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Introduction

In 2014 the Peace Institute worked in a very dynamic environment. Political situation was marked by two national elections – early national parliamentary elections and elections to the European parliament. The national parliamentary elections lead to changes in state power following a victory of the Miro Cerar Party (ideologically undefined) that was established only a few months before the elections. Miro Cerar, head of the party and a university law professor, was elected as Prime Minister. Another newly established party – The United Left (its frontman Luka Mesec has been part of the Worker's Punk's University, a program hosted by the Peace Institute) – also entered the parliament for the first time. The oldest centre-right Slovenian People's Party surprisingly did not meet the parliamentary threshold. Extreme nationalists (Slovenian National Party) again remained outside the parliament, while their rhetoric was increasingly taken over by Slovene Democratic Party.

The economic situation continued to be marked by financial crisis accompanied by high structural unemployment (11%). However, thanks to the increase of export the GDP growth slowly returned and unemployment stopped growing at such a fast rate. Privatization started by the previous government became a disputed political topic but the new government does not seem to have a different approach in this regard when compared to the previous governments of Alenka Bratušek and Janez Janša. The Prime Minister insists that if the previous governments gave their word that the privatization of specific state companies will be carried out, then the new government is bound to keep the promise in order to maintain its "credibility". The impression that the state wants to give therefore prevailed over the content which clearly demonstrates the absence of any kind of substantive and meaningful politics, while the main government direction remains neoliberal.

At the same time, we have been witnessing developments concerning final conviction of the opposition leader Janez Janša who went to prison on corruption charges. His supporters carried out a systematic stigmatization of the judiciary, in particular the president of the Supreme Court. In general, the judiciary was also to a greater extent subject to public scrutiny, as in 2014 many managers who have previously been considered as very successful, have been convicted and imprisoned.

At the same time, many indicators show that neo-Nazi groups in Slovenia are very active and on the rise. The Slovenian Intelligence and Security Service (Sova) wrote a report on the matter, but on the basis of instructions from certain political circles it had to balance it by covering not only "right wing" extremism, but also "left wing" extremism. The journalists investigating the events, pointed at the missing parts of the report, the connections between neo-Nazi groups and political parties, and at the lack of reaction to Sova's reports about the strengthening of these movements. Since the report was marked as state secret, the journalists who have been writing about it were subject to questioning by the police, while one of the journalists has also been prosecuted in court. Namely, the relevant article of the Penal Code no longer contains an exception allowing publishing of secret information that are in the public interest.

In 2014 the law on compensations for the erased persons entered into force. The law was passed with an aim to execute the pilot judgment of the European Court of Human Rights. The law was subject to criticism due to the narrow scope of beneficiaries entitled to compensation and due to the fact that the compensation granted on the basis of this law is incomparably lower when compared to the compen-

sation awarded by the European Court of Human Rights. In 2014 Slovenia was again condemned by the European Court, this time in a matter concerning persons with foreign nationality who were deprived of their savings by the former state-owned Ljubljanska banka. Similarly as in the case of the erased persons, this case also originates in post-independence era and shows how arbitrary the attitude of the Slovenian state was towards persons of other successor states of former Yugoslavia.

In the international arena the year was marked by a new Israeli military attack on Gaza, against which the Peace Institute reacted with a public letter addressed to the Slovenian Foreign Ministry.

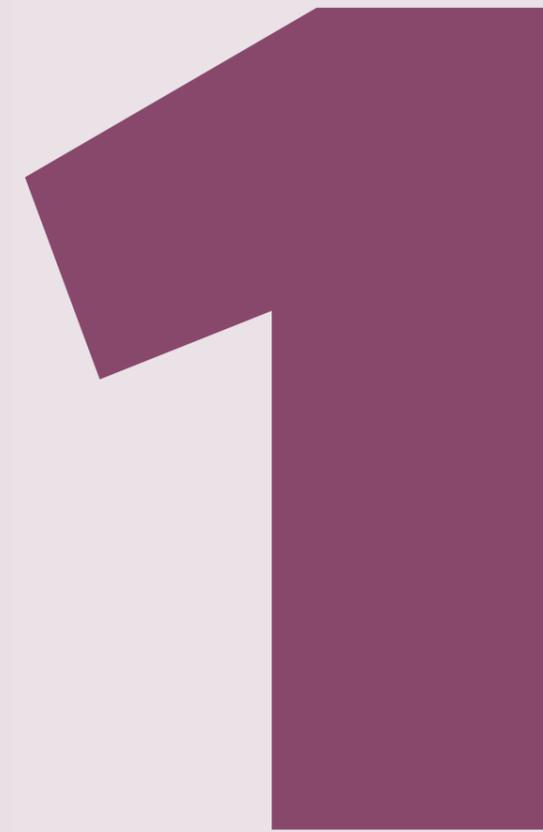
In this social and political context, which we have been monitoring closely, the Peace Institute team carried out a number of research projects, activities, public events and other interventions. Most of them were implemented within the framework of projects planned in advance, while individual activities were also carried out regardless of available project funding. In 2014 we were implementing 41 projects. Seven were funded by Slovenian Research Agency, 18 by the European Commission or other European agencies (EIGE, FRA), 10 were financed by Open Society Foundations (Program for Independent Journalism, Human Rights Program, Open Society Initiative for Europe). One project was supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

The Peace Institute continued to develop research and advocacy activities within five thematic fields – politics, human rights and minorities, media, gender and cultural policies. Content-wise the projects addressed very relevant issues – political participation, activism, protests, populism and racism, as well as the role of the new communication technologies in these fields; the role of youth in these processes; hate speech, discrimination, exclusion and various forms and scopes of inequalities; violence and inequalities in interventions against violence. With the Seminar for political theory, we nurtured the critical thought in regard to politics and provided space for connecting the Peace Institute with students; in the field of migration, we participated in Mipex project offering the tools for evaluation of integration policies; we took part in the coordination of Slovenian NGOs working in the field of asylum; we dealt with alternatives to detention of asylum seekers; at the same time, we also encouraged the

debate on migration policies and worked on connections of migration with development policies. We continued our work in assisting "erased" persons by providing counselling, advocacy and analytical tasks aimed at remedying of human rights violations. 2014 was the last year of our many years of cooperation with the Fundamental Rights Agency for which we prepared a number of studies and reports on various fundamental rights issues. In the area of fundamental rights, we started to work on a postdoctoral research project. In the field of media we implemented one of the largest projects ever carried out by the Peace Institute – Media Observatory in South East Europe. We researched media, especially new media, in the context of uprisings and studied the ways in which society is becoming increasingly mediatized. We paid more attention to the gender equality in the media. In the field of gender, we continued to cooperate with Nyamirambo Women's Centre in Rwanda where we carried out a number of activities aiming at empowerment of vulnerable groups of women. In the field of labour market, we analysed new policies with an aim to assess labour market segmentation. We also started to work on gender equality in the field of payments, including pensions. This is related to our research of care work which we address from the perspective of gender, citizenship and complex inequalities.

2014 was a demanding year from the aspect of organization of work at the institute. Due to the expiration of the 14-year Open Society Foundations core funding in December 2014 we had to adopt certain adaptations. In the light of this fact, we passed a new system of work posts and transited to a new, exclusively project-based funding system. On the basis of a new system of work posts new employment contracts were concluded with all the employees. The number of employees at the Peace Institute remains practically unchanged since the Peace Institute team still consists of 18 employees. Ten of them have a PhD, three have a master's degree, three are PhD candidates and one is a master's degree candidate. One of the PI employees obtained her PhD in 2014, and we hired a new PhD candidate.

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POLITICS

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FUNDING

- ARRS

AIMS AND GOALS

The DIG-CIT project addresses political participation which has been changing under the influence of growing social complexity, the rise of information and communication technologies and media convergence. In our starting thesis, the process of the democratisation of citizenship is seen as requiring a transformation of policies so that they encourage greater citizen participation. The project sees digital citizenship as referring to citizen action in equal relations within the *polity*, underscoring the study of opportunities and constraints of the online environment, and considering a series of circumstances determining participation in the (European) public sphere. Digital citizenship is addressed through three theoretical approaches:

1. The theory of citizenship;
2. Critical theory of the Internet; and
3. Positionality and intersectionality theory.

REALIZATION IN 2014

ACTIVITIES:

- study of relevant literature and genealogy of terms (understanding citizenship and political participation in the context of e-democracy)
- operationalization of the research model, design of the thematic research on established politics in online environment and receptions of youth
- work in the module "Strong politics on the web and youth": the research aims to explore web activities of institutionalized political actors with the purpose to analyse their communication and understanding of participation and to contrast it with the perceptions of young users. Using the code book, we have analysed 64 websites of the most visible political actors in Slovenia.

Further focus was placed on the analysis of young users' perceptions of the web. We have conducted 14 interviews with students using a questionnaire where the first part was devoted to demographic data and the second to the analysis of young users' perceptions regarding political participation opportunities enabled by political actors online.

The research also included interviews with general secretaries of political parties by the means of which we were able to verify communication strategies, especially the opportunities enabled by the political actors for participation of citizens.

EVENTS IN 2014

Internal project colloquium, the 15th of October, library of the PI.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

Thematic issue of the journal *Teorija in praksa* on citizenship including articles of all team members:

[http://www.fdv.uni-lj.si/revije/znanstvene-revije/teorija-in-praksa/iz-vsebine/teorija-in-praksa-6-\(2014\)](http://www.fdv.uni-lj.si/revije/znanstvene-revije/teorija-in-praksa/iz-vsebine/teorija-in-praksa-6-(2014))

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

In the future, we intend to study social movements in media context and the possibilities for generating alternative politics. Also, we will study inequality among youth in online environment and its effects on participation or lack thereof. We plan to publish results and present them to the general public.

E-engagement against violence

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FUNDING

- European Commission, DAPHNE Program, 2013-2015

AIMS AND GOALS

Over the last years, due to globalization and migration processes, populism and racism have experienced a new era of growth in Europe, thus rekindling traditional forms of discrimination through new means. In particular, new media platforms and social networking sites have been seen by populist organizations as a driver to promote hate speech and new forms of proselitism. Race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation have been used as a basis to discriminate or marginalize the 'other', and media have been used as a sounding board. In this context, the main purpose of the project is to contrast new populism and racism transmitted through digital media and social networks by promoting young people's awareness towards violent media contents as well as empowering them through civic engagement (or also e-engagement) and media/digital literacy.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In 2014, the project finalized the research task of analysing populism in online environment – based on frame analysis applied on the defined national cases. Each of the partners prepared a national report; in addition, the Peace Institute as the leader of workstream "Analysing populist communicative strategies" prepared a comparative report "Populist communicative strategies on the web in European societies".

Furthermore, as part of the workstream "E-engagement for participation" we have tested educational modules on online activism and networking in 3 Slovenian high schools. Altogether we have worked with 111 pupils and three teachers/educators and have also prepared a national report on the testing of the mentioned educational module. As part of the workstream devoted to teacher's training, we have engaged 18 teachers and educators who have been active in the online training using the digital platform to learn about contemporary populism. A report was prepared as a result.

EVENTS IN 2014

- Public seminar "Populism, racism and the school: Prospects for Citizenship Education", Trubar Literature House, Ljubljana, the 22nd of October.
- Post-experiment meeting with teachers, involved in the project (testing the digital platform), Trubar Literature House, Ljubljana, the 22nd of October.
- Public lecture, presentation of the project results, Faculty of Education, University of Ljubljana, the 1st of December.
- Conference and final meeting, Brussels, the 11th of December.
- Presenting results at the annual meeting of the Slovene Sociological association, Bohinj, 24th-26th of October, M. Pajnik, I. Šori – Economic populism: meritocracy for the decline of the welfare state.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- Project website: <http://www.engagementproject.eu/>.
- Interview "Populist movements recruit young people from the age of 15 and above", RTVSLO, News from the Public Broadcaster.
- <http://www.rtvsllo.si/news-in-english/populist-movements-recruit-young-people-from-the-age-of-15-and-above/349962>.
- "The rising populism of political parties across the political spectrum", national daily newspaper Delo.
- <http://www.delo.si/arhiv/vse-vec-populizma-ne-glede-na-barvo-stranke.html>.
- "Populism, racism and citizenship education", Radio student: <http://radiostudent.si/dru%C5%BEba/kaj-pa-univerza/populizem-rasizem-in-dr%C5%BEavljska-vzgoja>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project intends to discuss populism in the context of globalization and migration processes by emphasising the role of new media and social networks. It thematizes the role of new media in generating discrimination, especially in the context of gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation and aims at raising awareness of young people via media education. The project analyses contemporary forms of populism and develops and implements educational modules for both pupils as well as high school teachers. Several publications are planned as a project result. A book proposal entitled *Rethinking Populism, Media and Education in the Digital Era: Deconstructing Online Discrimination through E-engagement* was accepted by Routledge publishing house. In 2015, another publication will be issued by the University of Florence involving articles leaning on project results.

CEINAV – Cultural encounters in interventions against violence

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FUNDING

- European Commission, HERA programme

AIMS AND GOALS

The project takes a dual approach to cultural encounters as reflected in ethics, justice, and citizenship, by focusing on the fundamental rights of women and children to be safe from violence. It will explore both the national legal and institutional cultures affecting the practices of intervention, as well as the growing diversity within European countries, where symbolic boundaries of cultural belonging can be used to define social exclusion or inclusion. The examples of four EU countries – Germany, Portugal, Slovenia and the United Kingdom – will be studied, and differing approaches to the protective role of the state (as expressed in law, policing, and social welfare intervention) will be contextualized in the history of colonialism, democracy, migration, and diversity.

REALIZATION IN 2014

The main activities took place along two main lines of research, the theoretical and the empirical. From January to March, the national context study in the areas of the three researched forms of violence was prepared: partnership violence (domestic violence), child abuse and trafficking in human beings. The legal-institutional paper was finalized as well. The draft of the theoretical paper was finished by June, and it comprises the reflection on the main theories which could explain complex inequalities in the three described cases. In March and April, the guidelines for the implementation of the workshops with participating experts from all the three areas were prepared, commented, and translated. In March, April and June we prepared and implemented six workshops in Ljubljana and a pilot workshop, each with 6-12 participants. Parallel to the implementation of the workshops, we videotaped the short interviews with the experts. The analysis of the empirical material (frame analysis and analysis of the ethical dilemmas) took part in July, August and September. Paper on theoretical frames was written in August. The workshop of all the partners as well as associated partners took place in Porto (September-October 2014) and the working papers on frames and ethical dilemmas in the workshops were finalized in November.

EVENTS IN 2014

Workshop of all researchers and associated partners: 29th of September – 3rd of October 2014.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

WORKING PAPERS AT:

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/faculties/faculty-of-social-sciences-and-humanities/research/child-and-woman-abuse-studies-unit/projects/ceinav/working-papers/>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project was successfully implemented and will continue in 2015 and 2016.

Violent intersections. The dynamics of the social and political elements of collective violence and massive crime and their consequences – dissemination.

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FUNDING

- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

The project is the continuation (dissemination, publishing and PhD) of the project Violent intersections.

REALIZATION IN 2014

ACTIVITIES: translation of the book *The Evil of Thoughtlessness* into the Serbian language (with a new introduction). Writing an article for the *Focaal* journal and the policies of memorialization of the Bosnian and Rwandan genocide /to be published in Spring of 2015/, finalization and defense of the doctoral dissertation of Jovana Mihajlovič Trbovc on the Public narratives of transitional justice in Bosnia and Hercegovina.

EVENTS IN 2014

INVITED LECTURE: "Violence, gender and complex inequalities", the 7th of May 2014, at the conference: *Violencia de género: Escenarios y desafíos. XX Jornadas de Investigación Interdisciplinar del Instituto Universitario de Estudios de la Mujer (IUEM)*, 7, 8 y 9 de Mayo del 2014, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- **Jovana Mihajlovič Trbovc.** Public Narratives of the Past in the Framework of Transitional Justice Processes: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Doctoral dissertation. Supervisor : Vlasta Jalušič. University of Ljubljana, 2014.
- **Vlasta Jalušič,** Banalnost zla je strukturirana kot LTI (Banality of evil is structured as LTI). Foreword to Viktor Klemperer. *LTI. Lingua Tertii Imperii*. Ljubljana: *cf, 2014.
- **Vlasta Jalušič,** Understanding violence (and power), chapter in a book, to be published by University of Zagreb
- **Vlasta Jalušič.** Bosnia and Ruanda: Remembering as a Means of Forgetting rather than Understanding, article, to be published in 2015 in the *Focaal* journal.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

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Seminar for political theory

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AIMS AND GOALS

Seminar for political theory is the new form of study activity which in 2014 serves to rethink the issue of the state and its position in the today's world through the Hegel's Philosophy of Rights. The core of the activities was the reading seminar and several lectures.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In the reading seminar, the Hegel's book Philosophy of Rights has been read. The reading seminar took place twice a month in the library of the Peace Institute, with 7-10 participants.

EVENTS IN 2014

PUBLIC LECTURES:

- Trubar's house of literature, the 8th of January 2014: On violence, pannel with Vlasta Jalušič and Mirt Komel.
- Trubar's house of literature, the 12th of June 2014. Public Lecture of dr. Goran Gretič: »Hegel – theidea of philosophy of rights«.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2015. In the first part, the reading of the Philosophy of Rights will be finished. In the second part, the seminar will start with reading of Kant's Critique of judgement.

Hannah Arendt and basic concepts of politics

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FUNDING

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AIMS AND GOALS

The project runs parallel to the Seminar for political theory and gives space to the younger interested researchers and students to link with the Peace Institute. On the long term, it represents a frame to conduct the activities of in-depth thinking about the basic concepts of politics.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In the first half of the year, we started preparing the translation of the H. Arendt's work On revolution. The glossary of the terminology was set up, and so was a group of younger translators. In the second half of the year, we started with translations of few chapters, as well as with debate and the harmonizing of terminology. The book, together with the foreword, will be finished in 2015.

EVENTS IN 2014

There were two presentations (in the form of lectures, pannels and film projections) of the translation of the H. Arendt's book On violence: in January in Ljubljana (co-organized with the Slovenian Sociological Association and in March 2014 in the Cultural home of Nova Gorica (together with the Association of Humanists of Nova Gorica).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2015 as an additional activity of the Seminar for political theory.

EWSI – European Web Site on Integration

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FUNDING

- European Commission, Directorate General for Home Affairs

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 2014

In 2014, the EWSI project team realized all of the main activities of the EWSI project, i.e. collection of integration practices, reports for special reports/analyses (integration dossiers, special features), uploading of relevant documents, good integration practices, links, news, and events; promotion of EWSI website to other relevant organisations and target groups in Slovenia; regular updating about events relevant to EWSI via social networks (Facebook, Twitter); attending relevant events (e.g. conferences, round tables, symposia) regarding integration and migration issues.

EVENTS IN 2014

There was a national co-ordinators' meeting in Brussels in mid-2014, however, due to budgetary restrictions, the Slovenian team was asked not to attend, thus providing only online feedback.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

All uploaded documents, links, events, items, etc. are available on-line. See <http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/en/index.cfm>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2015. The European Commission has approved a new Editorial Policy for 2015 which will be put into full effect in 2015. This entails new specific rules that will apply to the work of the national coordinators. For this reason, a new National Coordinators' User Manual is being prepared that will take into account both the new Editorial Rules and instructions for the new back-end of the web site, which is planned to be launched at the end of January 2015.

MIPEX – The Migrant Integration Policy Index

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- MIPEX National Partners

FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) is a reference guide and a fully interactive tool to assess, compare and improve integration policy. It measures integration policies in Europe and North America in order to provide a view of integration policies across a broad range of differing environments. Using 148 policy indicators, MIPEX establishes the extent to which all residents are legally entitled to equal rights and responsibilities as well as to any support that addresses their specific needs to make equal opportunities a reality. MIPEX covers 7 policy strands.

REALIZATION IN 2014

The national expert summarized recent policy changes since the 31st of May 2010 in the seven MIPEX areas using a new MIPEX questionnaire, which was then sent to the coordinator of the Migration Policy Group (MPG) for review and comments. The MPG team then identified which of these changes are likely to affect the MIPEX indicators and the national expert, together with peer reviewer, provided additional details/references about these specific changes.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The majority of the work was done in 2014, although project activities will continue until April 2015.

Prospects for Labour Market Desegmentation

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FUNDING

- ARRS

AIMS AND GOALS

Project aims at analyzing new labour market policies and measures, by assessing whether proposed approaches to reduce segmentation of labour market are innovative or remain confined within traditional patterns.

REALIZATION IN 2014

- Conceptual analysis and the developing of theoretical framework.
- Comparative quantitative evidence of labour market situation in Europe according to different demographic categories and welfare regimes.
- Dissemination.

EVENTS IN 2014

Hrženjak, M.: Men in local care chains: examples from Slovenia. Contribution to the conference 'Revisioning Gender. Complex Inequalities and Global Dimensions.' 20th anniversary of Social Politics, Stockholm 13th-14th of June, 2014.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- **Hrženjak, M. (2014):** Globalization of care and situation of Slovenian care workers in Italy. *Two Homelands* 2014/40: 57-71.
- **Elli Scambor, Nadja Bergmann, Katarzyna Wojnicka, Sophia Belghiti-Mahut, Jeff Hearn, Øystein Gullvag Holter, Marc Gartner, Majda Hrženjak, Christian Scambor, and Alan White:** Men and Gender Equality: European Insights. *Men and Masculinities*, 2014, Vol. 17(5) 552-577.
- **Hrženjak, M. (forthcoming):** Work like any other, work like no other: regulation strategies of home based care work. *Teorija in praksa*.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is taking course according to plans and will be continued till 2016.

Hate Speech and Populist Othering in Europe Through the racism, Age and Gender Looking Glass – RAGE

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FUNDING

- European Commission (Fundamental rights and citizenship)

AIMS AND GOALS

The project examines the ways in which young activists incorporate populist politics into their everyday life, also including the ways in which they define their membership in a 'community', and how they consider issues of gender, ethnicity, sexuality. Through engagement with civil society organisations it also examines the effects of populism, and the discourses of those who seek to challenge 'populist othering'.

THE PROJECTS' OBJECTIVES ARE:

- to examine the discourses and practices which are defined as populist by a growing body of literature in 9 EU member states: the UK, France, Italy, Austria, Finland, Denmark, Hungary, Slovenia and Bulgaria.
- to analyse ways in which, as Europe negotiates the current economic and political crisis, the weak position of young people (18-30), dubbed as the 'lost generation' with low prospects of finding a job and education, renders them particularly vulnerable to becoming a recruitment target for parties and movements of the extreme right;
- to examine the way in which young militants of these populist parties incorporate populist ideology in their everyday life; how they define themselves as members of a 'community'; how they consider gender roles and elaborate men's and women's representation;
- to gain critical insight into the young people's motivations to follow anti-other 'hate speech' or to oppose it;
- to identify preventive measures and good practices and raise awareness.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In early 2014, project teams concluded the analysis of populism based on the research manuals for both qualitative and quantitative analysis of populism, and the PI generated databases that were then used for national reports. We have prepared a report "Populism in Slovenian Context Online: Quantitative and Qualitative Frame Analysis of Practices and Discourses" that included the quantitative analysis of "populism in the normal", analyzing populist discourses of all political parties, and qualitative analysis of populism focusing on two cases, i.e. the Slovenian Democratic party and the Civil initiative for family and the rights of children that were previously chosen as case studies in the Slovenian context. In addition, together with the University of Vienna we have prepared a comparative report analysing and comparing results from 9 European countries.

Next, we have worked on the third work stream that covers the "anti-bodies", i.e. the anti-populism activities of various movements. We have prepared the report entitled "Social movements as anti-bodies in Slovenia through time" that provides an overview of the national histories of anti-bodies in Slovenia. The report focuses primarily on the feminist, gay and lesbian, peace, antifascist, anarchist and 150

movements. As part of this work stream, we have engaged in field work and have conducted focus groups engaging various “anti-bodies” to discuss counter-racism actions and strategies of various movements. In addition, we have employed participant observation methods and have attended a few public protests organized in spring and summer in Ljubljana. In January of 2015, we have finalized the national report on the ‘anti-bodies’.

EVENTS IN 2014

- Project meetings, 19th-20th of March, Paris; 5th-6th of June, Helsinki; 3rd-5th of November, Copenhagen
- Public forum “In the name of the people: racism, populism and discrimination”, Center for urban culture Kino Šiška, the 11th of November

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- Video recordings from the public forum “In the name of the people: racism, populism and discrimination” <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/Novica/Detail/si/novica/Javni-forum-o-rasizmu-in-njegovih-mehanizmih-delovanja/>
- Report, Radio student: <http://radiostudent.si/politika/off-poro%C4%8Dilo/rasizem-brez-rasistov>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project focuses on the discussion of populism and the related phenomena of racism, xenophobia, nationalism, antisemitism and homophobia placing the emphasis on occurrences in the digital sphere. The project analyses contemporary forms of populism, as well as contributing to the raising of awareness about these exclusionary phenomena, and deals with the topic of prevention and protection of human rights. Several publications are planned as a result. Among them, a proposal for an edited book on populism was accepted by the Palgrave publishing house. The Slovenian Journal for the Critique of Science will devote a theme issue to racism in 2015 including articles by RAGE project partners. Final conference on populism will be organized on March the 4th in Brussels.

CoMiDe – Consistency of Migration and Development Policy

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- Society Development Institute, Bratislava, Slovakia, www.sdisk.eu
- COSPE – Co-operation for the Development of Emerging Countries, Rome/Bologna, Italy, www.cospe.org

FUNDING

- The project is partly funded by European Commission, DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid.

AIMS AND GOALS

The project is following various useful policies to provide for the first time a unique opportunity both to the EU countries as well as to “third countries of origin”, transit and destination to move towards a concerted approach to migration and development.

REALIZATION IN 2014

- Video film “Here I Am” production and promotion: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITV-WdL-cks&feature=youtu.be> (free access)
- Series of 8 radio broadcasts “Here I Am” on national radio Val 202 (free access on www.comide.org)
- Evaluation of the project
- Preparing final narrative and financial report (project ended in April 2014)

EVENTS IN 2014

Public promotion of the video film “Here I Am”: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITV-WdL-cks&feature=youtu.be> (31. 5. 2014) within the manifestation “Intercultural event on the world day of encouraging the cultural differences for dialogue and development,” organized by the Slovene Philanthropy.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

www.comide.org

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project has officially ended and the plan is to apply for a continuation in the future, within the same consortium, as the development of the project was successful and the networking among the partners has been extremely positive. So far, we didn’t manage to get a new project but PI is a partner in a new migration and development project, lead by COSPE (the partner organisation on CoMiDe project), with the project starting in 2015 and expected to last for 3 years.

Effective Activism – A Bilateral Exchange of Croatian and Slovenian Activists

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PARTNERS

- Open Society Initiative for Europe

FUNDING

- Open Society Initiative for Europe

AIMS AND GOALS

The initiative aims to empower individual activists and organizations which defend open society values with novel methods that can overcome the limitations of the generation of well-established NGOs.

REALIZATION IN 2014

The Effective Activism – A Bilateral Exchange of Croatian and Slovenian Activists in Slovenia enabled the mutual exchange of knowledge, experiences and ideas among the activists from Slovenia and Croatia (and also from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Iceland and Serbia). The event was held in Maribor (November 6th-8th).

EVENTS IN 2014

The event enabled all the involved activists to benefit and learn more about experiences of others. It focused on the topics of transformative power of protests, labor rights, conservative threats towards open society, and citizens' co-management of public affairs/public goods. The innovative part of this approach was that the project encouraged the activists from both countries to think about and give suggestions to those invited lecturers/experts they could benefit most from. The participants at the event were therefore actively participating in the design, content and structure of the event itself in order to make it less hierarchical than such events usually are.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

<http://www.mirovni-institut.si/Novica/Detail/en/novica/Effective-Activism>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The bilateral exchange can be evaluated as very successful due to high general satisfaction of the participants regarding the organization and structure of the event. The possible continuation of the initiative will be discussed in the next weeks.



**HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MINORITIES**

DIKE (Empowerment of LGBT Persons and NGOs for the Elimination of Systemic and Structural Discrimination of LGB people, Enhancement of Active Citizenship, Rule of Law, Democracy and Social Justice)

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PARTNERS

- Legebitra
- The Open Institute
- Faculty of Pedagogy
- Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

FUNDING

- Norway grants

AIMS AND GOALS

The project sets up a sustainable system of empowerment of vulnerable and marginalized groups for effective elimination of systemic and structural discrimination of LGB persons, enhancement of active citizenship, rule of law, democracy and social justice through legal means. One of the project activities is the analysis of legal framework that is dealing or should be dealing with the situation of same-sex couples in Slovenia. Neža Kogovšek Šalamon is a member of the legal team that is working on the analysis, she is responsible for civil law and administrative law sections. The project leader at the Peace institute is Roman Kuhar.

REALIZATION IN 2014

The legal team finished the work on the analysis of the legal system in Slovenia, focusing on the heteronormativity of the legislation, and prepared possible solutions for the inclusion of same-sex couples into Slovenian legal framework. At the same time, the empirical study on everyday life of gays and lesbians (including measuring the level of knowledge of legal provisions for LGBT people) has been conducted. The sample consists of 1,045 respondents. The second part of the research – focus groups – has also been conducted. The data has been analyzed, including the comparative analysis with data from 2003.

EVENTS IN 2014

The results of the research have been published in the newspaper Večer. At the moment (end of the year, early 2015), the results are being presented at meetings at several Slovenian ministries.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- **Mlinarič, Urška. 2014.** Geji in lezbijke pragmatično v poroko, če bi bilo to možno. Večer, the 10th of November 2014, <http://ris.vecer.com/arhivi/clanek.aspx?id=302230716048376057505A767837&tip=A&Tabela=2014>,
- **Kuhar, Roman. 2014.** Analiza podatkov iz raziskave o pravni podinformiranosti LGBT-skupnosti v Sloveniji. Ljubljana: Mirovni inštitut in Legebitra.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The majority of work the Peace Institute was responsible for was finished in time. In 2015, the dissemination of the results will continue and further analysis of data is foreseen (articles, book).

Overview of the national laws on electronic health records in the EU Member States

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PROJECT TEAM

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PARTNERS

As this is a tender, the coordinator (Milieu Ltd.) selected national experts from each of the Member States.

FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The objective of this study is to come up with recommendations to the eHealth network, composed of the competent national authorities in the area of eHealth, on how national laws and European framework must evolve to support cross-border eHealth services.

REALIZATION IN 2014

The PI staff member was responsible for conducting desk research and interviews with stakeholders and for drafting of the national report in accordance with the methodology, which was prepared by the coordinator (Milieu Ltd.).

EVENTS IN 2014

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AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

All activities were carried out in 2014, the project is concluded.

FRANET – National Focal Point of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) / Data collection and research services

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PARTNERS

- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- National Focal Points in other EU Member States

FUNDING

- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

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).

REALIZATION IN 2014

2014 was the fourth year of the implementation of this project. In this year, the National Focal Point produced the following reports: Homophobia, transphobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity – Update of national legal studies; Severe forms of labour exploitation in Slovenia – Update of phase I and desk research in phase II; The right to independent living of persons with disabilities in Slovenia – mapping institutionalisation in EU Member States; National intelligence authorities and surveillance in the EU: Fundamental rights safeguarding and remedies in Slovenia.

EVENTS IN 2014

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AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

Reports and studies produced by the National Focal Point serve as a basis for the FRA reports and studies covering the fields of fundamental rights issues. If so decided by the mentioned organisations, country-related studies might also be publicly available. The synthesis report, produced by the FRA in 2014, covered developments regarding fundamental rights in the EU in 2013. This report also includes selected data prepared by the National Focal Point relating to the situation in Slovenia. In 2014, FRA also published Slovenian national reports on the political participation of persons with disabilities and on the access to data protection remedies on its website. Both reports were produced by the National focal point in the preceding years and served as a source of data for the FRA EU synthesis reports.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

All deliverables produced by the National Focal Point in 2014 received positive evaluations from the funding organisation. This was the last year of the project implementation.

'MADE REAL' – Making Alternatives to Detention in Europe a Reality by Exchanges, Advocacy and Learning

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PARTNERS

The project involves one Odysseus Network member and one NGO partner from each of the following states: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, UK.

FUNDING

The project was in 90% supported by the EU through the European Refugee Fund 2012, the remaining 10% was secured by the Odysseus Network and partner NGOs (co-financing from the network members is not required).

AIMS AND GOALS

The objective is to address the knowledge and implementation gap concerning alternatives to detention for asylum seekers in the EU, paying particular attention to vulnerable asylum seekers, to assist Member States in the transposition of the recast of the Reception Conditions Directive and to enhance the use of alternatives to detention complying with EU and international legal standards.

REALIZATION IN 2014

Based on the methodology prepared by the project coordinator (Odysseus Network), desk research and interviews with stakeholders were conducted in the beginning of 2014. On the basis of the collected data, the national report on existing alternatives to detention of asylum seekers and returnees was prepared.

EVENTS IN 2014

There were no public events in 2014. In February, representatives of the project coordinator travelled to Slovenia. During their visit we discussed and reviewed the draft of the national report. Based on this discussion, the final version of the national report was prepared.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

The national report is not publicly available. On the basis of national reports, the coordinator prepared a synthesis report and a training module on alternatives to detention, available at: <http://www.ulb.ac.be/assoc/odysseus/training.html>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2014, the Peace Institute carried out all foreseen project activities. The project will be concluded in February of 2014, when we will attend a partner meeting and final conference in Brussels.

LIGHT ON, Cross-community actions for combating the modern symbolism and languages of racism and discrimination

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- Progetti Sociali, Italy
- UNICRI – United Nations Interregional Institute for Research on Crime and Justice
- ENAR – European Network Against Racism
- The Ombudsman for Minorities, the Ministry of Interior of Finland
- ISIG – International Institute of Sociology of Gorizia, Italy
- ELTE – The Eötvös Lóránd University, Hungary
- The Forum – The Migrant and Refugee Community Forum in London, UK

FUNDING

- Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Program of the European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

Challenging the normalisation of racism in everyday life, strengthening the capacity of professionals and authorities to denounce hate crimes and discriminatory behaviour, encouraging reporting of hate crime and discrimination.

REALIZATION IN 2014

Composing an extensive cross-country *Visual database of racist and discriminatory symbols and images and Glossary of racist terms and expressions*; production of a national video episode and translations for subtitles; translations into Slovene of project deliverables; organisation of a national event and active participation at the final international project conference. Dissemination of project results on a national and international scale.

EVENTS IN 2014

- project partner meeting on the 15th of May 2014 in Helsinki, Finland
- organisation of a national public forum “In the name of the people: racism, populism and discrimination” on the 19th of November 2014 in Ljubljana
- active participation at the final international project conference on the 27th of November 2014 at L'Aquila in Italy
- radio interview in Studio D show about LIGHT ON project results and racism in Slovenia on the 16th of December 2014 at Radio Trieste A
- December 2014: Public broadcasting of the Slovenian video episode (44 TV appearances and a featured online presence at RTV SLO web portal MMC).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

See <http://www.lighton-project.eu/site/main/page/home>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project concluded in December of 2014.

Responding to Hate Speech – Activation of an Independent Conjunctive Body

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PARTNERS

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- University of Ljubljana – Faculty of Social Sciences
- Ombudsman
- RTV Slovenija (Slovenian National Radio & Television) – Multimedia Centre

FUNDING

- EEA Grants
- Norway Grants

AIMS AND GOALS

By way of establishing a sustainable systematically and publically responsive independent body, the project contributes to reducing the prevalence of hate speech, while at the same time also empowering the NGO sector and vulnerable groups through awareness-raising activities and knowledge transfer.

REALIZATION IN 2014

Preparatory steps for the establishment of an independent body that will combine key actors active in the fight against hate speech: the organization of the first National Consultative Assembly that provided feedback and comments on the proposed rules of operation for the “Council for responding to hate speech”, identification of potential members of the Council and contacting them, project logo etc. Preparatory steps towards networking among key stakeholders in hate speech prevention: empowering vulnerable groups and knowledge transfer in the NGO sector and beyond: the organization of the National Consultative Assembly, the setting up of a mailing list of NGOs and other stakeholders, implementation of first education activities to strengthen the organization, etc.

EVENTS IN 2014

First National Consultative Assembly: the 11th Of December 2014, Hotel M, Ljubljana.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

The draft of Rules of Operation of the Council for responding to hate speech is available at: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/Projekt/Detail/si/projekt/Z-od-gov-rom-nad-sovrazni-govor-Zagon-neodvisnega-povezovalnega-teleasa-ZaGovor/>.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is proceeding according to plan with only a slight delay, which was necessary due to optimization of the implementation of planned activities. In 2015, the majority of the project activities will follow and it will be the most labor-intensive period. The project team will endeavour to find alternative/additional funding opportunities to ensure a sustainable activity of hate speech prevention in Slovenia.

Workshop of Italian and Slovenian NGOs Working in the Field of Anti-discrimination with Specific Focus on Social Inclusion of Roma and Sinti Communities

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PARTNERS

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FUNDING

- Etnoblog
- UNAR (Ufficio Nazionale Anti-Discriminazioni Razziali, National Offices Against Racial Discrimination)
- the Italian Equality Body

AIMS AND GOALS

To increase participants' knowledge on the European and national legal frameworks for equal opportunities and protection against ethnic and racial discrimination; to provide informal forum for exchange of knowledge, experience and good practices for the improvement of NGOs strategies in advocating public policies conducive to advancing rights and integration of Roma, empowering the Roma and Sinti communities and promoting their social inclusion, valorisation of the Roma culture and heritage; to provide space for building strategic partnership and dialogue.

REALIZATION IN 2014

We gave our inputs and suggestions to the program, we made sure that Etnoblog ensured the translation for the whole day (English, Slovenian, Italian), since majority of Roma do not speak English (or Italian). In addition, we persuaded Etnoblog to ensure a fee for each participant. We invited 5 Roma representatives and one representative of Amnesty International Slovenia (we were all quite disappointed to see that among the Italian participants there was only one Roma representative). Together with Mr. Walter Citti, I was moderating the workshop that lasted for one whole day.

EVENTS IN 2014

On the 23rd of May 2014 we co-organized a full-day workshop for representatives of Italian and Slovenian Roma associations and NGOs working in the field of antidiscrimination.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

Media coverage – Radio SLO 1

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The discussions and exchange of knowledge and experience among Slovenian and Italian NGOs was all very interesting and I see potential for similar events. However, Etnoblog was late with all payments and I'm not sure they are a reliable partner for bigger projects. Organizing this workshop was a lot more time-consuming than we initially expected.

Fundamental Rights of Citizens and Foreigners in the European Union

AIMS AND GOALS

The overall goal of this postdoctoral research project is to analyse the state of play of fundamental rights in the EU in four areas, taking into account the national, EU and international legislation and case law and their interaction, as well as to identify advantages, shortcomings and challenges for the legal regulation on the EU level from the perspective of fundamental rights protection instruments (in particular the Charter of Fundamental Rights and CJEU and ECtHR case law).

REALIZATION IN 2014

The project deals with the present state of fundamental rights in the European Union. It addresses EU citizenship and free movement rights, rights of refugees and asylum seekers, migrants' rights and protection from discrimination on the grounds of gender, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, age, disability or sexual orientation. It also looks at the intersections between the four specific fields. The work initially focused on on-going literature review, preparation of detailed methodology, and the drafting of preliminary research findings.

EVENTS IN 2014

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AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project started in July of 2014 and will run for 24 months. The implementation in the first six months corresponded to the plan and provided for a solid basis for further scholarly writing. The project builds on a number of previous PI projects and up-grades the knowledge that the researcher developed so far.

The Erased People in Slovenia: Towards Justice and Accountability (wrap-up)

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- Open Society Justice Initiative
- Association of the Erased Residents of Slovenia

FUNDING

- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

THE GOALS OF THE PROJECT ARE:

- 1) to facilitate wide regularization of legal statuses of erased persons by providing information, legal counselling and representation;
- 2) to achieve justice for the erased people by supporting the implementation of the ECHR pilot judgment issued in the Kurič case;
- 3) to raise awareness of the general public on the need to accept responsibility and achieve accountability for violations.

REALIZATION IN 2014

The team focused on monitoring of the implementation of the ECHR Kurič judgment and providing information to erased persons on access to compensations. We continued to represent the erased persons in status regularization procedures in about 100 cases. In cooperation with the *Prešernovo gledališče Kranj* theatre, we organized a public event on the 25th of February 2014, which commemorated the 22nd anniversary of the erasure: the theatre showed a play while before the play PI together with Amnesty International Slovenia held a presentation of the erasure.

In the second half of the year, we focused on the wrap-up activities as the funding for the intensive PI work in this field will expire in the beginning of 2015.

EVENTS IN 2014

The 25th of February 2014 – Public presentation of the erasure at the Prešernovo gledališče Kranj theatre, followed by the performance of the play "25.671".

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

Within the frame of the project, we regularly up-dated our erasure-dedicated website "The Erased: Information and Documents": <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/izbrisani/en/>. It is intended for both the erased persons as it contains information on compensations and status regularization, as well as for researchers, journalists and others.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project ending in February 2015, is the last one in the range of advocacy-oriented projects that have been implemented by the Peace Institute since 2007. It has been an extremely successful period in which we achieved, together with the erased persons and the Italian attorneys and other supporters, many victories, most notably the victory before the European Court of Human Rights in the Kurič case. To an important extent, this judgment, as well as our work in general, achieved certain justice for the erased persons. However, many issues remain inappropriately addressed by the authorities. We will pursue our efforts to secure funds that will enable the continuation of our work in support of the erased persons.

European Network of Legal Experts in Anti-Discrimination Field

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PARTNERS

- Human European Consultancy (coordinator)

FUNDING

- European Commission

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 2014

In 2014, we prepared an up-dated national report in which we presented the legislation, case law and other measures taken in the field of anti-discrimination. We also provided the coordinator with four flash reports and responded to two special requests for information on specific aspects of anti-discrimination law. In November, we attended the legal network meeting in Brussels and the annual legal seminar.

EVENTS IN 2014

- Legal Seminar, the 28th of November 2014
- Annual Meeting, the 27th of November 2014

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

2014 was the third year of the three year project period (the project is a continuation of the previous two projects). The project has been extended for four more years (2015-2018) and will therefore continue. In addition, we will connect the work on this project with other anti-discrimination projects that are already carried out at the Peace Institute, and will also be carried out in the future.

Rights on the Move – Rainbow Families in Europe

AIMS AND GOALS

The project looks at the European protection of the rights of rainbow families, i.e. families where the parental roles are played by persons of the same legal gender, moving and residing within the EU.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In addition to the contribution to all activities carried out within the project, in particular the research, the PI is responsible for the following project results: organization and implementation of a Central Training in Ljubljana which took place on 7th–8th of March 2014, supervision of subsequent decentralized trainings, preparation of national study for Slovenia on LGBT-related legal issues and preparation of a White Paper with recommendations for further legislative and policy action for strengthening the protection of rainbow families at the European level.

EVENTS IN 2014

- **Rainbow Families in Europe** – International Legal Seminar, 7th–8th of March 2014, Ljubljana (organized by PI)
- **Moving Forward: The Rights of Rainbow Families in Europe**, 4th–5th of June 2014, Belfast (attended by PI, paper presented, session moderated, project meeting attended)
- **Rights on the move – Rainbow families in Europe**, 16th–17th of October 2014, Trento (attended by PI, paper presented, session moderated, project meeting attended)

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- Materials presented at the above mentioned events;
- **Kogovšek Šalamon, Neža.** The rights of same-sex partners on referendum in Slovenia: minority rights on public vote. *Diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo*, ISSN 1720-4313, 2013, No. 4, pp. 1236-1254.

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FUNDING

- European Commission,
- Open Society Foundations

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The Peace Institute completed all the tasks foreseen in the project which will end in February of 2015. The legal seminar was successful as we hosted 27 participants from 17 Member States, which consequently organized 22 decentralized trainings across Europe. Two decentralized trainings are still to take place, while two participants returned the subsistence costs intended for their participation, as they did not organize a decentralized training. The White Paper was prepared (a document consisting of 63 pages) and is currently being translated into four languages and getting ready for layout and print. The project was a great opportunity to begin our cooperation with new partners and experts in the field of European LGBT rights. Within the project, there were issues with insufficient coordination by the project coordinator and financial problems encountered by one of the project partners, which however did not affect that quality of our work.

Migration to the Centre

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- Independent Journalism Foundation (Budapest)
- People in Need (Prague)
- Institute of Public Affairs (Warsaw)
- Society of Goodwill (Košice)
- PI's partner in Slovenia: Sokultura (Bošnjaška kulturna zveza Slovenije)

FUNDING

- EEC – Europe for Citizens Programme

AIMS AND GOALS

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

REALIZATION IN 2014

In January of 2014, we have edited a video report from the last public discussion organized within the frame of the Migration to the Centre project (ŠKUC Gallery, the topic of the public discussion was: Education – Study – Migrations) and the very last series of articles for the website of the project.

EVENTS IN 2014

In January of 2014, Aldo Milohnić and Admir Baltić took an active part in the final conference at the Faculty of Humanities of the Charles University in Prague where they gave a presentation entitled "Migration in Central Europe in Comparison – Slovenia".

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

All the materials produced within the project (experts' articles, texts on migrants' personal experiences, video interviews, video reports from public events, etc.) were published at the project website www.migrationonline.cz and some of them also in other media.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project was successfully concluded on the 28th of February 2014. There will be no continuation of the project.



MEDIA

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

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- Center for Independent Journalism, Budapest, Hungary

AIMS AND GOALS

The project nurtures and fosters the 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 impact of media ownership and political clientelism, and at influencing media sector reform processes through the developing of media integrity research, regional media observatory, consultations and coalitions.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In 2014, the national research on media integrity was concluded in five target countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Serbia) and national research reports were produced. Together with regional comparative overview, the national research reports were published in a regional book "Media Integrity Matters – Reclaiming Public Service Values in Media and Journalism". Five national books with translation of national reports and a regional overview in local languages were also published. Central regional conference was organized in Tirana to present and discuss media integrity findings, and findings of investigative journalism reports with more than 100 media professionals, experts and representatives of governments, NGOs and international organizations. National presentations and debates on the media integrity research reports were organized in five target countries. Sub-granting to media CSOs/professional associations was implemented, providing 5 grants with up to 5,000 EUR each for advocacy campaigns promoting media integrity in the target countries. After selection of grantees, a regional workshop on advocacy was organized in Skopje (conducted by Tim Karr, Campaign Director of Free Press, USA) for advocacy coordinators from each partner center and for sub-grantees. Four series of quarterly flash reports were produced covering situation of journalists, self-regulation and advertising. The website mediaobservatory.net served as a platform for the publishing and promotion of the research findings, stories produced by investigative journalists – sub-grantees of the Observatory, articles commissioned to guest contributors, video statements and interviews and other content aimed at initiating and informing public debate on media integrity in the region. Dissemination of the project outcomes took place using traditional and online distribution and promotion channels at national, regional and European level. Presentation of the media integrity research was organized at the European Parliament. Regional meeting of anti-corruption bodies, NGOs and investigative journalists from 7 partner countries was organized in Ljubljana to discuss media integrity issues and consider further actions. Three project management meetings were organized, two in Ljubljana and one in Tirana. Mid-term review of the project by EC was organized, and the partners participated at the meeting in Brussels to discuss the findings. Additional funds were raised by Peace Institute and partner organizations from number of national and European institutions for the co-financing of the project, and for its continuation in 2015 and 2016.

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- Media Association, Istanbul, Turkey
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FUNDING

- European Commission (main financier)
- Open Society Foundations Program on Independent Journalism
- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Media Program for South East Europe
- Open Society Foundation Serbia
- Office for Cooperation with NGOs within the Government of the Republic of Croatia
- Secretariat for Culture and Public Information of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Serbia
- Department for International Development Cooperation Policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Slovenia
- Central European Initiative
- Technical Assistance to Civil Society Organisations

EVENTS IN 2014

- Regional advocacy workshop, Skopje, 31st of March-1st of April 2014.
- Central regional conference, Tirana, 12th-13th of June 2014.
- National presentations of media integrity research findings: five presentations, including the presentation in Sarajevo on the 26th of June, in Belgrade on the 9th of July, in Skopje on the 1st of October, in Zagreb on the 3rd of October and in Tirana on the 31st of October 2014.
- Round table on new legislation regarding media privatisation and state subsidies to the media in Serbia, Novi Sad, the 10th of October 2014.
- Presentation of media integrity research findings at the European Parliament, Brussels, the 18th of November 2014.
- Regional conference on anti-corruption in the media systems, Ljubljana, the 1st of December 2014.
- Project meetings: Ljubljana on the 13th of February 2014, Tirana (with Advisory Board and Mid-term evaluator) on the 13th of June 2014, Brussels on the 24th of September (advocacy coordinators) and Ljubljana on the 2nd of December 2014.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- Regional book »Media integrity matters« with the regional overview and five national research reports.
- Five national books with translations of the regional overview and the national research report in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Serbia.
- Flash reports: 3 series of quarterly national flash reports on current developments regarding the status and situation of journalists, media self-regulation and integrity of advertising business (altogether 15 national flash reports) + 1 regional flash report.
- Investigative-journalism articles: Seven investigative-journalism articles on corrupt relations and practices in the media systems in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia, written by journalists – sub-grantees of the SEE Media Observatory.
- Mediaobservatory.net: Regional website with hundreds of items, including research reports, articles, videos, news items and recommended literature in the section Library.

- Newsletters: seven newsletters highlighting new content on the website of the SEE Media Observatory, which were sent to target audiences.
- Booklet with comments on the new law on access to public information in Albania, published by Res Publica, a sub-grantee of the SEE Media Observatory, within its advocacy action aimed at promotion of media integrity.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

In its first phase in 2013 and 2014, the SEE Media Observatory as a regional partnership of civil society organisations realized its plan with dozens of specific actions aimed at enhancing media freedom and pluralism, and influencing media reforms in the countries of South East Europe. It has developed and promoted new analytical framework built around the notion of »media integrity« for the purpose of research, promotion and protection of public service values in media and journalism in the region of SEE. Its work has been recognized and supported by media policy, academic and journalistic communities in the region as well as in the rest of Europe. The SEE Media Observatory will continue its activities in 2015 and 2016, extending them to Kosovo, Montenegro and Turkey.

Regional EU award scheme for investigative journalism in Western Balkans and Turkey

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- Novi Sad School of Journalism, Novi Sad, Serbia
- P24, Istanbul, Turkey

ASSOCIATE PARTNER

- The Guardian Foundation

FUNDING

- European Commission

AIMS AND GOALS

The regional EU award scheme is established by the European Union and administered by the regional partnership of civil society organisations with the aim of celebrating and promoting outstanding achievements of investigative journalists in the EU-enlargement countries in the Western Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia – and Turkey, by giving annual awards for investigative stories published in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

REALIZATION IN 2014

- Launch of the project at the kick-off meeting of the regional partnership of eight civil society organisations, including the Peace Institute as a project coordinator and seven partner organisations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.
- Drafting the propositions and procedures for the launching of the national contests for the EU award for investigative journalism in seven countries in a uniformed and synchronized way at the beginning of 2015. Partners' online consultations and reviewing of the first draft of the propositions compiled by the project coordinator in the Manual.
- Initiating design of the proposals for the logo/symbol of the EU award.

EVENTS IN 2014

Kick-off meeting of the Steering Committee (representatives of all partners) and two members of the Advisory Board of the project, Ljubljana, the 3rd of December 2014.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2015, 2016 and 2017 with organization of annual national contests for EU investigative journalism award in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey. The annual award fund of 10,000 EUR in each country will be established, of which up to three best entries will be awarded. Every year, a regional winner will be awarded a study visit to the Guardian in London, in cooperation with The Guardian Foundation.

Building Support for Media and Journalism Targets in the EU Enlargement Countries

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FUNDING

- Open Society Foundations, Program for Independent Journalism

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims at maximising the impact of the work of the South East European Media Observatory, building on its research on the factors that affect independent media in that region in order to foster support by intergovernmental, governmental and civil society stakeholders for media and journalism reforms in the EU-enlargement countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey).

REALIZATION IN 2014

Launch of the project at the meeting of the regional partnership of eight civil society organisations, including the Peace Institute as a project coordinator and seven partner organisations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Tukey.

Regional conference on anti-corruption in the media organized within the South East European Media Observatory.

EVENTS IN 2014

- Regional conference on anti-corruption in the media, Ljubljana, the 1st of December 2014.
- Meeting of the Steering Committee (representatives of all partners), Ljubljana, the 3rd of December 2014.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

Presentations and video statements of speakers at the regional conference on anti-corruption in the media, published at the SEE Media Observatory web site www.mediaobservatory.net.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project will continue in 2015 and the first part of 2016 with the monitoring of legal and regulatory frameworks in selected EU-enlargement countries (Macedonia and Serbia), advocacy actions for regulatory independence in selected EU-enlargement countries, mapping and exchanging of good practices in applying public service values in media and journalism (media integrity) through media policy, media ownership and financing patterns etc. The project continuation will also include a set of activities to promote media integrity framework in Montenegro.

Communication practices in the context of social uprisings and requests for public accountability

AIMS AND GOALS

Although the lack of public accountability and overall dissatisfaction of citizens with the performance of the government(s) have been frequently reported on, citizen participation, as a central concept of a good governance, is still highly limited in the region of Western Balkans, some of the reasons being the apathy of citizens, i.e. democratic deficit, as well as the underdeveloped culture of citizen participation after the long period of communist reign. However, in the recent years we have witnessed several protests, initiatives and social uprisings in the region, through which the citizens demanded for government accountability, suggested better policy solutions and promoted better citizen participation. In this regard, we recognize the need to examine the communication practices during these social movements/initiatives in order to understand how the government officials responded to the calls to accountability, what were the practices of citizens/activist in terms of promotion of the movement and its goals, and what role the mainstream media played when reporting on the protests and social mobilisation.

REALIZATION IN 2014

The research aims to provide insights into the communication practices in the context of civic initiatives and social movements in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia, and to explore how these practices relate to the concept of public accountability;

SPECIFIC RESEARCH QUESTIONS ARE:

- What role do the media outlets play in communication practices during protests/social movements? How did they perform the 'watchdog-role', were they favouring official stances or were they supportive of the protests, if and how were they influenced by the political elites?
- Which communication practices did the activists and citizens employ: how did they relate to mainstream media, how did they utilize the ICTs, which online platforms did they use to inform, mobilize and organize actions?
- Which communication practices did the local authorities employ (how actively did they communicate during the protests, what were their relations to mainstream media and how did they use the ICT's, how did they frame the protests, possibly instrumentalized media outlets, if and how did they respond to the calls for their accountability?

To answer these questions, we have drafted methodological manuals that will be implemented in 2015 and include methods for interviewing and media analysis.

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- Albanian Media Institute (AMI), Tirana

FUNDING

- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation,
- Regional Research promotion Programme Western Balkans,
- in cooperation with the University of Freiburg

EVENTS IN 2014

Study visit, Ljubljana, 2nd-4th of December (discussing research plan and methodology of the project, meetings with members of movements in Slovenia and discussions).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Research will expectedly contribute to a better understanding of communication dynamics during the protests and social movements and will enable recommendations for improvements of communication practices of activists/citizens, government officials and media outlets, as an important tool of public accountability that can contribute to a better government in the three countries and beyond. In 2015, we plan to perform field work, prepare project reports, organize a conference and plan various publications.

Mediatization of public life: controversies in the sphere of politics and everyday life

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FUNDING

- ARRS

AIMS AND GOALS

The proposed project responds to a pressing need for a theoretical rethinking to better understand whether, and in what respect, various components and aspects of society and everyday life are becoming more mediatized, and in what sense; how this has changed over time; which forms may be discerned in different spheres of life and society; and with what results. The main aim of this project is to build a comprehensive look on how the technological and social convergence of the media based on digitisation (trans)forms the processes of mediatization and what are its consequences in online and offline social environments. A comparative analysis of actions of the three main types of actors (politics, civil society, private citizens) shall enable us to develop a typology of factors that shape the forms and modes of mediatization of online and offline actions in different environments. From that perspective, the project addresses the question of whether the convergence of media serves social actors as merely a tool for a more efficacious coordination of their instrumental and communicative actions or whether it substantially redefines their understating of social actions and communications that can be observed in new mediatized forms of communicative and instrumental actions.

REALIZATION IN 2014

Within the project workstream "Mediatization in the sphere of (professional) politics" we were researching the meanings of mediatization in contemporary societies. We were interested to explore in what ways do established actors in the political system use mediatized practices to earn consent of citizens in a situation of aggravated legitimacy crisis and how do they respond to actions of civil movements and new political parties questioning their legitimacy. Within the workstream "Social movements, internetisation and alternative politics" we explored the meanings of social movements, the question of what is a movement, as well as when and in which circumstances can we speak of the formation of movements. We started to explore what is the potential of social movements which are constituted through mediatization processes for the democratisation of societies.

EVENTS IN 2014

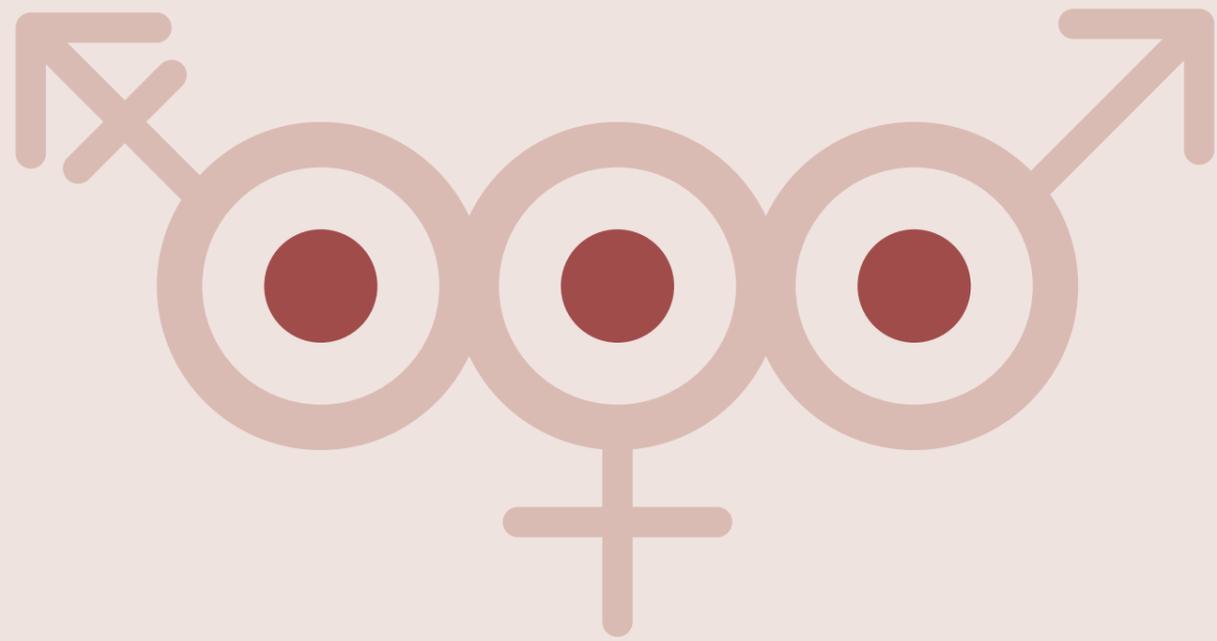
Regular meetings of the project team

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

This research project addresses normative-theoretical and empirical issues of mediatization of professional politics by linking them to the alternative democratic practices in the public sphere (forms of activism and citizenship as a counterpart to the traditional forms of politics) and the (semi)private communicative actions taken by individuals in social media. This project will not only provide an updated view on mediatization to feed into future research in the field, but also inform about the policy and practice of mediatized governance, thus contributing to the development of political (communication) culture in Slovenia. Although the project does not employ the mediatization concept to analyse the relationship between science and the mass media, its findings are directly relevant not only to the discipline of media studies but also – at least in pragmatic terms – to science as a whole.



GENDER

Knowledge pays (off): With education and (economic) empowerment of women towards gender equality in Rwanda

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- Rwanda Association of University Women
- Association Edirisa Slovenia

FUNDING

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

AIMS AND GOALS

To enable access to education, building capacities and practical skills training, thus contributing to economic independence of deprived women; introduce the reading culture to the local population, especially children; raise awareness about women's rights and gender equality.

REALIZATION IN 2014

FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED:

- **Activity 1a:** Educational activities and practical skills trainings (free courses: literacy, English, computer, sewing & handicrafts) for women
- **Activity 1b:** Study visit in Slovenia
- **Activity 2:** Opening of the NWC library for the local community and the writing contest for children
- **Activity 3:** Awareness-rising workshops about women's rights and gender equality for local leaders and empowerment of the most vulnerable women – "house-girls".

EVENTS IN 2014

Within the study visit to Slovenia, we implemented: lectures at the Faculty of Humanities in Koper, Faculty of Tourism in Portorož, Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana, secondary school in Ljutomer, primary school in Črenšovci, public event in Ljubljana and in Murska Sobota, meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, meeting with Roma Academic Club, and the visit to the Roma settlement of Kamence. The purpose of these lectures, events and meetings was to raise awareness about development projects and development cooperation in general. We gave several interviews and statements for the following media: Radio Koper, Val 202, Radio SLO 1, Murski val, MMC RTV SLO, Vestnik, Pomurec.si, Sloga, Slo-gopis, and several others.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- Reports and photos on the Peace Institute's website: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/Projekt/Detail/en/projekt/Knowledge-Pays-off-With-Education-and-Economic-Empowerment-of-Women-Towards-Gender-Equality-in-Rwanda/>
- News and photos on the NWC website: http://www.nwc-kigali.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=102&Itemid=106
- Pressclipping (articles and audio tapes)
- Booklet of written stories (writing contest) pdf and printed version.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Project was implemented successfully and all objectives have been met (at least partially). All activities have been implemented, with slight modifications or changes according to the agreement with the main financier. Study visit to Slovenia was well organized and attracted good media coverage. Project ended on the 1st of October 2014. We are still in regular contacts with the local partner NWC and are searching for new funding opportunities to continue our work in 2015 as well. At the beginning of 2015, we are expecting the call for proposals from the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs again and we will certainly apply.

Changing Families and Sustainable Societies: Policy Contexts over the Life Course and Across Generations (FamiliesAndSocieties)

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FUNDING

- University of Edinburgh

AIMS AND GOALS

The aim of the study, which is part of a bigger project entitled FamiliesAndSocieties, is international comparison of childcare arrangements in selected countries, among other in Slovenia.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In 2014, a general in-country support in the identification of a cohort of ten interviewees was provided to a coordinator, and ten interviews were conducted with selected stakeholders in Slovenia. Interviews were transcribed, translated and the material was sent to the coordinator of the study, the University of Edinburgh, prof. Alison Koslowski.

EVENTS IN 2014

There were no public events.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

No publicly available results.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The role of the Peace Institute was to conduct interviews and to provide the coordinator of the study with the necessary professional support.

Gender equality and media

AIMS AND GOALS

The purpose of the project is to open up the public space in order to raise awareness of gender equality in the media, and to draw attention to existing gender inequalities at the level of decision-making processes and at the level of media content.

REALIZATION IN 2014

Project started on the 13th of May and ended on the 4th of November 2014. During this period, we conducted state of the art analysis (data on indicators of women's participation in leadership positions in the Slovenian media, 13 interviews with selected interviewees in management positions, editors, journalists), 4 round tables in local environments, a final conference and a brochure.

EVENTS IN 2014

In September and October of 2014, we organized and carried out 4 round tables in Slovenia, in Koper (October 6th), Novo mesto (October 7th), Jesenice (October 9th) and Maribor (October 16th). We invited key actors working in the field of media, while at the same time also striving to ensure a balanced gender representation of the speakers. The final part of the project was a conference, which took place on the 13th of October in the City Hotel in Ljubljana. The conference was attended by 42 people with its main aim to open up public space for critical reflection on the situation of women and men in the media, both in organizational structures and in media content. At the conference, we addressed the role of media in promoting gender equality in society and the importance of sensitivity about gender equality in the media.

Local media reported about roundtables, while the Slovenian Press Agency and the Večer newspaper reported about the conference. The Multimedia Center RTVSLO made an interview with the project coordinator, dr. Živa Humer and researcher, mag. Mojca Frelj. Publication of an interview at the MMC resulted in the invitation from the European Commission to attend a "Workshop on gender equality and the media" in Montenegro, in Podgorica (17th of November 2014). At the workshop, mag. Mojca Frelj presented the project results.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

Brochure, information about roundtables and conference, and visual material and links to websites related to the topic of media and gender are available at the following link: <http://www.mirovni-institut.si/Projekt/Detail/si/projekt/Enakost-spolov-in-mediji/>.

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PARTNERS

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FUNDING

Project was co-financed by the Ministry of labour, family, social affairs and equal opportunities as well as by the Open Society Foundations.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is completed; the continuation would be possible with a new project. In the future, it would be necessary to include men in the study, and to implement quantitative and qualitative survey that would cover the area of ownership and advertising in the media. Particular attention should be paid to the local level, especially in terms of co-financing and media content. Awareness raising events would also be important, such as roundtables and workshops around Slovenia, organized in collaboration with the actors from local environments.

Study to review the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the European Union

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FUNDING

GHK Consulting Ltd. (GHK) has been contracted by the European Institute for Gender Equality.

AIMS AND GOALS

The main aim is to review the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In the role of a subcontractor, I submitted the completed questionnaire on violence against women in Slovenia (list of studies, analysis, results and policies) and review of the updated legal definitions on different forms of violence against women in Slovenia.

EVENTS IN 2014

There were no public events.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

No publicly available results.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Study was completed, a continuation is not planned.

Promoting Equal Pay for the Purpose of Diminishing the Pension Gap, Poverty and Social Exclusion

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- Fundacja Jakobieta, Poland
- Netzwerk, Austria

FUNDING

- EC – programm Progress

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aims at awareness rising about the impact of gender based pay gap on the pension gap and feminization of poverty. It takes into consideration the issues of care and precarity of youth at the labour market.

REALIZATION IN 2014

State of the art analysis.

EVENTS IN 2014

First partner meeting in Bojnice, Slovakia.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

With the approval of the EC, the project started in November of 2014, though it should started in May. It will continue till 2016.

Care work between individualization, globalization and socialization

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FUNDING

- ARRS

AIMS AND GOALS

Besides researching care work in relation to gender, citizenship, complex inequalities, migration and social politics, the project is focused on articulation of the care concept as a concept of social critic and as a dimension of the general theory of society and social transformation.

REALIZATION IN 2014

- Conceptual analysis and the developing of the theoretical framework.
- State of the Art analysis of Slovenian and international relevant literature.
- Dissemination.

EVENTS IN 2014

- **Hrženjak, M.** Neplačano reproduktivno delo žensk - izhodišče za transformacijo kapitalizma (Unpaid reproductive work – starting point for transformation of capitalism). Contribution at the conference '20 years after Beijing', Kranj, the 13th of November 2014.
- **Hrženjak, M. and Nadja Bergmann:** The Role of men in gender equality: European strategies and insights. Contribution at the conference 'Men's Policies - Contributions to Gender Equality', Bundesministerium für arbeit, soziales und konsumentenschutz, Vienna, 6th-7th of October 2014.
- **Hrženjak, M.** Nevidno delo (Invisible work). Introductory lecture at the symposium 'Sexual violence against migrant workers in private households: inter-cultural questions, multidisciplinary perspective and community actions', Ljubljana, the 4th of December 2014.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- **Humer, Ž., Hrženjak, M. (forthcoming):** When the state steps in: an experiment of subsidized hiring of domestic workers in Slovenia. In: Anna Triandafyllidou and Sabrina Marchetti (eds.): Employers, Agencies and Immigration. New York: Asghate, pp. 169 – 198.
- **Hrženjak, M. (forthcoming):** Slovenian domestic workers in global care economies between past and present. In: Mirjam Milharčič Hladnik (ed.): From Slovenia to Egypt: Aleksandrinke's Trans-Mediterranean Domestic Workers' Migration and National Imagination. V&R Unipress.
- **Hrženjak, M. (forthcoming):** Slovenian Domestic Workers in Italy: A Borderlands Care Chain over Time. In: Dirk Hoerder, Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk, Silke Neunsinger (eds.), Towards a Global History of Domestic and Caregiving Workers. Lieden: Brill.
- **Hrženjak, M., Pajnik, M.(forthcoming):** 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project is taking course according to plans and will be continued till 2017.

Sexuality of Secondary School Students in Slovenia: Behaviour, Health and Attitudes

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FUNDING

- ARRS

AIMS AND GOALS

The aim of the research project is to conduct the first comprehensive survey of adolescent sexuality and attitudes on a representative sample of Slovenian adolescents aged 16 to 18. The survey will cover all major aspects of adolescent sexual expression with an indepth focus on those which have been identified in foreign studies as scientifically most salient (e.g. sexual behaviour, attitudes, sexual health). In addition, our survey will also provide data relevant for the explanation of the embeddedness of adolescent sexuality into social and cultural contexts. In practical terms, it will provide valid information on the basis of which educational, health and other policies relevant to adolescent sexuality can be designed.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In 2014, the majority of work was focused on the preparation of the extensive questionnaire, which is in the testing process at the moment.

EVENTS IN 2014

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AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Preparation of the questionnaire represented a relatively big problem as the project was interdisciplinary-based and hence the researchers in the team had different approaches to exploring sexuality. For this reason, a lot of extra coordination was necessary and the pilot phase of the project will show to what extent we were successful in combining different approaches to research sexuality. In 2015, we will collect and analyze the data.

Gender structure of the contemporary Slovene society and gender positioning in the field of politics

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FUNDING

- Slovenian Research
Agency

AIMS AND GOALS

The project aimed to explore the key structural elements, mechanisms and strategies, which re-produce unequal gender power relations in Slovenia.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In the last stage of the research project, the main activities were focused on the writing of the scientific monograph and the preparation of its English translation. The authors were discussing positioning of women in social structures in Slovenia from Second World War till today. Thereby, the analysis is particularly focused on the fields of politics, education, as well as paid and unpaid work, applying concepts of different fields and capitals, masculinity and femininity, male domination, types of rationality and risk society (Bourdieu, Connell, Weber, Beck and others) and a rich set of empirical data. The monograph represents a complex theoretical and empirical insight into the representation and entering of women in politics and is the first of its kind in Slovenia. Two authors from the Peace Institute – Iztok Šori and Živa Humer – contributed a chapter on institutions and mechanisms of gender order reproduction in the fields of family and politics, analysing unpaid work distribution, family policies and changes in the practices of mothering and fathering. The book will be published in 2015.

EVENTS IN 2014

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AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project fulfilled its goals completely. No major changes were applied to the original research plan. The cooperation between the involved institutions and within the research team was professional and collegial. Even though the project was completed, dissemination activities are planned for the future.



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AWARD (Awareness Raising and Education for Development and Culture)

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- Peace Institute (Slovenia)
- City of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

FUNDING

- EC – EuropeAid
- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

The project is focused on the 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 to a greater extent the local authorities in seeking out town twinning opportunities for further development.

REALIZATION IN 2014

In 2014, the project topics in focus were: training activities, further development of the project website, writing of articles / scientific papers based on our research on the role of culture in development strategies of local communities from partners' states, preparation of the final conference and editing/printing of the common final publication of the project.

EVENTS IN 2014

We took part in two events organized within the project: "Culture and Social Cohesion", Figueres, Spain, February of 2014 (international workshop) and "Development and Culture", Brussels, June of 2014 (final conference).

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

In 2014, we prepared two scientific papers on the topic of positive impacts of culture on local development. First paper was published in *The Strength of Culture for Development: Why Culture Matters in International Cooperation* (Brussels: P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2014), while the second one is in print by Routledge. Interim reports, presentations, texts and other materials are available on the website: www.awardproject.eu.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The project was successfully finished on August 31st, 2014. As for now, there will be no continuation of the project.



DISSEMINATION

The Politike Book Series

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FUNDING

- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

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

REALIZATION IN 2014

In 2014, we have published a new bilingual book (Slovenian and English): *Feminism and Islam: Turkish Women between the Orient and the West*, by Ana Frank.

EVENTS IN 2014

This in-depth study on the position of women in Muslim societies (on the example of Turkey) was published in May of 2014. Many visitors attended the book presentation and later on several detailed reports were published in printed and electronic media.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

According to data collected from the national base of public libraries (COBISS), for the moment there are 80 copies of the book available in public libraries all around Slovenia. In the media, there were numerous reports on the book, including interviews conducted with the author Ana Frank in several mainstream media.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Thus far, 19 titles (22 volumes) were published in Politike, among which 13 were bilingual editions (Slovenian-English). Possibilities for the continuation of the book series will depend on available financial means.

Library, information and bibliographic activities of the Peace Institute library

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- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

- **LIBRARY ACTIVITIES:** acquisition, cataloging, 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 the Peace Institute co-workers

REALIZATION IN 2014

Performing library, informational and bibliographic activities.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

In 2014, the Peace Institute Library performed its basic library, information and bibliographic activities efficiently and according to its mission. In 2015, it will be open for public only one day a week. Within this time period, it will still perform all its basic activities.

Peace Institute Website

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- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

The Peace institute website was established to inform the wider public about the institute's activities.

REALIZATION IN 2014

Regular updating of the website (composing and entering new data and releasing media statements, updating data, photo processing, photo galleries maintenance, designing banners, editing and publication of video material, etc.) At the same time, the entering of data into the database of a new PI website has been carried out. Regular information via the PI Facebook page. Processing / editing of video materials for the project Media Observatory. Preparing a mailing list for the Newsletter.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

- <http://www.mirovni-institut.si>
- <http://mediaobservatory.net/>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

The new website is not yet complete. At the moment, a double editing (the existing and new PI website) is in the process. Meanwhile, preparations for the design and layout of the NFM project website will follow.

Živko Pregl Award

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PARTNERS

- Slovene Philanthropy

FUNDING

- Open Society Foundations

AIMS AND GOALS

Živko Pregl Award was established on the initiative of a group of staff members of the Peace Institute, the Slovenian Philanthropy and the former Open Society Institute – Slovenia. The aim of the Award is to promote and support civic activism in the form of NGOs, informal civic groups and individual activists.

REALIZATION IN 2014

First winner of the Živko Pregl Award was Irfan Beširevič, an activist who works through Social Centre Rog in Ljubljana, Invisible Workers of the World and Civil Initiative of the Erased Activists. Matevž Krivic, a human rights activist and legal representative of many asylum seekers, erased people, etc. was selected as the winner by the committee in 2013. In 2014, the winner of the Živko Pregl Award was Jadranka Vesel, an activist in the field of social economy.

EVENTS IN 2014

The award ceremony took place in May in the premises of the National Museum of the Contemporary History in Ljubljana.

AVAILABLE RESULTS IN 2014

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROJECT CONTINUATION

Živko Pregl Award will be granted for the fourth time in May or June of 2015. From January of 2015 onward, the project will be coordinated by Slovenian Philanthropy; the contact person at PI will be Maja Ladič.



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