentor
jalusic.vlasta@gmail.com

Project team

Ana Frank, PhD researcher

Aims and goals

The project is a follow up part of the project Quing: Quality in gender equality policies in EU and Turkey. It uses its methodology and database, but it also goes beyond that with additional fieldwork. The follow up thus represents both an enlarged dissemination and publication of the results of the project, and the continuation of analysis through a PhD project on the special case of Turkey. It focuses on the influence of Europeanization on the religious discourses in the public gender equality policies and politics of intimate citizenship in Turkey. The final result will be an interpretation of the EU enlargement strategies from the perspective of the concept of Europeanization and EU-ization, with the particular focus on the relationship of the EU towards Turkey and Islam.

Realization in 2012

Ana Frank, a PhD candidate, has been doing her concluding research in Turkey (ongoing from February) on the topic of her dissertation: *The influence of Europeanization on religious discourses in framing gender equality and intimate citizenship policies in Turkey*, consisting of policy analysis and historical contextual research. She is now writing her doctoral thesis. Focusing on discourses and policy framings of main political and civil society actors, the research aims at mapping the influence of Europeanization on changes in gender equality policies in the Turkish national context. Ana has also participated at conferences and is preparing publications on the topic.

Events in 2012

From March to December 2012: study visit to Sabanci University of Istanbul.

15–29 April 2012: Ana Frank participates as a researcher at the Corners Expedition Balkans. <http://cornersofeurope.org/>.

13–14 October 2012: Participation at the conference of Bilgi University in Istanbul: *Contemporary Turkish Studies at a Glance - Topics, Institutions and Future Perspectives*.

Article The meanings of feminism in Islamic world and the case of Turkey to be published in Časopis za kritiko znanosti, January 2013.

Available results in 2012

/

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency (PhD research and mentoring), Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

The project will finish in 2013.

Violent Intersections: Dynamics of Societal and Political Elements of Collective Violence and Mass Crimes and their Consequences – Yugoslav and Rwandan Case: follow up

Head of project

Vlasta Jalušič, mentor
jalusic.vlasta@gmail.com

Project team

Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, PhD researcher

Aims and goals

The project is a follow up part of the comparative project Violent intersections, comparing Yugoslav and Rwandan case of collective violence and post-conflict strategies. It consists of three parts. The first part represents dissemination and publication of the results of the basic project, the second, as well as the third one, are a continuation of the analysis (PhD researches) on two topics: 1.) on the issue of transitional justice – it researches the public narratives of the past in the framework of transitional justice processes in the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina; 2.) on the issue of victimization – it researches narrative constructions of victimization and victim identities.

Realization in 2012

The young researcher Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc continued research work on her PhD thesis Public Narratives of the Past in the Framework of Transitional Justice Processes: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is coming to its final phase. There have been changes in the plan of work in 2012 as one PhD candidate (Tamara Banjevlav) under the mentorship of Vlasta Jalušič went to finish her PhD in Graz. A new project proposal, based on the Violent Intersections results, was prepared and submitted to the EU HERA tender in May.

Events in 2012

Workshop “Narratives of War and Political Violence” (leaders Vlasta Jalušič, Tonči Kuzmanić) for participants of the project Memory, History and State Building in Bosnia

and Herzegovina (University of Zuerich and Centre for Human Rights University of Sarajevo) on 26 and 27 January 2012 in Sarajevo.

Participation at the “International school on memory culture: Exchange of experience and knowledge on memory of Holocaust and war crimes”, organized by Documenta, Institut für angewandte Geschichte and Task force for international cooperation on Holocaust education, remembrance and research in Zagreb in March 2012 (Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc).

Available results in 2012

In the first half of 2012, dissemination consisted of teaching courses and papers at conferences and workshops:

Vlasta Jalušič, “Possible and impossible uses of gender in transitional justice”, presentation of the paper at the initial meeting of the European research network on gender, violence and conflict, University of Giesen, Germany, 12-13 April 2012.

Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, “Truth Lost in Translation: Narratives of Crimes, War and History in Public Discourse on Transitional Justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina” at the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) Joint Session of Workshops in Antwerp, April 2012. The proceedings are in the process of selection for publishing in an edited volume at Intersentia Publishers, Antwerp, Belgium.

Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, “Transitional Justice Processes and the Perception of the Past: Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina” at RRPP (Regional Research Promotion Programme for Western Balkans) Annual Conference: Social, political & economic change in the Western Balkans in Sarajevo in May 2012. University of Fribourg (Switzerland) in Sarajevo in May 2012.

Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, co-authored paper “Multiple Interpretations of a Multilayered War: A Comparative Analysis of World War II Memory Construction in Former Yugoslav History Textbooks”, presented at the conference “Nation states between memories of World War Two and contemporary European politics” at the University of Nottingham in June. To be published in “Nation States between Memories of World War Two and Contemporary European Politics”, eds. Christian Karner and Bram Martens, Transaction Publishers.

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency (PhD researcher, mentoring), Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

The project will continue until 2014.

2 HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITIES

Mapping of Stateless Persons in Slovenia

Head of project

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
neza.kogovsek@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Veronika Bajt
Maja Ladić

Aims and goals

The project aims at acquiring an overview of the number and socio-demographic profile of stateless persons in Slovenia and their legal situations, including practical challenges they face in their everyday life. The results of the mapping exercise would facilitate UNHCR and its stakeholders in planning their intervention in matters pertaining to statelessness in Slovenia.

Realization in 2012

Within the project which lasted from June to December 2012 we prepared a methodology for a mapping study; gathered relevant statistical data; conducted semi-structured individual/focus group interviews with stateless persons and/or potential stateless and relevant stakeholders (experts); determined the stateless people's needs; prepared a proposal of strategies of intervention and assessed their foreseen effectiveness; organized a symposium to address and debate the findings and possible policy responses; prepared a final report in Slovenian and English.

Events in 2012

Symposium titled Statelessness in Slovenia, City hotel, 4 December 2012.

Available results in 2012

The final report Mapping of Stateless Persons in Slovenia, Peace Institute, 2012.

Funding

UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Announcement of project continuation

In spite of the fact that a project was short and that insufficient time was available for conducting a comprehensive study, we assess the project as successful, since it revealed the paths which should be taken by any future research and advocacy. In 2012 we signed the implementing partner agreement and we expect to continue working on the issue in 2013.

Participating in a Coordination of NGOs in the Field of Asylum

Head of project

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
neza.kogovsek@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Katarina Vučko

Aims and goals

The purpose of cooperation in the co-ordination is to strengthen the role of NGOs in this field, to act jointly in media and negotiations with the state authorities, to exchange information, and to divide tasks.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, we continued with monitoring of the situation in the field of asylum, the situation in the Asylum Centre and the standards of protection of asylum seekers. We participated at the coordination meetings between the NGOs and the Asylum Sector. We prepared a joint press release on the International Refugee Day and participated in a roundtable on refugees and development. We continued to manage a mailing list in asylum, connecting various actors in the field of asylum in Slovenia.

Events in 2012

/

Available results in 2012

Press release at the International Refugee Day on 20 June 2012.

Funding

Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

Activities of the Peace Institute in this field are important for networking of the NGOs active in the field of asylum and exchange of information among them. We plan to continue with activities in this field in the coming years. We will connect this activity with other Peace Institute projects related to asylum and migration.

Citizens in Diversity

Head of project

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
neza.kogovsek@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Roman Kuhar

Aims and goals

The goal of the project was to raise awareness of the population about the importance of inclusion, diversity as well as on the problem of discrimination based on personal grounds.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, we carried out a poster campaign entitled “I am not obstinate. I am for diversity. Diversity enriches.” In the Slovenian language the adjective “zagaman” means obstinate or stubborn, not willing to open your horizons and your mind in spite of convincing arguments that are available. We also carried out five roundtables across Slovenia with the aim to debate this topic.

Events in 2012

Roundtables in Postojna (12 March 2012), Velenje (20 March 2012), Litija (19 March 2012), Nova Gorica (17 March 2012) and Maribor (21 March 2012).

Available results in 2012

Poster campaign “I am not obstinate. I am for diversity. Diversity enriches.”

Funding

OSF Rights Initiative, LGBT Programme

Announcement of project continuation

We assess the project as successful, particularly because it was carried out in a key moment when hate speech against LGBT population was spreading around Slovenia due to the referendum on the Family Code. The project forms a part of wider activities of the Peace Institute in the field of non-discrimination.

The Erased: Remediating Human Rights Violations

Head of project

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
neza.kogovsek@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Katarina Vučko
Brankica Petković
Sara Pistotnik
Tomaž Trplan
Maja Ladić
Uršula Lipovec Čebren

Aims and goals

The goal of the project is to raise awareness on the need to remedy the violations of human rights caused to people with the erasure of their legal status in 1992.

Realization in 2012

The year 2012 was the last year of the project. At the 20th anniversary of the erasure, we organized a press conference and called for the National Assembly's Commission for Petitions to hold a session at this occasion. Throughout the year we offered legal counselling and representation to the erased and monitored the implementation of the 2010 amendments to the act concerning the status of erased persons. Between June and December, after the European Court of Human Rights decided on the Kurić case, we carried out an extensive information campaign explaining the meaning of the decision. In July, we launched a website The Erased: Information and Documents, in three languages.

Events in 2012

23 February 2012 – Press conference: 20 Anniversary of the Erasure
28 February 2012 – Briefing for ambassadors
6 March 2012 – Lecture on Erasure, Faculty of Social Work
27 March 2012 – Lecture on the Consequences of Erasure, Faculty of Social Work
29 June 2012 – Press conference: ECHR decides on the Kurić Case

Available results in 2012

- 'The Erased: Recent developments' – Policy paper for public officials and politicians
- Press release at the anniversary of the erasure (23 February 2012)
- Numerous statements, interviews and articles in the media

Funding

OSF – Human Rights and Governance Grants Programme

Announcement of project continuation

With December 2012 this particular project dealing with erasure will be concluded. In the meantime we managed to secure the funds for the continuation of activities in 2013.

European Network of Legal Experts in Anti-Discrimination Field

Head of project

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
neza.kogovsek@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

The goal of the project is to provide the European Commission with up to date information on legal, legislative and political developments in relation to non-discrimination in the EU member states.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, we prepared an up-dated country report in which we presented the legislation, case law and other measures taken in the field of anti-discrimination. We covered all personal grounds except for gender which is in the competency of another network, and all fields of social life. We also provided flash reports to the coordinator.

Events in 2012

Annual report and flash reports, available at <http://www.non-discrimination.net/>

Available results in 2012

- Legal seminar
- Annual Conference

Funding

European Commission

Announcement of project continuation

2012 was the first year of the three-year project period (the project is a continuation of previous two projects). We will connect the work on this project with other anti-discrimination projects that are already carried out at the Peace Institute, and will be carried out in the future.

FRANET – National Focal Point of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) / Data Collection and Research Services

Head of project

Majda Hrženjak
majda.hrzenjak@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Roman Kuhar
Mojca Pajnik
Neža Kogovšek
Živa Humer
Veronika Bajt
Tomaž Trplan
Martin Jaigma
Saša Panić

Aims and goals

Peace Institute, contracted by the FRA as National Focal Point in Slovenia, is tasked to collect relevant data and provide research services to FRA in the field of fundamental rights covered by FRA mandate (e.g. asylum, immigration and integration, border and visa policy, rights of children, discrimination, racism and access to justice). According to the same contract, the National Focal Point also collects and produces data on the situation of women in Slovenia for the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).

Realization in 2012

Year 2012 was the second year of the implementation of this project. In this year, for the FRA, the National Focal Point produced, among other things, the national annual report on the situation regarding fundamental rights in Slovenia, a report on the situation of the Roma in Slovenia and a report on support mechanisms targeting victims of crime, particularly victims of domestic violence and victims of trafficking in human beings. For EIGE, the National Focal Point produced data on national gender equality policies as well as data on the effects of the current economic crisis on the situation of women in Slovenia.

Events in 2012

/

Available results in 2012

Reports and studies produced by the National Focal Point serve as a basis for the FRA and EIGE reports and studies covering the fields of fundamental rights issues and gender equality. If so decided by the mentioned organizations, country-related studies might be also publicly available. The synthesis report, produced by the FRA, covering developments regarding fundamental rights in the EU in 2012 is expected to be published in 2013. The latter report shall also include selected data prepared by the National Focal Point relating to the situation in Slovenia.

Funding

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Announcement of project continuation

All deliverables produced by the National Focal Point in 2012 received positive evaluations on the part of the two funding organizations. In 2013, the National Focal Point shall continue its work on topics related to the fields of fundamental rights and gender equality.

Migration to the Centre

Head of project

Aldo Milohnić,
aldo.milohnic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Aldo Milohnić
Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
Admir Baltić
Jasna Babič

Aims and goals

Migration to the Centre is a transnational project whose overall aim is to raise awareness and lead an in-depth discussion about European and national migration policies and their impact in Central European countries, together with migrants, migration experts and other citizens.

Realization in 2012

The project started on 1 September 1 2012. In the first two months, the project partners had relatively intensive e-mail communication regarding various administrative matters, preparation of the kick-off meeting etc. In December, all project partners produced first outputs – short presentations on national migration policies and recent migration trends in their countries.

Events in 2012

Kick-off meeting and media training for national project coordinators took place on 4-6 November 2012 in Prague. First national public events (panels and other forms of public activities) will take place in 2013.

Available results in 2012

Short presentations on national migration policies and recent migration trends in Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Slovenia will be published at the website of the Multicultural Centre Prague until the end of December 2012.

Funding

European Commission – Europe for Citizens Programme

Announcement of project continuation

It is too early for evaluation due to the fact that the project started in autumn 2012. It will be finished in February 2014.

RED, Network Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance

Head of project

Katarina Vučko
katarina.vucko@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
Brankica Petković

Aims and goals

The RED (Rights Equality and Diversity) Network of 17 organizations aims at combating racism, xenophobia and intolerance by creating an early-warning system on racism, discrimination, situation in the EU member states, as well as on law and policies against discrimination, racist violence, hate speech and stereotypes, while aiming at social integration and equality through diversity.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, the second and final year of the project started (the project will be completed in January 2013). Following the development of RED early-warning system and RED Atlas, for which the partners supplied data on racism, discriminatory situations, emerging trends and stereotypes in the national and EU public sphere, the RED System (web portal www.red-network.eu) was publicly launched in Brussels in March 2012. The launching of the RED System was accompanied by national events, organized by partners in each of the RED Network member states, including PI's public presentation in Ljubljana (22 March 2012), making the portal accessible to both expert and general public. After the public launching of the RED System the partners focused on providing a regular update of the RED early-warning system, possible breaking news reporting (exceptional reporting on emergency situations) and keeping RED Atlas informed on the situation and trends in the relevant EU countries. In August 2012, the network produced a report on far right parties and relevant trends in the RED Network member states.

Events in 2012

Public presentation of the RED System, 22 March 2012, City Hotel, Ljubljana.

Available results in 2012

RED System web portal, available at: www.red-network.eu.

Funding

European Commision, Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

The work was conducted in accordance with the instructions of the project coordinator (i-RED). In January 2013, the final conference of the project will be organised in Athens. The aim of the conference is evaluation of the results and discussion regarding sustainability of the project and the possibilities to continue the project activities.

Awareness Raising Seminars on Non-discrimination and Equality for CSOs

Head of project

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
neza.kogovsek@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Katarina Bervar Sternad
Admir Baltić

Aims and goals

The goal of the project is to raise awareness on methods and tools available for non-governmental organizations to work in the field of non-discrimination, such as documenting the cases, raising awareness, work with the media, preparation of codes of conduct, advocacy and testing.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, we carried out the second of the two trainings aimed at non-governmental organizations and trade unions. While the first seminar in 2011 was aimed at experienced advocates, the seminar in 2012 was aimed at beginners. It focused on basic concepts and on recognizing discrimination. In 2012, we were also finalizing both manuals, one describing combatting against discrimination on the EU level and the other one describing combatting against discrimination in Slovenia.

Events in 2012

Recognizing discrimination, seminar, City hotel, 15 February 2012.

Available results in 2012

- A training manual 'Awareness raising seminars on non-discrimination and equality for CSOs' (general level)

- A training manual 'Awareness raising seminars on non-discrimination and equality for CSOs' (national level)

Funding

European Commission

Announcement of project continuation

We assess the project as successful. As a follow up of the seminars a mailing list of NGOs working in the field of non-discrimination was established to facilitate the exchange of information and joint action. The project, which ended in 2012, complements other Peace Institute activities in the field of anti-discrimination.

Studies for the European Commission and the European Parliament

Head of project

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon
neza.kogovsek@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Katarina Vučko

Aims and goals

The goal of the studies is to ensure that the European Commission and the European Parliament receive relevant and credible information on the regulation of a certain legal field in Slovenia.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, we prepared five studies, namely in the field of mediation, children in judicial proceedings, children with disabilities (and with different abilities), hate crime and hate speech, and civil status.

Events in 2012

/

Available results in 2012

- Study to collect data on children's involvement in judicial proceedings
- Member states' policies for children with disabilities (or with different abilities)
- A comparative study on civil status
- Study for an evaluation and implementation of Directive 2008/52/EC – the 'Mediation Directive'
- Study on the legal framework applicable to racist or xenophobic hate speech and hate crime in the EU Member States

Funding

European Commission and the European Parliament

Announcement of project continuation

The studies were prepared in 2012. The studies are part of the research activities of the Peace Institute in the field of fundamental rights.

Violence, inequality and human rights

Head of project

Vlasta Jalušič
jalusic.vlasta@gmail.com

Project team

/

Aims and goals

Due to the lack of linking violence with inequality and human rights issues, interventions against violence need a more critical assessment. This project has a goal of critically assessing the concept of violence, also collective violence as understood in the context of former Yugoslavia and also in the EU surrounding. The main goal is to elaborate on both understanding and interventions against violence in EU and its member states, especially while facing the duty of the state to protect everyone against violence. The planned results of the project:

- Serbian edition of the book The Evil of Thoughtlessness with a new introduction in 2013
- a paper on the understanding of the concept of violence
- translation of the book On Violence by Hannah Arendt
- to prepare the start of the new project Cultural Encounters in Interventions against Violence.

Realization in 2012

Translation of the book was carried out.

Events in 2012

The project just started.

Available results in 2012

Osnabrueck University

Funding

Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

The project just started and will eventually merge with a new project Cultural Encounters against Violence – if funded by EC.

3 MEDIA

Media Watch Program

Head of project

Brankica Petković
brankica.petkovic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Sandra Bašić Hrvatin, Marko Milosavljević, Gorazd Kovačič
Kaja Jakopič, Boris Čibej, Gojko Bervar
Jernej Rovšek, Lenart J. Kučič, Lana Zdravković
Sonja Merljak, Saša B. Lubej
Ksenija Horvat Petrovčič
Tomaž Trplan

Aims and goals

It is a project for monitoring, research and reporting on media policy and media practices in Slovenia. Since 1997, the project connects researchers, journalists and others interested in quality and responsibility of the media. It works through public events and publications.

Realization in 2012

MW journal: 42th issue in May/June and 43th issue in December 2012, both comprising 120 pages with more than 50 articles with critical analyses of media policy and media practices in Slovenia.

Widely distributed and available free of charge on the Media Watch web site. Initiated debates and further deliberations in professional, political and academic communities. MW journal uses also its FB profile for promotion of critical media reflection and reforms.

MW book "Ours and Yours" by historians Marko Zajc and Janez Polajnar with analysis and comparison of reporting on selected topics in Slovenian newspapers through modern history.

MW events: international round table on media freedom in Croatia and Slovenia, panel discussion on impact of digitalisation on traditional media followed by film "Page One" within the Ljubljana Documentary Film Festival, MW book presentation, round table with stakeholders on the Mapping Digital Media report on Slovenia, international conference "Comparing Media Reforms".

Participation in the meeting with the Hungarian media authority to present and discuss comparative analysis of the Hungarian media law within the European project

coordinated by the Center for Media and Communication Studies of the Central European University.

Research of women's employment in the media in Slovenia with the European study commissioned by the European Institute for Gender Equality and led by the Liverpool University.

Events in 2012

15 February 2012: MW round table in Ljubljana "EU Membership Yes, Media Freedom No" on media freedom in Croatia in Slovenia.

27 March 2012: Panel discussion on prospects for traditional media in digital age within the Ljubljana Documentary Film Festival (presentation of the film "Page One – Inside the New York Times").

15 May 2012: Presentation of the Media Watch book "Ours and Yours".

14 November 2012: Round table with stakeholders on the report Mapping Digital Media in Slovenia.

29-30 November 2012: International conference "Comparing Media Reforms".

Available results in 2012

Media Watch journal (print edition: two issues, one in May/June and one in December 2012), including around 50 articles with analysis of media policy and media practices. MW book "Ours and Yours". Media Watch web site updated regularly (<http://mediawatch.mirovni-institut.si>).

Funding

Open Society Foundations – Media Program and East East Partnership Beyond Borders Program (for international conference Comparing Media Reforms), Book Agency (for MW book), European Institute for Gender Equality (for the research on women's employment in the media).

Announcement of project continuation

Since 1997, the activities within the project Media Watch provide a regular form of debate, reflection and critical analysis of media policy and practices in Slovenia. It also serves as a framework for publication, reflection and debate on the issues raised within other projects of the Peace Institute related to the media policy and practices. It gathers

researchers, professors, editors, journalists, students and others interested in media studies and media reflection, and as such serves as a unique meeting point for academic and media community in Slovenia. It also regularly includes contributors from the region and globally, providing wider context for the Slovenian circumstances.

In 2013, we plan to finally develop an online edition of MW journal (interactive, to be updated on a daily basis) and rethink the need for continuation with the print edition. Media Watch has been used as a reference and model for development of the media critical analysis on regular basis within non-governmental sector in other countries. In 2013, we plan to address the need for media reforms in Slovenia and South East Europe in a comparative perspective by continuing exchange and collaboration with other media reform initiatives around the world.

Networking and International Cooperation in the Field of Media Research, Advocacy and Training

Head of project

Brankica Petković
brankica.petkovic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

Participation in regional and international networks in the media field and building partnership with relevant organizations abroad with a purpose to incorporate our work in regional and international initiatives on media freedom and accountability, and freedom of information.

Realization in 2012

Continuation of active participation in the South East European Network for Professionalization of the Media (SEENPM), in the informal European network of organisations working in the field of media and minorities (coordinated by Mira Media from Utrecht) and in the informal network of organizations active in the field of access to information of public character (coordinated by Access Info Europe from Madrid).

Participation in the network SEENPM included reporting on media freedom situation in Slovenia for the regional report.

Regular cooperation with the Guardian Foundation, including partnership in the projects developed for EU fundraising.

Regular cooperation with the Macedonian Institute for the Media (MIM), including a study visit in Slovenia for 12 editors of the Macedonian media.

Partnership with the Media Center Sarajevo in its project on combating discrimination through the media: cooperation in the production of the handbook for journalists based on similar publication produced by our institute.

Cooperation with the OSI Media Program in its project Mapping Digital Media.

Initiative for comparing media reforms in different regions of the world, to exchange knowledge and experience and encourage cooperation.

Events in 2012

20-21 September 2012: participation in the OSCE regional media conference for South East Europe in Belgrade

5-6 November 2012: organization of a study visit, including lectures and meetings with the media and regulators in Slovenia for 12 editors of most relevant media in Macedonia

29-30 November 2012: organization of a trans-regional conference Comparing Media Reforms in Ljubljana

Available results in 2012

Interim report on media freedom in South East Europe, produced in November 2012 by the network SEENPM, edited by Aidan White, including a chapter on Slovenia.

Articles on media and civil society written for Media Center Sarajevo web site (MC Online), aimed at regional audience.

A handbook on media and discrimination, published by Media Center Sarajevo in partnership with our institute.

Funding

Open Society Foundations, European Commission, the Guardian Foundation (Scott Trust), German Embassy in Skopje (for the project of the Macedonian Institute for the Media which included a study visit of Macedonian editors to Slovenia).

Announcement of project continuation

Partnership in regional and international networks and development of project consortiums to promote diverse and independent media ownership, strong public media, and universal, affordable access to communications. In 2013, we plan to build further cooperation with media reform initiatives from different world regions, initiated at the Ljubljana conference in November 2012.

Media and Minorities

Head of project

Brankica Petković
brankica.petkovic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

The project includes regular research, advocacy and training activities aimed at improving access to the media for minority communities in Slovenia and at improving media performance and professional ethics in reporting minorities.

Realization in 2012

On the invitation of the Bosnian community within its project on building communication capacities for minority communities from former Yugoslavia, we led a number of workshops between February and May 2012 to empower activists from the Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Macedonian and Serbian community for developing and maintaining a joint web information portal (sokultura.si). Within this initiative we have organized a meeting between editors/journalists of the mainstream Slovenian media and activists of the communities from the former Yugoslavia, as well as a visit of the representatives of the minority communities to the editorial office of the web portal (Multimedia Centre, MMC) of the public service broadcasting RTV Slovenia. Based on these activities, an initiative has been launched to establish a web site within the web portal MMC dedicated to minority communities from the former Yugoslavia in Slovenia. We have participated in various public debates on hate speech and negative portrayal of ethnic minorities, including the regional symposium on combating hate speech in Europe, held on 26-27 March 2012 at the European University Institute in Florence.

Being a part of European networks of non-governmental and research organizations engaged in the field of media and cultural diversity, we have contributed to the validation of the findings of the European research project on media and migrants MEDIVA, through a contribution at the final conference on 15 June 2012 in Brussels. We have also developed several project proposals within the European partnership in this area and submitted it to the European Commission.

Within the activities of the Peace Institute aimed at the improvement of the status of the erased residents in Slovenia, we have developed a media archive of reports on the

issue published in the main Slovenian media in the past 20 years, including in the archiving efforts the media, journalists and photographers themselves.

We have also submitted suggestions to the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport within the process of adoption of the National Resolution on the Language Policy in Slovenia, advocating for measures to provide protection and promotion of the use of Roma language and languages of minorities from the former Yugoslavia in the public media. Our suggestions were considered and the measures included in the proposal of the Resolution.

Events in 2012

February to May 2012: conducting 6 workshops for activists from the Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Macedonian and Serbian community on developing and maintaining joint web information portal (within the project run by the Bosnian community).

26-27 March 2012: participation in the regional symposium "Combating Hate Speech in Europe" within the Center for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom at the European University Institute in Florence.

Available results in 2012

Policy recommendation by the Peace Institute on the promotion of the use of minority languages in public media in Slovenia, submitted to the Government within public consultations for national strategy on language policy; available at the web site of the respective governmental body.

A series of articles on hate speech on the internet, published in the Media Watch Journal 42/May-June 2012.

Media archive within the web site on the erased residents in Slovenia, developed by the Peace Institute within the project on the erased.

Funding

Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

Our reports on media representations of minorities, policy research and advocacy combined with empowerment activities for minorities have contributed to some improvements in representation and integration of minorities in the media system in Slovenia. The work in this field and the networking on the European level has made us

a relevant partner and resource for European actions related to the media and minorities.

In 2013, within the network of organizations working in the field of minorities and the media on European level, we plan to try again with the application to the EC Fundamental Rights Program with the initiative to develop the European pool/consortium of journalists/correspondents on diversity issues to exchange reports and alerts on regular basis.

Media Ownership / Media Pluralism

Head of project

Brankica Petković
brankica.petkovic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Sandra Bašić Hrvatin

Aims and goals

Continuing engagement in monitoring, policy research and advocacy in the field of media ownership, its transparency and impact on media pluralism, quality and independence.

Realization in 2012

Continuation of regular monitoring and advocacy activities in Slovenia with reports and articles published in MW journal.

Participation in the establishment and work of the Center for Media Freedom and Media Pluralism within the European University Institute, established by the European Commission in December 2011. Our role was advisory, being part of panel of experts.

Support in organization of the Pan-European Forum on Media Pluralism and New Media in the European Parliament.

Focus on monitoring media ownership and political clientelism in the project South East European Media Observatory, developed within the network SEENPM to compete for EU funding.

Events in 2012

24-25 January 2012: participation in the kick off meeting of the Center for Media Freedom and Media Pluralism within the European University Institute

27 June 2012: support in organization of the Pan-European Forum on Media Pluralism and New Media in the European Parliament

29. October 2012: participation in the policy conference “European Union competences in respect of media pluralism and media freedom” at the Center for Media Freedom and Media Pluralism within the European University Institute

Available results in 2012

Series of articles on media ownership and media finances in connection with political clientelism in Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia in the Media Watch journal 42/May-June 2012.

Funding

Open Society Foundations, European Commission.

Announcement of project continuation

Research, monitoring and advocacy activities in Slovenia and in the region to explore patterns and implications of media concentration. Regional leadership in the field of media pluralism and diversity within global network/campaign for public media and quality journalism.

South East European Media Observatory – Building Capacities and Coalitions for Monitoring Media Integrity and Advancing Media Reforms

Head of project

Brankica Petković
brankica.petkovic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Franja Arlič
Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc
Aldo Milohnič
Jasna Babič

Aims and goals

The project nurtures and fosters a prominent role of civil society in the media reform processes in the countries of South East Europe.

It aims at informing and sparking public debates on media freedom and pluralism, particularly addressing the impact of media ownership and political clientelism, and influencing media sector reform processes through developing media integrity index, regional media observatory, consultations and coalitions.

Realization in 2012

Establishing project teams in the lead and partner CSOs in the first month of the project (December 2012) and coordination of the preparations for kick-off meetings in Ljubljana and Brussels scheduled for January 2013.

Events in 2012

/

Available results in 2012

/

Funding

European Commission, Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

In 2013, during the first year of the two-year project, the main activities will include methodology development for monitoring media integrity (media integrity index/indicators), regional workshop for national researchers, national research on media integrity index and production of national research reports, compilation and distribution of flash reports on media integrity, sub-granting for investigative journalists and CSOs, regional workshop for investigative journalists, set up of regional media observatory and its web site.

Mig@net: Transnational Digital Networks, Migration and Gender

Head of project

Mojca Pajnik
mojca.pajnik@mirovni.institut.si

Project team

Veronika Bajt
Iztok Šori

Aims and goals

The project addresses the question of participation of migrants in transnational digital networks by employing innovative methodologies. Emphasis is placed on the ability of migrants to access and co-produce diverse digital networks and use them in order to promote their own needs, but also on the possibilities for the promotion of intercultural dialogue and cooperation that open through the development of new interactive media.

Realization in 2012

The partners (PI, Panteion University and Fondation Maison des Sciences de l' Homme concluded the work and case studies relevant to two work packages (on sexualities and information and communication flows). The PI coordinated a thematic study on sexualities with the objective to explore digital representations of sexual practices, taking into consideration bias that regards gender, ethnicity, femininity / masculinity. The study explores sexualities in relation to migrant mobility and prostitution (sex work). The comparative report is available online at <http://www.mignetproject.eu/?p=570>.

The PI was also engaged in the thematic study on communication and information flows with the objective to undertake research on digital networks through which communication and information flows between migrant individuals and groups in different geographical locations is practiced, focusing on the ways in which transnational cultural ties and communities are formed across national borders. The team wrote a section of the final report, which is also available online at http://www.mignetproject.eu/?page_id=110.

Events in 2012

- International Conference, Homeland connections, E-diasporas Atlas, A century of Transnationalism, Paris, 23-25 May 2012
- International Conference, Digital Crossroads: Media, Migration and Diaspora in a Transnational Perspective, Utrecht, 28-30 June 2012
- European Public Policy meeting, Nicosia, Cyprus, 23 November 2012.

Available results in 2012

The project began in March 2010. Since the creation of the project website, all reports are available on-line via internal pages, while all other project information and summaries of project events and proceedings are available to the general public. See <http://www.mignetproject.eu/>.

Funding

European Commission, 7th Framework Program.

Announcement of project continuation

The project concludes in February 2013. All project partners will meet on a final workshop in Athens that is to take place on 24-26 January 2013. We plan further dissemination activities, conferences and publication through the year 2013.

4 GENDER

Nyamirambo Women's Center – Women for Women

Head of project

Vlasta Jalušič (leader), Maja Ladić (coordinator)
maja.ladic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Barbara Vodopivec (ass. Humanitas)
Marie Aimee Umugeni (NWC)
Vestine Mutangampundu (NWC)
Catherine Ndayizeye (NWC)
Sarah R. Harting (NWC)
Stroma Cole (University of the West of England)

Aims and goals

To increase the capacities of already existing NWC and its influence in local community in the fields of formal and informal education, economic empowerment of disprivileged women, encouraging the role of women in local authorities, awareness-rising about sexual and reproductive health and women's rights.

Realization in 2012

Project activities were implemented according to the project plan and without any major problems (with minor changes in timeframe but this did not influence the quality of the project). There has been a change in external evaluation – Dr. Irena Weber was replaced by Barbara Vodopivec (ass. Humanitas). At NWC, Marie Aimee Umugeni was replaced during her maternity leave by Vestine Mutangampundu. Project ended on 1 October 2012 when we submitted the final report to the financier.

Events in 2012

In January 2012, Dr. Stroma Cole implemented a 6-day training on community tourism for NWC members and some other women from local community; in April, two NWC members went on a study visit to Sunny Skies Women's Project in Kampala (Uganda); in June, members of a humanitarian-medical expedition from Slovenia visited NWC and implemented 4 workshops for girls, women, boys and men from local community; in July, two journalists of BBC Fast Track visited NWC and included NWC in a short documentary on the role of women in Rwanda; in August, the director of a tour agency

Go Barefoot visited NWC with a wish to establish cooperation; in September, project coordinator presented our experience in tourism at the international conference Encuentros: responsible tourism; courses and workshops (English, literacy, handicrafts, sewing, healthy nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, etc.) for women from the local community were implemented on a regular basis.

Available results in 2012

News on most important events/trainings/workshops and on cooperation with the media are accessible on the website: www.nwc-kigali.org (News) and on NWC Facebook profile: <http://www.facebook.com/nwc.kigali>; article A visit from Rwanda in newspaper Vestnik, 1.3.2012; NWC mentioned in a documentary film by BBC Fast Track How women have rebuilt Rwanda: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/fast_track/9752411.stm; article about NWC in 8th edition of Slogopis; final report published on the website of the Peace Institute.

Funding

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Open Society Foundations

Announcement of project continuation

All goals have been achieved or at least partially achieved; only self-sustainability of NWC remains a big challenge in the long-run. The activities and the program of NWC should be continued (and perhaps even expanded to broader local environment). Within this project it became clear that some NWC members are only interested in profit-making activities, therefore it would be reasonable to consider changing the status of NWC or establishing a separate profitable organization (while NWC would continue its work).

Gender Structure of the Contemporary Slovene Society and Gender Positioning in the Field of Politics

Head of project

Iztok Šori, coordinator at Peace Institute
iztok.sori@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Živa Humer, researcher (Peace Institute)
Milica Antić Gaber, project Leader (Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana)
Tina Kogovšek, researcher (Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana)
Irena Selišnik, researcher (Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana)
Sara Rožman, researcher (Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana)
Slavko Gaber, researcher (Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana)
Pavel Zgaga, researcher (Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana)

Aims and goals

The objective of the research project is to find out why breakthroughs in domains such as the level of education and employment in once masculinised judiciary, public administration, medical professions and others do not result (yet?) in a more balanced division of political power and responsibilities.

Realization in 2012

The research group held regular meetings discussing conceptual and methodological framework of the project. Researchers were studying available literature and gathered empirical data; main findings were included in a common database. Preparations for scientific texts writing were carried out.

Events in 2012

In the year 2012 no public events were organized.

Available results in 2012

/

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency

Announcement of project continuation

Activities followed the plan. In the next year the research group will proceed with the research work and will, among other, carry out the empirical part of the research (focus groups) and start to write articles based on the findings.

Gender and Ethnic Discrimination from the Perspective of Complex Inequalities

Head of project

Majda Hrženjak
majda.hrzenjak@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

The overall aim of the activities related to complex inequalities continues to be collecting empirical based evidence about, raising awareness of and enhancing knowledge about complex situations of intersecting discrimination and inequalities among relevant stakeholders with special focus on developing case studies about intersections of gender and ethnicity.

Realization in 2012

Two case studies about immigrant and emigrant female care and domestic workers in Slovenia and their experiences with discrimination on the labour market have been outlined and prepared for publication.

Events in 2012

January, Trubar House of Literature, Ljubljana: presentation of the manual Hrženjak, M., Jalušič, V., (2011): The door are not open...Perspectives in Addressing Complex Inequalities, Ljubljana: Peace Institute

February, Lily Novy Club, Ljubljana: presentation of book Hrženjak, M. (ed.) (2011): Politics of Care, Ljubljana: Peace Institute

Participation the 14th EU - NGO forum on human rights
“Promoting universality: the role of Regional Human Rights mechanisms and their cooperation with civil society”, Brussels, 6-7 December.

Participation at the international conference "European Integration 2012-Shared European Values: Non-Discrimination" Yerevan, Armenia, 27-28 November.

Participation at the international conference Children's Voices: exploring inter-ethnic violence and children's rights in school environment. University of Primorska, Koper, 9 November.

Participation at the public discussion organized by KUD Anarhiv and Urbane brazde Who is afraid of founded doubt? Youth, critical thinking and education. Maribor, 21 November 2012.

Available results in 2012

Hrženjak, M., Pajnik, M. (2013): "In the grips of work/family imbalance: Local and migrant domestic workers in Slovenia. " In: Kontos, M., Bonifacio, G. (eds.) "In the Dark: Family Rights and Migrant Domestic Work", New York: Palgrave Macmillan. (in the process of publication)

Hrženjak, M. (2013): "Between Tradition and Need: Slovenian "Donne di Servizio" in Italy, Annales. (in the process of publication)

Funding

Open Society Foundations

Announcement of project continuation

Further educational, research and dissemination activities are planned in 2013.

Study on the Role of Men in Gender Equality in Europe

Head of project

Majda Hrženjak
majda.hrzenjak@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

The aim of this study is to provide a better knowledge of the situations of men in education, family life, on the labour market, in health and violence from the perspective of gender equality in the 27 EU member states and the EFTA countries and to integrate a perspective of critical studies of masculinities in the gender equality research and policy strategies.

Realization in 2012

Organization of international workshop and final conference as well as two project's workshops.
Drafting a final comparative report which will be published in 2013 by EC.

Events in 2012

13 January, Brussels: international workshop Involving Men in Gender Equality.
14 September, Brussels: final conference The Role of Men in Gender Equality: European Insights and Strategies.

Available results in 2012

<http://www.roleofmen.eu/>

Hrženjak, M. (2013): "Negotiating masculinity in informal paid care work". International Review of Sociology (in the process of publication).

Hrženjak, M. (2013): "Oblačilne prakse kot označevalci spola in kompleksnih pripadnosti pri mladih". (Fashion practices as signifiers of gender and complex belongings among youth) In: Pušnik, M., Fajt, E. (eds.): "Študije mode na Slovenskem" (Fashion Studies in Slovenia). Ljubljana: Fakulteta za družbene vede (in the process of publication).

Funding

EU program Progress, Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

The project will conclude at the end of 2012 according to the project plan. In 2013 dissemination activities, above all publications, are planned.

5 CULTURAL POLICY

The Efficiency of Public Support to Writers and Translators 2004–2011

Head of project

Maja Breznik
maja.breznik@guest.arnes.si

Project team

Maja Breznik
Aldo Milohnič
Boris Mance

Aims and goals

The aim was to examine the situation of cultural workers determined by the publishing industry and by the public support mechanisms. Research also analyzed the currently urgent problem of atypical forms of employment, precarious working conditions and increasing poverty of the working persons.

Realization in 2012

- Study of literature
- Web survey
- Focus groups
- Final report

Events in 2012

Research report is still in evaluation and till then we are not allowed to publicize research results.

Available results in 2012

1. BREZNIK, Maja, MILOHNIČ, Aldo, MANCE, Boris, *Učinkovitost podpore ustvarjalcem na področju književnega ustvarjanja 2004–2011*, Research report, 2011, 67 p., copy available at PI library.

Publications related to the topic:

2. BREZNIK, Maja. The double role of the writer as worker and rentier. *Primer. književ.*, jun. 2012, Vol. 35, No. 1, pp. 141-155.
3. MILOHNIĆ, Aldo. O 'produktivizaciji' in 'fleksibilizaciji' delavcev v kulturi. *Borec*, 2012 (in print).
4. BREZNIK, Maja. Proletarizacija delavcev v kulturi, *Borec*, 2012 (in print).

Funding

Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport

Announcement of project continuation

A short-term and low-budget project is a first survey investigating the working conditions of Slovene writers and translators. Particularly important are less known living and working conditions of self-employed who are highly exposed to poverty risk, intensification of work and even health problems, although this is a quite young population. Continuation is uncertain due to the reduction of public funding and nontransparency of research funding. If we will not get new funding, we will include this topic into our more general examination of labor relations.

Economy of Culture - AWARD project (Awareness Raising and Education for Development and Culture)

Head of project

Aldo Milohnić
aldo.milohnic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Aldo Milohnić
Collaborators from partner organizations

Aims and goals

The project is focused on social and economic potentials of cultural production in local communities. It intends to raise awareness among the public and local authorities about the important role of culture in development strategies for third world countries and to involve more local authorities in seeking out town twinning opportunities to further development.

Realization in 2012

In the first half of 2012, the partners drafted a questionnaire to be used by the local authorities, launched the project website and carried out other project activities. At the strategic meeting in Brussels in late April we discussed the progress and the future plans. In the present phase of the project the topics in focus are: training activities, exchange of good practices, adopting practical approaches in helping local authorities to involve cultural development into their strategies, further development of the project website and collecting questionnaires from local authorities.

Events in 2012

A workshop of the AWARD project took place in Paris on 22-24 November 2012 as part of the 'European Campus of local and regional authorities for Culture' organized by the Association of European Cities and Regions for Culture 'Les Rencontres'. This workshop focused on the role of local and regional authorities in culture and development in a critical situation of overall austerity measures and budget cuts, which lead local governments to decrease spending on international cooperation.

Available results in 2012

Interim reports, presentations, texts and other materials are available at the website: www.awardproject.eu.

Funding

European Commission (EuropeAid), Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

The project partners have been developing guidelines, recommendations, trainings, tools and indicators in order to support local actors in their international cooperation. Project partners agreed that an international seminar on cultural industries and local development should take place in Ljubljana next year. Until 2014, the project consortium will conduct research on innovative projects and good practices, develop training modules, produce training material, stimulate debates through seminars and training sessions, organize public events, produce a communication and dissemination strategy for the project's results and release a final publication.

Cultural Policy Projects

Head of project

Aldo Milohnič
aldo.milohnic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Aldo Milohnič
Collaborators from PI and partner organizations

Aims and goals

A long-term policy and research field exploring and influencing policy processes in culture.

Realization in 2012

In March, we met with representatives of the Mediacentar Sarajevo and OSF B&H to discuss a joint cultural policy project. The aim of the project would be to encourage collaboration among various actors (cultural operators, authors, researchers...) from several regions (the Balkans, Scandinavia...), resulting in organization of various events, making case studies, publication of essays, etc. Realization of this collaborative project depends on funding opportunities in 2013 and beyond.

In May, we were invited by the National Strategic Board for Culture to present our analysis and the assessment of the governmental act regulating the status of freelance cultural workers on the Board meeting.

Events in 2012

Assessment of the governmental act regulating the status of freelance cultural workers – presentation at the meeting of the National Strategic Board for Culture (10 May 2012).

Available results in 2012

Milohnič, Aldo. Mnenje o predlogu uredbe o spremembah in dopolnitvah uredbe o samozaposlenih v kulturi. Ljubljana, 2012, <http://nsk-slo.si/index.php/seje/seja/113>

Milohnić, Aldo. Radical amateurism. In: Knežević, Jelena (ed.). *Priručnik Raškolovanog znanja*. Beograd: Teorija koja hoda, 2012, pp. 103-108, 213-219, 323-328.

Milohnić, Aldo. O 'produktivizaciji' in 'fleksibilizaciji' delavcev v kulturi. *Borec* (in print).

Milohnić, Aldo. Performing Labour Relations in the Age of Austerity. *Performance Research* (On Labour and Performance), Vol. 18, No. 1 (in print).

Funding

Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

Positive achievement was an opportunity to present our findings on possible consequences of the act on working conditions of freelance cultural workers as well as NGOs active in the field of culture at the meeting of the National Strategic Board for Culture.

On the other hand, we were not successful with several project proposals. We have proposed an educational project in the field of publishing policy to a public call announced by the National Book Agency but unfortunately it was not selected for funding due to austerity measures shrinking the program of the Agency. Our project proposal "Social Situation of the Self-employed Cultural Workers and Recommendations for Its Improvement" was also not selected for funding by the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport.

The 'Politike' Book Series

Head of project

Aldo Milohnič
aldo.milohnic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Irena Woelle
Olga Vuković
Mojca Hudolin
Michelle Gadpaille
Jasna Babič
Stane Peklaj

Aims and goals

The book series addresses a range of issues pertaining to civil society and public policies. The essays in this series mainly proceed from policy and other research studies conducted by the Peace Institute's researchers and other regular contributors.

Realization in 2012

Last title in the series (*War and Peace: Reflections of the Last Twenty Years*, edited by Vlasta Jalušič and Lev Kreft) was published in 2011. In 2012, we have applied for subventions at the annual call of the National Book Agency for publishing of the study on the position of women in Muslim societies (on the example of Turkey) by Ana Frank. Unfortunately, the book was not selected for funding.

Events in 2012

Our previous editions were present at several book fairs and PI events.

Available results in 2012

Several book reviews in various media.

Funding

/

Announcement of project continuation

In the year 2013, we would like to publish at least one new title in the Politike book series. So far 18 titles (21 volumes) were published in Politike, among them 12 were bilingual editions (Slovenian-English).

6 EAST EAST
AND SECONDARY DISSEMINATION

Workers' and Punks' University

Head of project

Rok Kogej
rok.kogej@gmail.com

Project team

Program board members: Rok Kogej, Andraž Mali, Anej Korsika, Martin Hergouth, Sašo Furlan, Asta Vrečko, Andraž Mali, Sašo Slaček, Primož Krašovec, Jan Kostanjevec, Lidija Radojević, Gregor Cerjak, Jernej Habjan, Brigita Gračner, Tibor Rutar, Ana Štromajer.

Aims and goals

An educational project that aims to give opportunities for active education (lectures, discussion groups, reading seminars) on contemporary political topics tacitly shunned by the established academia.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, WPU continued with the 15th lecture cycle (*Financialization*), and its reading and film seminars (January-May). WPU's International Spring School took place in May. In November, the 16th new lecture cycle (*Double Crisis of Eurointegrations*) began, along with a new reading and film seminars (October-December). The rest of our 2012 program consisted of an international panel on the topic of austerity measures and two East-East events (in Zagreb and in Belgrade).

Events in 2012

From January to May WPU continued with its series of lectures on financialization, and in October a new cycle begun (*Double Crisis of Eurointegrations*) (November-December).

Film seminar and six reading seminars were also continued from the previous year (January-May). The reading seminars were *On the Way to the Knowledge Society* and *Difference and Repetition*. A new pack of seminars began in October: a film seminar and two reading seminars (*Marx's Capital* and *Critique of Value Form*) (October-December).

In May, we organized a May Day School with the topic *The Future of Eurointegrations: Left Perspectives*. May Day School was followed by the related events in Zagreb (*Two Decennia after the End of Socialism*) and in Belgrade (*The Future of European Integrations- Political Economy and Culture: Left Perspectives*).

On 15 February we organized a round table on labor rights called *The Case of Predrag Topić: Solidarity on Test*. On 24 October we organized in cooperation with Publishing House Sophia an event called *Discussion at the Publishing two Books by David Harvey* and on 23 November we organized a round table called *What do we Have to Know about Austerity Measures?*.

Available results in 2012

Project's webpage: <http://www.dpu.mirovni-institut.si>,
DPU page on vimeo.com <http://vimeo.com/user6120181>,
DPU page on youtube.com
<http://www.youtube.com/user/WorkersandPunksUni?feature=watch>.

Funding

Open Society Foundations and Municipality of Ljubljana – Youth Department.

Announcement of project continuation

Project was positively accepted among both the participants and creators. In 2012, a 16-year-old lecture cycle continued. The number of participants increased: there were more participants at the WPU events than in any previous year. The May Day School proved to be a great success and opened a lot of problematics that are now being covered by our 2012/13 program (especially the content of the cycle of lectures). Similar activities will also take place in 2013, and we will also try to expand it by research activities (e.g. an advanced study group aiming to critically examine the concept and practice of value form).

Peace Insitute Website

Head of project

Jasna Babič
jasna.babic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

Peace Institute website was established to inform wider public about the institute's activities. The idea was/is to upgrade the merely informative function and become an active communicator with the public.

Realization in 2012

In 2012, we continued with the regular maintenance and editing of the website. As an extension to our site, the facebook profile Peace Institute was formed for faster and regular information about PI projects and activities. We expanded the News section and included information about additional engagements of our employees and their appearance in the media (radio and television performances, interviews, hosting and participation in debates and round tables, publishing articles and columns, etc.) and thus achieved a bigger dynamic of the website and provided additional sources of information. In addition, a website for project Transcontinental Cooperation in Addressing Labour Conditions and Labour Relations in the Times of Economic Crisis and Social Reforms was set up in the first half of 2012 (<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/labour/>) .

Events in 2012

/

Available results in 2012

<http://www.mirovni-insitut.si>

Funding

/

Announcement of project continuation

Website will be regularly maintained. Due to the growing needs and technical requirements regarding presentations of PI work activities, there has been some ideas about the site renovation. In addition, in 2013 we will launch a monthly PI e-newsletter.

East East Beyond Borders Program

Head of project

Mojca Pajnik
mojca.pajnik@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Mojca Frelih
Luka Mesec
Brankica Petković
Lana Zdravković
Bojan Kuljanac (*Association for Help and Self-help for Homeless People Kings of the Street*)

Aims and goals

The program contributes to partnership projects of the PI on topics related to media, human rights, politics, cultural policy and gender. The purpose is to contribute to the critical evaluation of events and policies on the mentioned topics in the CEE, the Balkan region and globally.

Realization in 2012

Projects:

- The Future of European Integration
- The Power of Alternative Media: Experiences from South-Eastern Europe
- Cross Border Experience → Civil Society: Substance or Substitute
- Comparing Media Reforms – Lessons Learned from Two Decades of Media System Transformation in Post-socialist Countries of South East Europe and Comparison with Media System Reforms in Other Regions

Events in 2012

Symposium, study visits, conference, workshop, websites.

Available results in 2012

Media articles, project websites, public events.

Funding

East East Beyond Borders Program (Open Society Foundations), Municipality of Ljubljana, Student Organization of Slovenia, Kings of the Street, European Commission, Balkan Trust for Democracy, IFEX, Media Program (Open Society Foundations).

Announcement of project continuation

The program will change its form and develop in the direction of adding more global dimension to the EEBBP strategy for 2013.

Library, information and bibliographic activities of the Peace Institute library

Head of project

Julija Magajna
julija.magajna@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

/

Aims and goals

- Library activities: acquisition, cataloguing, preservation and lending of library material to internal and external users
- Information activities: basic information literacy services for library users
- Bibliographic activities: creating bibliographies for Peace Institute co-workers

Realization in 2012

- Acquisition of library material: 55 new units
- Cataloguing: books: 129 units, serials: 4 units, bibliographic resources: 77 units
- Lending: New members: 49; Total library members: 771
- Visits: 276; Transactions: 777; Interlibrary loan: 23 transactions
- Information activity: Advising in selecting of library material from the chosen field of issue for library users
- Preservation and storage of library material:
- Cleaning, ordering and arranging of library material
- Educational activities and professional training:
- Participation in the 'COBISS 3 cataloguing' training course.
- Creation of test bibliographic records to gain acquisition for COBISS 3 cataloguing

Events in 2012

/

Available results in 2012

/

Funding

Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

In the year 2012, the Peace Institute library performed its basic library, information and bibliographic activities efficiently and according to its mission. In the year 2013, it is going to continue with all the activities, which are in accordance with its mission.

EXCEPTIONAL PROJECT

Anniversary of the OSI–Slovenia and Živko Pregl Award

Head of project

Aldo Milohnič, Co-coordinator of the project
aldo.milohnic@mirovni-institut.si

Project team

Brankica Petković, Co-coordinator of the project
Jasna Babič, Video documentation, website, technical support, etc.
Maja Ladić, Organizational assistant

Aims and goals

Main goal of this project was marking of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Open Society Institute–Slovenia, a non-profit foundation which operated between 1992 and 2000 as a part of the global network of Soros Foundations, providing support to civil society, arts and culture, high education, publishing, independent media and other areas in Slovenia.

Realization in 2012

An important part of the project was Živko Pregl Award which was presented for the first time; it was established on the initiative of a group of staff members of the Peace Institute, the Slovenian Philanthropy and former Open Society Institute–Slovenia. Živko Pregl was co-founder and Vice President of the Slovenian Philanthropy and president of the Board of the Open Society Institute–Slovenia. At the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of both organizations, in memory of Živko Pregl and with the aim to promote and support civic activism in form of work of NGOs, informal civic groups and individual activists, the initiators established the award that bears his name.

Events in 2012

In June 2012 we organized an event in the City Museum in Ljubljana marking the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Open Society Institute–Slovenia. Živko Pregl

Award was presented to its first recipient Irfan Beširević, an activist who works through Social Centre Rog in Ljubljana, Invisible Workers of the World and Civil Initiative of the Erased Activists. An afternoon panel with five speakers discussing the economic, political, and cultural situation of the 1990s was also a part of the anniversary program.

Available results in 2012

Media reports, documentation at the Peace Institute and Slovenian Philanthropy websites, etc.

Funding

Open Society Foundations.

Announcement of project continuation

This project was rather a challenge for all collaborators and partners due to its complexity, i.e. establishing the award, drafting background documents, launching a public call for nominations, coordination of the award committee members, conceptualization and organization of the public event, etc. There are many reasons for a positive assessment of the project: a new award for outstanding civil society achievements was established, the audience accepted the decision of the committee to grant the award to Irfan Beširović with acclamation, more than 150 visitors attended the event, etc. The project in its present form is over, while the award should continue as a permanent project of the partner organizations.

APPENDIX 1: THE PEACE INSTITUTE EVENTS 2012



PEACE INSTITUTE EVENTS 2012

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1		1 Round table on the books: At the Crossroad of Discrimination (Na križišču diskriminacije); On a way to one's own room (Na poti do lastne sobe); The doors are not quite open (Vrata nisu baš odprta) / Trubarjeva hiša literature	1 WPU lecture, Franček Drenovec: Financial Crisis in Slovenia / Klub Gromka			
2		2 WPU lecture, Predrag Četković: Financialization of European Banking Sector / Klub Gromka	3 WPU film projection and lecture, Sašo Furlan: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps / Slovenska kinoteka	3 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library		
3		2 CoMiDe workshop for NGO's: Migration and development: African perspective / PI library		4 Book presentation: Re-invention of America / KUD France Prešeren		
4		2 CoMiDe public lecture: Migration and development: African perspective / City Museum	6 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library	4 WPU series of lectures, Primož Krašovec: Primary Accumulation of Capital - Hidden History and Actuality / Faculty of Arts		5 The 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Open Society Institute – Slovenia and presentation of the Živko Pregl Award / City Museum
5		7 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library	7 Presentation and discussion on migration, care and family policies; New editions in Politike Symposium Book Series / CD - Lili Novy	5 Round table: Workers in Subcontracting Companies or Solidarity on Test / Klub Gromka		
6		9 WPU lecture, Bernard Brščić: Fiat Money and the System of Partial Banking Reserves as a Cause of Financial Crises / Klub Gromka				
7				10 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library		
8				11 WPU series of lectures, Primož Krašovec: Real Subsumption / Faculty of Arts	11 Presentation and discussion on the Media Watch book Ours and Yours written by Marko Zajc and Janez Polajnar / City Museum	
9			13 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library	12 WPU lecture, Thomas Marois: The Rise of Financial Capitalism and its Alternatives / Klub Gromka		
10		14 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library				
11		15 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library	15 WPU lecture, dr. Jože Mencinger: World Economic Crisis: Causes, Consequences and Measures / Klub Gromka	17 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library		
12	12 WPU lecture, Lenart Kučič: Technofinancialization / Faculty of Arts	15 Interactive beginners' seminar: What is discrimination? / City Hotel	16 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library	18 WPU series of lectures, Primož Krašovec: The Way to Knowledge Society / Faculty of Arts		
13		15 Round table: The Case of Predrag Topić or Solidarity on Test / Klub Gromka		18 MSU public debate: Public Sector, Austerity Measures and the Meaning of Social Reproduction / Faculty of Arts		
14		15 Media Watch round table: EU Membership Yes, Media Freedom No; with journalists from Croatia and Slovenia / Kavarna Union	20 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library			
15		16 WPU film projection and lecture, Nil Baskar: Money / Slovenska kinoteka		24 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library		
16		21 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library	22 I-RED, network against racism and xenophobia: presentation of the RED Network Combating Racism and Xenophobia and the RED portal / City Hotel	25 WPU series of lectures, Primož Krašovec: Commercialization of Education / Faculty of Arts		
17		23 Press conference: presentation of the book The Faces of Homophobia (Obrazi homofobije) and the beginning of the poster campaign Nisem zagaman - Sem za različnost - Različnost bogati / PI Library	22 WPU lecture, Anej Korsika: Capital, Profit, Crisis / Klub Gromka	26-29 EEBBP workshop - WPU spring school: The Future of European Integration: Left Perspective / AKC Metelkova mesto		
18		23 Press Conference at the 20th Anniversary of Erasure from the Register of Permanent Residence / Hostel Celica				
19	19 WPU lecture, Maja Breznik: Private Labour Markets / Faculty of Arts	23 WPU lecture, Branko Bembič: Three Levels of Financialization: Companies, Households and Macroeconomics / Klub Gromka	27 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library			
20	20 WPU film projection and lecture, Primož Krašovec: Glengarry Glen Ross / Slovenska kinoteka	28 WPU reading seminar: On The Way to Knowledge Society / PI Library	27 Panel discussion on prospects for traditional media in digital age within the Ljubljana Documentary Film Festival - Introduction to the film Page One - Inside the New York Times / CD - M1			
21		28 Briefing for ambassadors on the latest developments concerning the Erasure / Cankarjev Dom	29 WPU lecture, Jan Toporowski: Financialization: A New Age or an Old Story? / Klub Gromka.			
22						
23						
24						
25						
26	26 WPU lecture, Primož Krašovec: Changing the Soul / Klub Gromka					
27						
28						
29						
30					29 WPU in collaboration with Student Politological Association Polituss: Austerity: The Road to Recession, Unemployment and Misery / Faculty of Social Studies	
31						28 Book presentation, David Harvey: Cosmopolitanism and the Geography of Freedom; Eric Hobsbawm: The Age of Capital; WPU and publishing house Sophia / Klub Gromka
						29 Press conference on the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights on Erasure / PI Library

PEACE INSTITUTE EVENTS 2012

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1						
2						
3						
4				4 CoMiDe Partnership Fair: Linking migration and development policy / City Museum		3 Seminar: Building up a network for the change of social priorities / PI Library
5				4 CoMiDe Partnership Market: Linking migration and development policy / Prešeren Square	5-6 Series of lectures and debates with 12 editors of the Macedonian media within their study visit to Slovenia / City Hotel, Journalists' Association, RTV Slovenia etc.	4 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library
6					6 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library	4 Symposium on Statelessness in Slovenia / City Hotel
7						6 WPU lecture, Domagoj Mohačević: Believing without Discussion: The Process of Croatian Accession to EU / Klub Gromka
8						7 EEBBP workshop - WPU Spring School: The Future of European Integration / Zagreb
9						
10						10 Lecture, Vlasta Jalušić: Violation of the right to have rights: Genocide cases in Bosnia and Rwanda, an event to mark the Human Rights Day / Koper - MKSMC
11				11 EEBBP symposium: The Power of Alternative Media. Experiences from Southeastern Europe / Socialni center Rog		11 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library
12					13 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library	12 PI Forum: The Protests: Why and What Now? / CD - Lili Novy
13					14 Mapping Digital Media: National round table with stakeholders to discuss the report for Slovenia / Grand Hotel Union - Room Iris	13 WPU and Kinoteka, film projection: Battleship Potemkin / Slovenska kinoteka
14					15-16 EEBBP conference/theory workshop: Civil Society: Substance or Substitute / Sloga	13 WPU lecture, Marko Kržan: A Short Overview of Current Socio-economic Situation in Slovenia / Klub Gromka
15					16 Seminar: Building up a network for the change of social priorities / PI Library	
16					16 WPU public debate: Against Austerity Measures / CK Španski borci	
17					17 Presentation of the brochure: What Do We Have to Know about Austerity Measures? / Kongresni trg - protestni shod	18 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library
18					20 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library	20 WPU lecture, Angela Wigger: Competition, World Crisis and Alternatives to Neoliberal Capitalism: A Critical Confrontation with Anarchism / Klub Gromka
19					21 WPU reading seminar: Value Critique / PI Library	
20					22 WPU lecture, Sašo Furlan: Crisis of Eurozone in the Context of Global Crisis of Capitalist Mode of Production / Klub Gromka	
21						
22						
23						
24						
25			25-30 EEBBP workshop - WPU spring school: The Future of European Integration / Belgrade		26 Seminar: Building up a network for the change of social priorities / PI Library	
26					27 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library	27 WPU reading seminar: On the Way to Knowledge Society 2: Human Capital and New Development Theory / PI Library
27					28 WPU reading seminar: Marx's Capital / PI Library	
28					29 WPU lecture, John Grahl: Crisis of Eurozone and the End of Social Europe / Klub Gromka	
29					29-30 EEBBP transregional conference: Comparing Media Reforms / University of Ljubljana	
30						
31						

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF ALL PROJECTS, APPLIED FOR IN 2012

No.	Date	Applied to	Title	Submitted by	Responsible person within PI	Status
1	Jan.	OSF: Think Tank Fund, Open Society New Response Projects	"Imagine the future!" – Policy responses and discourses related to political and economic (in)equality in the time of crisis	PI	Veronika Bajt	Not approved
2	Jan.	Agency for Book	Islam and women in Turkey	PI	Aldo Milohnić	Not approved
3	Jan.	EuropeAid - Gender Equality	Women at the crossroads of (in)formal economy (Ruanda)	PI	Vlasta Jalušič, Maja Ladić.	Not approved
4	Feb.	Europe for Citizens, CITIZENSHIP EACEA, Action 2 - Active civil society in Europe	Yugoslav and European Pacifists: from Anti-War Engagement to European Active Citizenship and Decentralised Cooperation	Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso / Peace Bell Foundation	Veronika Bajt	Not approved
5	Feb.	FP7, EC	CITINOVA: Innovating Citizenship for a European Union in Transformation	Leicester University	Mojca Pajnik	Not approved
6	Feb.	EC, DG Education and Culture, Europe for Citizens	Migration to the Centre	Multikultur ní centrum Praha, o.s.	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved
7	Feb.	Agency for book	Založniški praktikum	PI	Aldo Milohnić	Not approved
8	Mar.	EPIM - European Programme for Integration and Migration	Beyond marginalisation: economic, social and civic empowerment of migrants	PI	Veronika Bajt	Not approved

9	Mar.	EPIM - European Programme for Integration and Migration	Integrating unaccompanied/separated children by improving the institute of guardianship - transferring best practices from old to new members states	Center for the Study of Democracy - CSD (Bulgaria)	Veronika Bajt	Not approved
10	Mar.	EC, DG Justice, Call for proposals - Fundamental Rights and Citizenship "Action grants" 2011-2012	One Step Further. Anti-Homophobic Reporting Strategies and Struggles between Religion and Sexual Rights in Five European Countries	University of Padova	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Not approved
11	Mar.	EC, DG Justice - Call for proposals - Fundamental Rights and Citizenship "Action grants" 2011-2012	Rights on the Move - Rainbow Families in Europe	University of Trento	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved
12	Mar.	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship JUST/2011-2012/FRC/AG - RXAS	LIGHT ON - Cross.community actions for combatting the modern symbolism and languages of racism and discrimination	Region of Abruzzo (Italy)	Veronika Bajt	Approved
13	Mar.	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship JUST/2011-2012/FRC/AG	Youth IN.SIDE.OUT - Youth and minorities as agents of social change in combating neo-racism by creative means	MI	Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc	Not approved
14	Mar.	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship JUST/2011-2012/FRC/AG - RXAS	Media4us - Different Perspectives	Mira Media Utrecht	Brankica Petković	Not approved
15	Mar.	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship JUST/2011-2012/FRC/AG - RXAS	EURECA: EUropean Rights and European Citizenship for a new world wide intercultural Awareness	Fondazione spazio reale impresa sociale, Firenze	Mojca Pajnik	Not approved

16	Mar.	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship JUST/2011-2012/FRC/AG	Fundamental right in Sport	Dissenss	Majda Hrženjak	Not approved
17	Mar.	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship JUST/2011-2012/FRC/AG	RomaAction	University of Padova	Majda Hrženjak	Not approved
18	Mar.	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship JUST/2011-2012/FRC	RAGE: Hate speech and populist othering	Leicester University	Mojca Pajnik	Approved
19	Mar.	EU Daphne program	GeMber - Cyber Violence from the perspective of Gender, Multiple Belongings and Resilience	PI	Majda Hrženjak	Not approved
20	Apr.	EC, DG Justice, Tender Legal framework applicable to racist or xenophobic hate speech and hate crime in the EU Member States	Legal framework applicable to racist or xenophobic hate speech and hate crime in the EU Member States	Milieu ltd.	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved
21	Apr.	European Institute for Equal Opportunities (EU agency) Tender	Study on Area J of the Beijing Platform for Action: Women and the Media in the European Union (focus on women's participation and access to decision-making in the media organisations in all 27 EU Member States and Croatia)	University of Liverpool	Brankica Petković	Approved
22	Apr.	Civil Society Facility Partnership Programmes for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) EuropeAid/132438/C/ACT/ Multi	Partnership for Right to Truth, Right to Justice, Right to Compensation: Advocating Reparations for all War Victims	Documenta	Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc	Not approved

23	Apr.	Civil Society Facility Partnership Programmes for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) EuropeAid/132438/C/ACT /Multi	South East European Media Observatory – Building Capacities and Coalitions for Monitoring Media Integrity and Advancing Media Reforms	PI	Brankica Petković	Approved
24	Apr.	Innovation Norway	Support to workers in atypical employments	Konfederacija Pergam	Maja Breznik	Not approved
25	May	Hera	Biennialization: Curating, Art and Changing Exhibition Culture	Uni Kobenhaven	Maja Breznik	Not approved
26	May	European Parliament, Tender on comparative study on civil status	Comparative study on civil status	Milieu Ltd.	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved
27	May	European Development Fund (Rwanda) - Voice and Accountability	Justice for all. Raising human rights standards for citizens of Rwanda	PI	Maja Ladić	Not approved
28	May	EC, DG Home Affairs tender: Provision of baseline information for the next Multiannual Financial Framework in the Home Affairs area	Provision of baseline information for the next Multiannual Financial Framework in the Home Affairs area	Ramboll	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Not approved
29	May	Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development (In-country intervention - Rwanda)	Food and health for all. Fighting poverty and malnutrition in Rwanda	PI	Maja Ladić	Not approved
30	May	EC, DG Justice, Tender: Evaluation and implementation of Directive 2008/52/EC - the "Mediation Directive	Evaluation and implementation of Directive 2008/52/EC - the "Mediation Directive	Milieu Ltd.	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved

31	May	UNHCR, Call for proposals for Implementing Partner to Conduct a Mapping of Stateless in Slovenia	Proposal for Implementing Partner to Conduct a Mapping of Stateless in Slovenia	PI	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved
32	Jun	European parliament, IP/C/LIBE/FWC/2009-054	Member States policies for children with disabilities (or with different abilities)	Milieu ltd.	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved
33	Jun	ARRS	Prospects for de-segmentation of labour market	UNI LJ FDV	Majda Hrženjak	Approved
34	Jun	ARRS	Economic culture of workers	UNI LJ, FF	Maja Breznik	Not approved
35	Jun	ARRS	Digital citizenship	PI	Mojca Pajnik	Not approved, lodge appeal
36	Jun	EC PROGRESS	PRE-BOJ: Integration of non-discrimination politics I	PI	Veronika Bajt	Not approved
37	Jun	Min of Education, Science, Culture and Sport	Series of articles about new media for the Media Watch journal	PI	Brankica Petković	Not approved
38	Jun	German Embassy in Skopje	Strengthening Professional Capacities of Editors and Managers of the Media in Macedonia	Macedonian Institute for Media	Brankica Petković	Approved
39	Jul	OSF	The Erased People in Slovenia: Towards Justice and Accountability	PI	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Approved
40	Jul	Min of Education, Science, Culture and Sport	Social situation of self employed in culture	PI	Aldo Milohnič in Maja Breznik	Not approved

41	Aug	European Commission (DG Justice)	Study on progress achieved in the implementation by the EU of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020	Milieu Ltd.	Neža Kogovšek Šalamon	Not approved
42	Aug	Min of Education, Science, Culture and Sport	Media Watch journal	PI	Brankica Petković	Call cancelled
43	Oct	OSF Media Program	Media Watch Website Redevelopment	PI	Brankica Petković	In the evaluation
44	Nov	OSF Media Program	Trans-regional conference "Comparing Media Reforms", Ljubljana, 29-30 November 2012 (within EE- PBBP)	PI	Brankica Petković	Add on EE – PBBP conference approved-