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Introduction:

The Peace Institute – Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies – is a non-profit research institution developing interdisciplinary research activities in various fields of social and human sciences (sociology, anthropology, political science, philosophy, economics, law etc.). The goal of the Institute is not only to adopt a critical stance towards events in the society but also to actively intervene in these proceedings, to link academic research and reflection with practical educational as well as strategic advisory activities in various fields of public policy and public action in general. Consequently, the Institute has the status of a civil society non-governmental organisation.

The activities of the Peace Institute are project organized with five focuses:

- 1 POLITICS
- 2 HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITIES
- 3 MEDIA
- 4 GENDER
- 5 CULTURAL POLICY

and two additional: 6 EAST EAST AND SECONDARY DISSEMINATION and 7 ADMINISTRATION.

The present report is structured and reported according to the stated focuses by individual project leaders.

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1 POLITICS

QUING-Quality in Gender + Equality Policies

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Aims and goals

QUING constructs knowledge for inclusive gender+ equality policies by integrating intersectionality. It assesses the current policies and produces recommendations and standards for training to enhance active gender equal citizenship.

Realisation in 2008

Selecting and coding relevant policy documents; Summarizing the major arguments and completing LARG country reports; Gathering the data and explaining differences, similarities and inconsistencies; Testing the new conceptual framework and methodology; Assessing standings and voice of civil society; Analyzing institutional interfaces between civil society and policy making; Analyzing country level data on gender equality policies and intersectionality.

Events

Two workshops in Vienna:
April 2008: WHY and STRIQ
November 2008: Final LARG

Available results in 2008

Results:

Conferences

Ana Frank, Multiculturalism, feminism and minority rights in Europe. Kokkalis program, Tenth Annual Graduate Student Workshop – Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge MA, USA. 7-8. February 2008

Ana Frank, Multiculturalism, feminism and minority rights in Europe, International conference »Inclusion and Exclusion in and on the Borders of Europe«. Peace Institute, Portorož, Slovenia. 6. July 2008

Roman Kuhar, The unbearable comfort of privacy: experiences of transparent closet in Slovenia, XXIX International Congress of Psychology, Berlin, 20-25 July 2008.

Roman Kuhar, Policy approach: self-discrimination: same-sex partnership legislation in Slovenia and Croatia : [Paper presented at the 'Connex Final Conference, Civil Society Organizations and EU Equality' 6-8 March 2008

Publications

Vlasta Jalušič, Stretching and Bending the Meanings of Gender in Equality Policies. In: Lombardo et al. The Discursive Politics of Gender Equality. Stretching, Bending and Policymaking. London: Routledge, forthcoming.

Vlasta Jalušič, Ana Frank, Roman Kuhar, Gender Equality in Slovenia, to be published in S. Baer, Gender Equality in EU

Partners

- 1 Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM) Austria, coordinator
- 2 Radboud University (RAD) Netherlands
- 3 Yellow Window (YW) Belgium
- 4 Humboldt Universität (HU) Germany
- 5 National Center for Social Research (EKKE) Greece
- 6 Central European University (CEU) Hungary
- 7 Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) Spain
- 8 Peace Institute (PI) Slovenia
- 9 Umea Universitet (UM) Sweden
- 10 Middle East Technical University (METU) Turkey
- 11 Lancaster University (LANC) United Kingdom

Funding

European Commission, Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

The project achieved all significant milestones and produced all planned deliverables. It continues in 2009.

Violent intersections: dynamics of societal and political elements of collective violence and mass crimes and their consequences – Yugoslav and Rwandan case

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Aims and goals

The project aims at a deeper understanding of conflict escalation in transitional periods, how such conflicts eventually cumulate in massive violent events and what consequences do these events and their legitimization have for the post conflict societies.

Realisation in 2008

Theoretical framework was elaborated: (re)reading and elaboration of a set of major studies on the problem of gendered, racialised and ethnopoliticised conflicts, political theory approaches to the issues of massive atrocities, and approaches to justice, guilt and responsibility. To provide the ground for the analysis of intersections, special attention was paid to the studies on discourses of symbolic collective identities. A field study visit to Rwanda was carried out.

Events

Participation at two regional forums for establishing facts about collective crimes in the region of former Yugoslavia (coalition RECOM).

Available results in 2008

Jalušič, Vlasta. Les éléments de la tradition en question : Hannah Arendt en ex-Yugoslavie et dans les États successeurs. *Tumultes*, 2008, no. 30, str. 81-106.

Organizirana nedolžnost in izključevanje : nacionalne države in državljanstvo po vojni in kolektivnih spominih. *Čas. krit. znan.*, 2007, letn. 35, št. 228, str. 101-121

Dedić, Jasminka. Konstrukcija kolektivnih identitet in genocid v nekdanji Jugoslaviji in Ruandi : primerjalna analiza. Ljubljana: 2008. 295 f. (Construction of collective identities and genocide in former Yugoslavia and Ruanda: comparative analysis: doctoral dissertation, award of the Society for United Nations.

IUC Dubrovnik. International conference: Identität Europas. 1-6. September 2008. Vabljeno predavanje "Citizens' Responsibility and the Rights of Others - Some Arendtian Reflections"

Partners

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Funding

Slovenian Research Agency

Announcement of project continuation

The project achieved all the important milestones and planned deliverables. It continues in 2009.

Roma people in Ljubljana: diversity of perspectives

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Aims and goals

This is the first project on immigrant and urban Roma population in Slovenia. It aims at going beyond the dominant discourse on Roma population, depicting them mainly as a (cultural) "social problem" by pointing to their political rights.

Realisation in 2008

Selection of literature and review of existing national and international studies; selection of existing quantitative data; interviews with social workers; 35 individual interviews with Roma people and 3 focus groups with the representatives of Roma societies in Ljubljana; interview transcription and analysis; organization of an international seminar; drafting a final report.

Events

Policies of Inclusion/Exclusion of Roma in Urban Areas, East-East seminar, November 2008.

Available results in 2008

Final report will be available at PI web-site right after peer-review.

Partners

Faculty of Social Work, Universtiy of Ljubljana

Funding

Municipality of Ljubljana, Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

Project met its plans. Further dissemination activities will be needed in 2009.

TWIYUBACKE NYAMIRAMBO – Establishing women's self-empowerment association of Nyamirambo – Kigali

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Aims and goals

The purpose of the project is establishment of a self-help and capacity-building women's group, and in this way creating space for their mutual help, discussions, awareness raising, and empowerment to continue with their interrupted education or to a lifelong learning

Realisation in 2008

In 2008 the following project activities were carried out: travel to Kigali, Rwanda, by two Peace Institute representatives in March 2008; meetings with RAUW and women's group; realization of two empowerment workshops in March 2008; registration of the women's group at the local community; initiation of web site construction; leaflet production; fundraising; securing sustainability of the women's group through income-generating community tourism activities; management activities.

Events

Two workshops on women's empowerment:
- 8-9 March: workshop on gender-based discrimination, women's rights, and entrepreneurship;

- 15-16 March: workshop on gender-based violence, and economic empowerment of women through community tourism.

Available results in 2008

web site of New Dawn Associates on the project:
<http://www.newdawnassociates.com/Nyamirambo.htm>;

brochure on development and sustainable tourism available on
[http://www.newdawnassociates.com/Files/NDA%20-20Nyamirambo%20\(brochure\).pdf](http://www.newdawnassociates.com/Files/NDA%20-20Nyamirambo%20(brochure).pdf).

Partners

Foreign partners: Women Without Borders (Austria), Rwanda Association of University Women - RAUW (Rwanda)

Funding

Republic Slovenia - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Austrian Development Agency
Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

Project achieved significant milestones: setting up the women's group, renting and equipping the office space, group registration, participation of the group's members in the empowerment workshops, starting up an income-generating activity in community tourism. The project's follow up is guaranteed in 2009/2010 due to the additional financing of the European Commission and Peace Institute (total budget is 118,000 EUR).

PeerThink: Promotion of an intersectional approach in education against peer violence

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Aims and goals

The project aims at introducing the intersectionality approach (with focus on class, ethnicity and gender) into peer-violence preventive programmes.

Realisation in 2008

Development of criteria for national good practice projects; development of evaluation guidelines; organisation of a seminar with 25 disseminators for method testing in June 2008 in Palermo; drafting national reports; drafting on-line manual and developing on-line self-learning toolkit; three project's workshops; organization of a final conference in February 2009 in Berlin; national networking and dissemination activities.

Events

Seminar for practitioners of peer violence prevention programmes, Palermo, June 2008

Available results in 2008

www.peerthnik.eu

Partners

Eurocircle, France;
Männerberatung Graz, Austria;
BBJ Share.it, Italy;
Dissens, Germany (coordinator),
Association against violent communication, Ljubljana

Funding

European Commission, Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

The intersectional approach in peer-violence preventive programs is not common in the EU and is quite new for Slovenia; therefore, dissemination activities will be very important. For that purpose we are planning active participation at conferences and publishing a paper. Three organizations providing prevention programs in local communities and schools already became interested in the implementation of this approach in their work.

Posdoctoral basic research project **Active Citizenship: Towards Politics of Equality**

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Aims and goals

With theoretical verification and applied testing of possibilities to practice active citizenship, the goal of the project is to develop scenarios for the realization of possibilities and aspirations of active citizenship.

Realisation in 2008

Based on the analysis of predominant libertarian and republican citizenship traditions, and by taking into account newer theories of participatory citizenship, trans- and post-national citizenship; the project aimed at conceptualizing a new concept of active citizenship, and was devoted to the consideration of its theoretical and practical validity.

Events

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Available results in 2008

Publications by head of the project (see Cobiss database)

Partners

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Funding

Slovenian Research Agency

Announcement of project continuation

We plan to publish the project results in books and journal articles, and to continue with the work on projects that discuss different dimensions of theories and practices of contemporary citizenship.

Critical reflection on managerial revolution

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Aims and goals

The aim of our project is to analyze macropolitical and macroeconomical effects of management on the state level and the level of international relations, as well as to trace its development through history.

Realisation in 2008

The book »Contributions to the critique of managerial paradigm«, a result of the project 'Drucker and Postsocialism', was published.

Events

Public presentation and discussion of the published book; Contributions to the critique of the managerial paradigm as a result of the project Drucker and Postsocialism.

Available results in 2008

Public presentation and discussion of the published book; Contributions to the critique of the managerial paradigm as a result of the project Drucker and Postsocialism.

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

The project was accomplished according to our aims. In the following year the same group is going to start new project with the title: An interdisciplinary approach to understanding USA.

2 HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITIES

Anti-Discrimination and Diversity Training

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Project team

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Aims and goals

The goal of the project is to increase the knowledge of anti-discrimination and diversity among NGOs, trade unions and employers.

Realisation in 2008

In 2008 two seminars were organized, namely, on January 17 the seminar "Diversity management - From Theory to Practice", aimed for companies and organizations, and on March 12 -13, 2008, a follow-up seminar "Nondiscrimination - From Theory to Practice", aimed at non-governmental organizations and trade unions. We translated a manual titled Diversity Management for the Slovenian needs.

Events

- 17 January, 2008: a seminar "Diversity Management - From Theory to Practice"
- 12 - 13 March, 2008: a follow-up seminar "Nondiscrimination - From Theory to Practice"

Available results in 2008

Diversity Management Manual (author: Marion Keil and others)

Partners

Human European Consultancy (project co-ordinator)

Funding

European Commission

Announcement of project continuation

The project lasted from 2006 to 2008. All three seminars foreseen in the framework of the project were successful and hosted over 120 participants. Cooperation with the external co-worker Marjeta Novak in the field of diversity management was particularly successful. We intend to carry out further training in the field of nondiscrimination in 2009, however, in the framework of another project (PROTECT, Progress).

Co-operation in co-ordination with non-governmental organizations in the field of asylum

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Aims and goals

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

Realisation in 2008

In 2008, together with other NGOs active in this field, we monitored the situation in the field of asylum, the situation in the asylum home, and the standards of treatment of asylum seekers. We participated in a working group on unaccompanied minors organized by the organization Seecran. We participated at the coordination meetings of non-governmental organizations and the representatives of the asylum sector.

Events

In 2008 we did not cooperate with the organization of events in the field of asylum.

Available results in 2008

Public statement on the International Refugee Day on 20 June 2008.

Partners

UNHCR, Legal- informational centre for NGOs, Slovene Philantropy, Association Mozaik, Association Matafir, Jezuit Refugee Service and others.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

Joint activities of NGOs contributed to more effective monitoring of the situation of the asylum seekers. In 2009, we intend to continue with participation in the described activities.

European Criminal Justice Project - Towards Cross-Border Solutions for Transnational Problems

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Aims and goals

The purpose of the project is to analyse the implementation of the Framework Conclusion on the European Arrest Warrant (FC EAW), and to raise awareness on the importance of the respect of European standards, human and constitutional rights in this process.

Realisation in 2008

We started to work on the project in May 2008. The project partners met at the kick-off meeting in London, where we prepared a detailed plan of the project implementation, exchanged information on regulation in our countries, and distributed the tasks. In 2008 we gathered country studies on the implementation of FC EAW and the data on issued, received and executed EAWs.

Events

In 2008 there were no public events organized within this project.

Available results in 2008

There are no publicly available results from 2008.

Partners

The AIRE Centre - United Kingdom (co-ordinator), B.a.B.e. Women's human rights group - Croatia, Lellos P. Demetriades Law Office - Cyprus

Funding

European Commission

Announcement of project continuation

During the first year of the project, the cooperation between partners and the project work were successful. We will continue with the project in 2009 and 2010.

Erased People of Slovenia - A Challenge for a Young Nation-State

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Aims and goals

The goal of the project is to bring the problem of erasure and the erased closer to solution and to increase the capacity of local NGOs to address human rights violations in Slovenia.

Realisation in 2008

In 2008 we continued with the implementation of a three year project. We carried out legal assistance to the erased, assisted Studio Lana at representing the case of erased before the European Court of Human Rights, continued with field research on erasure with interviews and transcripts, encouraged the authorities to resolve the problem, raised awareness, and organized public events. We prepared detailed recommendations for measures for resolving the erasure.

Events

25. 02. 2008: Press conference at the opening of the Erased week; briefing of ambassadors on erasure;
28. 02. 2008: Erasure in the media - roundtable with journalists within the Erased Week;

29. 02. 2008: Press conference at the special issue of the Journal for the Critiques of Science, the Story of Erasure;
04. 03. 2008: presentation on erasure at the GUE week;
07. 06. 2008: presentation on personal safety of erased at the Peace Institute conference "Inclusion and Exclusion in and on the Borders of Europe"
03. 07. 2008: Press conference on the boycott of public hearing on the constitutional law on erased;
3. - 4. 12. 2008, Conference: "16 years later: Political and legal aspects of erasure in Slovenia"

Available results in 2008

- Public statements
- Commentary on the draft constitutional law on the erased
- Recommendations for resolving the erasure
- Conference presentations

Partners

Partners: Legal-informational centre for non-governmental organizations - PIC, Amnesty International Slovenia, Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti dell'huomo, Ninamedia

Funding

Open Society Institute, The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Announcement of project continuation

The second year of the Erased project was extremely successful and fruitful. However, since the political situation was quite vibrant we had to adapt our activities to it many times, which prevented us from carrying out one of the workshops for students planned for 2008. However, this workshop will be carried out in 2009, in addition to all the activities planned for the third year.

European network of legal experts in the anti-discrimination field

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Project team

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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.

Realisation in 2008

Neža Kogovšek became a member of the legal network in 2008 and the project will last for four years until 2011. In 2008 we prepared an updated country report in which we presented the legislation, case law and other measures taken in the field of anti-discrimination. We covered all fields of social life and all personal grounds except for gender which is in the competency of another network. We also provided flash reports to the coordinator.

Events

In 2008 events were not organized within this project in Slovenia since they were not even foreseen.

Available results in 2008

There are no publicly available results within this project for 2008 yet.

Partners

Human European Consultancy (coordinator)

Funding

European Commission

Announcement of project continuation

The project was successful since we carried out all the foreseen tasks. We will continue with our work in 2009.

Participation in the State Preventive Mechanism on the basis of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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Aims and goals

In 2008 the Peace Institute participated as a partner of the Human Rights Ombudsman at visits of premises where individuals are deprived of their freedom, with a purpose of preventing torture, and inhuman and degrading treatment.

Realisation in 2008

In 2008 the Peace Institute participated at about 20 visits of closed premises such as prisons, psychiatric hospitals, social care institutions, homes for retired people, asylum home, centre for foreigners and police stations with detention units. We also collaborated with the preparation of regular and final reports.

Events

In 2008 there were no public events in the framework of this project since they were not even foreseen.

Available results in 2008

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Partners

Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia

Funding

Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia

Announcement of project continuation

We assess the cooperation with the Human Rights Ombudsman as successful; on the one hand we contributed to the improvement of monitoring standards while on the other hand it enabled us to obtain insight into the spheres of social life to which we would otherwise not have access to. In 2009 we will not continue to participate in this project due to preoccupation with other tasks, however, we might continue later on.

Building capacity for pro bono work of lawyers in Slovenia

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Aims and goals

The main goal of the project is to build a capacity of lawyers for pro bono practice in matters of vulnerable groups in need of legal assistance, when they are not eligible for or able to obtain free legal aid.

Realisation in 2008

We started to implement this project in June 2008. First we prepared an on-line survey in order to carry out a research on the existing pro bono work, invited attorneys to become members of the pro bono network, gathered materials for analysing conditions for development of pro bono work in Slovenia, established a clearing house to serve as a contact point between lawyers, NGOs and vulnerable groups, and presented the project and the clearing house to NGOs.

Events

In 2008 no events were organized within this project.

Available results in 2008

In 2008 we have not prepared any publicly available results yet.

Partners

Partners: Legal-informational centre for NGOs - PIC and Public Interest Law Institute.

Funding

TRUST for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe

Announcement of project continuation

The beginning of the project was very successful since the activities being carried out match with the activities foreseen in the timetable. We managed to attract four attorneys to join the pro bono network which suffices for the pilot phase of the project. A further success was also that 100 attorney and law offices responded to the web survey. We will continue with the project implementation in 2009.

Progressing Towards Equality - An Intersectional Approach to Discrimination (PROTECT)

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Aims and goals

The main goal of the project is to address the issue of intersectional and multiple discrimination, collect data on this topic in Slovenia, as well as raise awareness of judges and prosecutors on the one hand and vulnerable groups on the other.

Realisation in 2008

We began with the implementation of the project in December 2008. In the first month we carried out the kick-off meeting and prepared all necessary arrangements in order to distribute the tasks among the project partners and agree on the manner of reporting and of implementation of the project from the aspect of substance and finances.

Events

In 2008 no events were organized within this project.

Available results in 2008

There are no publicly available results of this project from 2008 yet.

Partners

Partners: Legebitra, YHD - Association for theory and culture of handicap, Association for development of voluntary work Novo mesto, Legal-informational centre for non-governmental organizations – PIC.

Funding

European Commission, program Progress

Announcement of project continuation

Since this project only commenced in December 2008 it is not possible to provide an evaluation yet. The project will last until November 2009. In other respects, the project is part of our continuous research and training activity in the field of anti-discrimination which we have been carrying out for a number of years.

Preparation of a study on organization of asylum and migration policies in the Republic of Slovenia

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Project team

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Aims and goals

The purpose of the project was to prepare a study on the organization of asylum and migration policies in the Republic of Slovenia with a goal of presenting it to the European Migration Network, of which the Republic of Slovenia is a member.

Realisation in 2008

The study was prepared for the Ministry of Interior on the basis of a public call for proposals. It was prepared in Slovenian and English and comprised of 50 pages.

Events

No public events were organized in the framework of this project.

Available results in 2008

There are no publicly available results of this project since all the material copy rights were transferred to the Ministry of Interior.

Partners

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Funding

The Republic of Slovenia - Ministry of Interior

Announcement of project continuation

After the study was submitted to the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry provided us with comments to the text. The justified comments were taken into account while the unjustified were rejected together with a notification that insisting on them would represent an interference with our academic freedom. The project concluded in 2008.

National Focal Point of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) (Raxen9)

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Aims and goals

National Focal Point collects data and information on racism and xenophobia at the national level, and submits national reports and studies to the FRA.

Realisation in 2008

In 2008, the National Focal Point (NFP) of the FRA continued with its work on the project (RAXEN9 phase) from the previous year (RAXEN8 phase). Since January 2008 the following publications have been submitted to the FRA: Update of the National Data Collection Report 2007, three bulletins, shorter report on the Slovenian organisations supporting victims of racial discrimination and the Contribution to the FRA Annual Report 2009.

Events

In 2008, the FRA published its regular annual report, covering developments in 2007, including relevant data on the situation in Slovenia. Data for the aforementioned publication have been provided by the National focal point within

the framework of the RAXEN8 project.
(http://fra.europa.eu/fra/material/pub/ar08/ar08_en.pdf)

Available results in 2008

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Partners

FRA, Vienna, and 26 national focal points

Funding

FRA, Vienna

Announcement of project continuation

Work on the project was performed as planned, and all deliverables received positive evaluation by the FRA evaluators. In 2009 (RAXEN10), the National Focal Point of the FRA shall produce two thematic studies related to the prevention of racism; one in the field of sport and another on the situation of the Slovenian Roma regarding their housing.

Intolerance monitor report

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Aims and goals

The aim of the project is to document and analyse various manifestation of intolerance in the Slovenian society. The report is published annually.

Realisation in 2008

In June 2008 the sixth volume of the Intolerance Monitor Report was published. The lead topic of this year's issue is political (in)-correctness. Other texts address Erased, Roma people, media representations of immigrant people in Slovenia and sexual violence towards children within the context of Roman Catholic Church.

Events

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Available results in 2008

Report
Web version of the report

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute.

Announcement of project continuation

The editoria board agrees the the format of the Report is outlived. For that reason the 6th issue is the last one to be published under the "Intolerance monitor report" brand. The preparation for the establishment of an international scientific review (as a substitute for the Report) are already taking place.

Research project on discrimination

"Consequences of discrimination on social and political involvement of young people in Slovenia: analysis on the basis of gender, sexual orientation and ethnicity."

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Aims and goals

Formulation of the policy suggestions for the improvement of the anti-discrimination policies on the basis of empirical data.

Realisation in 2008

The work on two-year research project on discrimination (the effects of discrimination for the social, political and cultural inclusion/exclusion, policy suggestions and anti-discrimination measures) was finished in September 2008. The Peace Institute conducted half-structured interviews with representatives of minorities on the following issues: religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity (Roma. Additionally quantitative research was conducted on Muslim minority and GLBT

Events

Interview in Dnevnik's Objektiv ("To bash a queer is to prove your masculinity"), December 27, 2008

Available results in 2008

Interview in Dnevnik's Objektiv ("To bash a queer is to prove your masculinity"), December 27, 2008

Kuhar, Roman. 2008. Not less homophobic violence. Narobe, št. 8, <http://www.narobe.si/stevilka-8-december-2008/nasilje-raziskava.html>

Partners

Faculty of Social Sciences
Fakulty for Humanistic Studies

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency.
Office for Equal Opportunities.
Office for Development.

Announcement of project continuation

The project was successfully finished. In 2009 Croatian scientific review *Revija za sociologiju* will publish 5 texts on discrimination in Slovenia, based in the results from this research. Further media attention will be drawn to the results in 2009.

3 MEDIA

Human Rights Press Point During EU Presidency in Slovenia

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Aims and goals

Human Rights Press Point aimed at providing information and attracting attention for human rights issues in Slovenia among foreign journalists during EU Presidency in Slovenia (January-June 2008).

Realisation in 2008

Small office to serve foreign journalists with information, contacts, material and support in reporting human rights issues from Slovenia was opened in Ljubljana city centre. Leaflet about the capacities and location of human rights press point was published and distributed at the airport and accreditation desks for journalists. Web site with key documents and contacts was published to serve as a tool for foreign journalists reporting on human rights issues in Slovenia.

Events

Tree big round tables has been organized:

1. »Politics in the Western Balkans and the Role of the European Union – Civil Society Perspective«, Thursday, 27 March.
2. »Influence of EU Policies on the Respect for Human Rights«, Thursday, 8 May.

3. »Is the European Union Actually a Place of Respect for Media Freedom?«, Monday, 9 June.

Available results in 2008

www.humanrightpoint.si
brochures, flyers, posters, maps

Partners

Amnesty International Slovenia, Human Rights Ombudsman RS, LIC (Legal Information Center for NGOs), Slovene Association of Journalists, Union of Slovene Journalists

Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

We have developed all activities according to the project outline and sufficiently attracted attention of European journalists and general public regarding the human rights issues in Slovenia and in the Western Balkans (with stress on Kosovo independence and Macedonian refusal of NATO negotiations).

RARE - Responsibility and Responsiveness - Promoting Mechanisms to Respect Voice of Citizens in the Media

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Ian Wright, Ian Mayes, Jo Confino, The Guardian - Foreign experts

Aims and goals

The project connects research on media reception among three social groups with activities which promote and advocate media self-regulatory mechanisms in news media and initiate citizens' organisation such as Voice of Listeners and Viewers.

Realisation in 2008

Research and report on media reception in three social groups. Exchange visits between the Guardian and selected newspaper(s) in Slovenia. Seminar by the Guardian in Ljubljana. Seminar by the European Alliance of Listeners' & Viewers' Associations in Ljubljana. Participation of representatives from Slovenia at 2008 EURALVA meeting. Leaflet on citizens' organisation such as Voice of Listeners and Viewers (VLV), and round table within VLV initiative in Slovenia.

Events

Exchange visits between the Guardian and Delo, Dnevnik and Večer on self-regulation and social responsibility of news media (July 08: Irena Štaudohar, Ranka Ivelja and Slavko Vizovišek to the Guardian, and September 2008: Jo Confino, Ian Mayes and Ian Wright to Delo, Dnevnik and Večer). Workshop by the Guardian in Ljubljana (22.9.08).

Seminar in Ljubljana by the European Alliance of Listeners' & Viewers' Associations with media activists in Slovenia (28.5.08).

Participation of two representatives from Slovenia (Suzana Žilič Fišer and Irena Brejc) at 2008 EURALVA meeting (10.11.08).

Round table on international news in television prime time news editions in Slovenia (25.11.08).

Available results in 2008

Section with a series of articles on Responsibility and Responsiveness of the Media in the autumn issue of the Media Watch Journal (December 2008).

Leaflet on citizens' organisation such as Voice of Listeners and Viewers (November 2008).

Partners

The Guardian Foundation. The European Alliance of Listeners' and Viewers' Associations. Also participation of three Slovenian daily newspapers Delo, Dnevnik and Večer. Support of Cankarjev Dom in realisation of public events.

Funding

European Commission - DG Justice, Freedom and Security. Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

Further advocacy of self-regulatory mechanisms in the media in Slovenia such as press council, press ombudsman, readers' editor etc Further promotion and advocacy of active citizenship in the media field through citizens' organisations and initiatives.

Media Ownership/Media Pluralism

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Aims and goals

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

Realisation in 2008

Continuation of regular monitoring and advocacy activities in Slovenia with reports and articles published in MW publications. Participation in the team of experts led by K.E. Leuven and the Central European University to conduct a study on media pluralism indicators for the European Commission.

Events

Within the round table on media freedom in the EU, which we organised on 9th June 2008 during the Slovenian Presidency of the EU, one of the key issues was the problem of media ownership concentration in Slovenia, France and Italy. Meetings of experts involved in developing the study on media pluralism indicators for the European Commission (CEU, Budapest, 11.2.08, and KE Leuven, 9.-10.9.08).

Available results in 2008

Media ownership has been explored in the book on the role of the state in the media sector in Slovenia, which was published, presented and discussed in three round tables and in numerous articles in the media in Slovenia.

Partners

Open Society Institute, K.E. Leuven, Central European University, etc.

Funding

Open Society Institute, European Commission etc.

Announcement of project continuation

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

Media Watch Program

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Ksenija Horvat, chair of the journalism evening talks
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Aims and goals

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

Realisation in 2008

Regular publication of the MW journal (spring and autumn issue), two books in the MW book series and one MW leaflet. MW round tables. Maintenance of the web journal Media Watch, including MW data-base.
Media Watch program mechanisms were integrated also in the last stage of the project The Role of the State in the Media Sector in Slovenia and in the project RARE-Responsibility and Responsiveness - Promoting Mechanisms to Respect Voice of Citizens in the Media.

Events

Round tables on media policy and practices in Slovenia including:

Three presentations and advocacy events in Maribor (28.2.08), Koper (10.3.08) and Ljubljana (20.3.08) on the role of the state in the media sector.

Round table on media reporting on children in Slovenia in cooperation with the Human Rights Ombudsman and Council of Europe Information Center in Slovenia (22.4.08).

Presentation of the policy paper on revision of media policy in Slovenia, prepared in cooperation with journalists associations and launched prior to parliamentary elections 2008 (23.6.08).

Round table (within the projects Media Watch + RARE) within the initiative Voice of Listeners and Viewers on international news in television prime time news editions in Slovenia (25.11.08).

Participation in the round table on revision of regulation of public service broadcasting in Slovenia, organised by the Association of Journalists in Slovenia in Ankaran (28.11.08).

Available results in 2008

Media Watch journal (two issues: No. 31 in May 2008 and No. 32:33 in December 2008).

A book in the Media Watch book series with results of the research project on the role of the state in the media sector in Slovenia (in English).

A book with analysis of discourses of nostalgia for Josip Broz Tito, including media discourse.

Media Watch (+RARE) leaflet on citizens self-organisation to raise voice in the media.

English translation and publication of the policy paper on revision of media policy in Slovenia, prepared in cooperation with journalists associations.

Partners

A number of regular collaborators from Slovenia and abroad, contributing to the MW journal and other activities.

Human Rights Ombudsman, Council of Europe Information Center, Association of Journalists in Slovenia, Trade Union of Journalists in Slovenia, EURALVA, The Guardian Foundation.

Funding

Open Society Institute, Ministry of Culture (for Media Watch book), Ministry of Education (for Media Watch journal), European Commission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Announcement of project continuation

Continuation of regular monitoring, advocacy and empowerment activities with a focus on further development of own internet media publications aimed at media literacy and active citizenship in the media field.

Media and Minorities

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Aims and goals

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

Realisation in 2008

Continuation of monitoring media reporting on minorities, advocacy and empowerment activities for media integration of Roma community and minorities from former Yugoslavia, especially by using the framework of 2008 European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

Participation in the project of a European study on media and diversity through presentation of the Peace Institute's projects and activities in the field of media and minorities for the survey within the study.

Events

Presentation on Roma and the media at the celebration of 5th anniversary of Roma Radio Romi (Murska Sobota, 3.10.2008).

Lecture on media and minorities in Slovenia at the seminar on implementation of Framework Convention for Protection of National Minorities in Slovenia (Ljubljana, 27.10. 2008).

Lecture at international seminar for activists from non-government organisations from countries of former Yugoslavia and Italy on media and intercultural dialogue (Novo Mesto, 22.11.2008).

Partnership with the British Council in Slovenia in recruiting participants and developing activities for its program Imagine Your Future aimed at production of digital stories by young members of minority communities in Slovenia (first workshop in Radovljica, 3.-5.10. 2008).

Available results in 2008

Policy paper on media integration of minority communities from countries of former Yugoslavia in Slovenia (prepared for the Association of associations of minority communities from countries of former Yugoslavia in Slovenia - EXYUMAK).

Policy proposals to the Governmental Office for National Minorities within its consultations in drafting national strategy for the Roma community in Slovenia
Articles on media and minorities in the Media Watch journal, issues from May and December 2008.

Partners

Roma Association in Slovenia. Association of associations of minority communities from former Yugoslavia in Slovenia (EXYUMAK). Association for Voluntary Work in Novo Mesto.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

Policy research and advocacy combined with empowerment activities for minorities from former Yugoslavia to lead to policy changes towards introduction of radio and TV broadcasts in languages of these communities at PSB (RTV SLO); Development of resources for innovative multicultural web media.

Participation in implementation of a new university subject and study on multiculturalism and media.

International Cooperation

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Aims and goals

Participation in regional and international networks in the media field and building partnerships with relevant organisations abroad with a purpose to incorporate our work in regional and international initiatives on media freedom and accountability.

Realisation in 2008

Continuation of participation in the South East European Network for Professionalisation of the Media and in the European network for media and minorities On-line/More Colour in the Media. Regular cooperation with the Guardian Foundation and EURALVA - European Alliance of Listeners' & Viewers' Associations.

Partnership with Novi Sad School of Journalism and Macedonian Media Institute in their educational programs. Participation in Global Forum for Media Development.

Events

Participation in preparations and coordination of European NGOs active in the media field for their participation in the European Ministerial Conference on Media and New Communication Services in May 2009.

Participation in the world conference of the Global Forum for Media Development (Athens, 7-10.12.2008).

Available results in 2008

Country reports on Slovenia within the 2008 regional research and advocacy projects of the SEENPM network (published on the web site of the SEENPM and member centres and distributed to target audiences) on 1) labor relations in the media, 2) public service broadcasting in digital age, 3) impact of the EU Audiovisual Media Service Directive and 4) monitoring newspaper reporting in SEE on Kosovo.

Partners

Members of the SEENPM (Novi Sad School of Journalism, Macedonian Institute for the Media, Media Center Sarajevo etc.) and OL/MCM, Guardian Foundation, EURALVA, etc.

Funding

Open Society Institute, Guardian Foundation (Scott Trust), European Commission etc.

Announcement of project continuation

Partnership in regional and international networks, development of project consortiums to promote diverse and independent media ownership, strong public media, and universal, affordable access to communications.

4 GENDER

FeMiPol: Integration of Female Immigrants in Labour Market and Society: Policy Assessment and Policy Recommendations

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Aims and goals

The project focuses on the analysis of integration policies and their effects on female migrants with the purpose to propose mechanisms that would actively incorporate female migrants' biographies.

Realisation in 2008

The research team of the PI has prepared the final comparative report discussing the active citizenship possibilities, i.e. participation practices of migrant women in eight countries. Head of the project at the PI presented the results at the final conference in Brussels, March 31.

Events

March 31, Brussels, final conference of the project

Available results in 2008

<http://www.femipol.uni-frankfurt.de/>

Partners

Institute of Social Research pri J.W.Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany;

Oxford Brookes University, GB;

University of Paris X - Institut des Sciences du Politique, France;

University of Florence, Italy;

Jagiellonian University Krakow, Poland;

Centre for Research on Women's Issues Athens, Greece;

Intercollege Cyprus, Cyprus.

Funding

European Commission

Announcement of project continuation

The project has ended and was successful. In 2009-2010, we plan to publish results in Slovenia and abroad, such as a book and several articles.

Informal reproductive work: trends in Slovenia and EU

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Aims and goals

The project aims at conceptual and empirical research in three segments of growing demand for and supply of irregular paid domestic work: child care, elderly care and cleaning. The research follows the international comparable methodology.

Realisation in 2008

Setting up the theoretical and methodological framework.
State of the art of the policies and institutional setting of care work in Slovenia and of related topics, e.g., gender, migration and labour regimes. Preparation of empirical research on demand and supply side in Slovenia in terms of recruitment of staff, elaboration of a questionnaire, organization of field work etc. We also introduced the project into the international research scene dealing with related issues

Events

Hrzenjak, Majda. Can National Welfare State Break the Global Care-Chain? A pilot Experiment in Slovenia. Paper presented at the International Workshop »Transnational Domestic Workers and National Welfare State« Amsterdam, 4-6 December 2008

Majda Hrženjak. Who cares in the East if Easterns clean and care in the West? Paper presented at the 8th Annual Aleksanteri Conference Welfare, Gender and Agency in Russia and Eastern Europe, December 10-12, 2008; the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Available results in 2008

Hrženjak, Majda. Informal domestic work : a way of reorganization between care and paid work. Paper presented at the conference 'Gendering Theories of Citizenship:Europeanization and care' Denmark 1. - 3. April 2008http://cinefogo.cuni.cz/index.php?&id_result=1255&l=0&w=16&id_event=49.

Hrženjak, Majda. The Status of Domestic Work and Women's Position in the Labour Market: A Pilot Experiment of Paid Domestic Work in Households with Small Children (the Case of Slovenia) Paper presented at the International Conference 'Labouring Feminism and Feminist Working-Class History in Europe and Beyond' Stockholm, 28-31 August 2008 <http://www.arbark.se/labfem2/papers>

Humer, Živa. Ethics of care, gender and family. Paper presented at the conference 'Gendering Theories of Citizenship:Europeanization and care' Denmark 1. - 3. April 2008http://cinefogo.cuni.cz/index.php?&id_result=1255&l=0&w=16&id_event=49.

Renner, Tanja, Humer, Živa, Žakelj, Tjaša, Vezovnik, Andreja, Švab, Alenka. Novo očetovstvo v Sloveniji (New fatherhood in Slovenia; available only in Slovene). Ljubljana: Faculty of Social Sciences, 2008.

Partners

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Funding

Slovenian Research Agency, Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

In 2009 we would like to integrate the national empirical study into the EU context of related surveys, particularly in cooperation with ECPR network, led by Fiona Williams from University of Leeds. We are planning on publishing and developing related research projects: one dealing with the survey of formal care service sector in Slovenia, the other dealing with researching politics/strategies of care in CEE region.

GemTrEx - Professionalizing Gender Trainers & Experts in Adult Education

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Aims and goals

GemTrEx is Grundtvig 1 project, which aimed to develop quality criteria and standards for gender work in adult education in Europe.

Realisation in 2008

GemTrEx project activities were carried out according to the project plan, including the study visit of Newham College of Further Education (London). We engaged in the development of professional standards for gender work, syllabus, compendium of theory and practice, and in organization of the final conference and workshop in Ljubljana.

Events

The final conference and workshop Gender workers in Europe: Professionalisation, prospects and challenges, Ljubljana, 22 September, 2008; <http://www.gemtrex.eu>.

Available results in 2008

Project's results: newsletters, leaflet, brochure Standards and training for gender workers in Europe, self-evaluation tool for gender workers, Compendium of Theory, Practice and Quality Standards for Gender Workers, Professional standards for gender work in Europe are available at <http://www.gemtrex.eu/>

Partners

Frauenservice Graz (project's coordinators), Graz, Austria
Männerberatung Graz, Graz, Austria
University of Girona, Girona, Spain
Dissens e.V., Berlin, Germany
Newham College of Further Education, London, UK

Funding

European Commission, Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

The project has finished.

5 CULTURAL POLICY

Economy of Culture

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Aims and goals

A longitudinal, on-going project aimed at fostering a policy discipline almost completely neglected in Slovenia, and nowadays frequently misused by those economic and political circles promoting fundamental/radical market-oriented cultural production.

Realisation in 2008

Dissemination of the results achieved through previous projects; application for the ARCADE project (Awareness Raising on Culture and Development) in collaboration with our partner organization from Paris; writing a national report on how new technologies are being used for cultural tourism (as a part of cultural industries) in Slovenia; presentations at conferences, seminars, panels and workshops; conceptualisation of a new project.

Events

Milohnić, Aldo. »Culture in the age of economic rationality: how argumantative is the 'economic argument' for culture?«. Lecture delivered at the international seminar Strategic Planning, Rijeka, 18.-24. February, 2008.

Milohnić, Aldo. Presentation at the panel "Article 23: How to fill the contemporary artist's pockets", Ljubljana, ŠKUC Gallery, 8.04.2008.

Milohnić, Aldo. Presentation at the panel "Multicultural tolerance", Ljubljana, City Museum, 11.4.2008.

Milohnić, Aldo. "From Trojan to Schengen Horses". Presentation of the paper at the conference "Inclusion and Exclusion in and on the Border of Europe", Portorož, 6-7.06.2008.

Available results in 2008

Milohnić, Aldo (eds.): *New Paradigms, New Models - Culture in the EU External Relations / At the Crossroads of Cultural Politics: The Western Balkans*. Ljubljana: ZRC SAZU Publishing and Peace Institute, 2008.

Breznik, Maja. *The End of Aesthetic Social State: the field of cultural production between the past and the future*. *Maska*, 2008, vol. 23, no. 115/116, pp. 20-27.

Breznik, Maja. *Spreminjanje pogojev v samostojnih poklicih v znanosti in umetnosti*. In: Lukič, Goran and Močnik, Rastko (eds.). *Sindikalno gibanje odpira nove poglede*. Ljubljana: Zveza svobodnih sindikatov Slovenije, 2008, pp. 143-148.

Breznik, Maja and Milohnić, Aldo. *Slovenia (National Report)*. In: *Virtual Culture and Its Impact on Cultural Tourism: Experiences from South-East Europe*. Zagreb: Institute for International Relations (in print).

Partners

Institute for International Relations (Zagreb)

Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

Application for the ARCADE project which was submitted to EU EuropeAid in 2008 was unfortunately not approved; a terrible loss for us due to the fact that we invested a lot of time and energy in preparation of our part of the application. Our other activities in the field of cultural economy were more successful: such as national report on digital economies and cultural tourism, a publication with ZRC etc.

Advocacy & Policy Projects - Cultural Policies in Ljubljana and Selected European Cities Project

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Aims and goals

The project is a continuation of our previous project on preparing a background experts' study for the strategy of cultural development in the city of Ljubljana. The project compares cultural policies of selected European cities and Ljubljana.

Realisation in 2008

Cultural politics of selected cities in Slovenia and neighbouring countries were analysed. An interim report was presented to representatives of the city of Ljubljana. The project team has prepared a questionnaire to be distributed to cultural departments of selected European cities. In 2009 several European cities will be selected for an in-depth analysis. Final result of the project will be a study with recommendations for improvements of the cultural strategy of Ljubljana.

Events

Milohnič, Aldo. "National and local cultural policies in context: analysis of Slovenian national and local cultural policies and other examples". A lecture delivered at the international seminary Strategic Planning, Rijeka, 18.-24. February, 2008.

Breznik, Maja. Presentation of the paper on a panel in the frame of the conference »Struggles for Urban Space« (part of an international project called »European Conference of Citizens and Residents of the Major Cities. Cultural Diversity, Intercultural Practices and Community: the Challenge of Major European Cities«). Ljubljana, 18. april 2008.

Milohnić, Aldo. Discussion on a panel in the frame of the conference »Struggles for Urban Space« (part of an international project called »European Conference of Citizens and Residents of the Major Cities. Cultural Diversity, Intercultural Practices and Community: the Challenge of Major European Cities«). Ljubljana, 18. april 2008.

Milohnić, Aldo. Presentation at the panel on cultural policies of Croatian and Slovenian cities. Cultural centre Molekula in collaboration with the Cultural Department of the City of Rijeka. Rijeka, 5. june 2008.

Breznik, Maja. »Culture in the Region and Beyond: General Scepticism through the Lens of Cultural Crisis«. Paper presented at the conference ICCPR. Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and Yeditepe University, Istanbul, august 2008.

Milohnić, Aldo. »Urban Consumerism in the Age of Post-Fordism«. Paper presented at the conference Citizenry and/or Consumerism. University of Rijeka, Faculty of Arts and Drugo more, Rijeka, 10-11. october 2008.

Breznik, Maja. »Between 'Culture Talk' and 'Rights Talk'«. Paper presented at the conference Citizenry and/or Consumerism. University of Rijeka, Faculty of Arts and Drugo more, Rijeka, 10-11. october 2008.

Milohnić, Aldo. Presentation at a panel – pre-conference event of the conference »The Neoliberal Frontline: Urban Struggles in Post-Socialist Societies« in the frame of the project Operation:City 2008, Zagreb, December, 2008

Available results in 2008

Breznik, Maja. "The Role of Culture in the Strategies of Urban Regeneration". In: Houses in Transformation: Interventions in European Gentrification. Rotterdam: NAI Publishers, 2008, pp. 43-57.

Partners

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Funding

Municipality of Ljubljana

Announcement of project continuation

The first phase of the project concluded in 2008: collection of hard data, compilation of a mailing list to be used for questionnaire distribution, preparation of the questionnaire, interviews with representatives of selected cities in Slovenia, Croatia, Austria, Italy etc. In 2009 the results of the survey will be analysed, several case studies will be completed and final report prepared (until June).

The Management of Copyright and Related Rights on the Internet – Public Institutions' Perspective

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Aims and goals

The research will examine the impact of authors' rights on the access of cultural and scientific works in public institutions. Special focus will be on the works created in the public sector and the accessibility of public libraries.

Realisation in 2008

Research activities:
Research team meetings, meeting with commissioner, preparation of interview and the list of interviewers, first interviews with the representatives of public institutions.

Events

The research has just started in 2008; for activities in the field consult the project The Management of Author's and Related Rights in the Digital Environment.

Available results in 2008

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Partners

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency, Republic of Slovenia
Ministry for Higher Education, Science, and Technology, Republic of Slovenia

Announcement of project continuation

The research continues in 2009 according to the time table from the project proposal.

The Management of Author's and Related Rights in the Digital Environment

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Aims and goals

The research examined the role of legal protection of technological measures in the digital environment with a focus on the right of private reproduction and the levy system.

Realisation in 2008

Research report (available on the Office for Intellectual Property' webpage http://www.uil-sipo.si/uploads/media/Raziskava_Upravljanje-ASP_2008.pdf) was completed in September 2008. It is based upon extensive field work (survey which included 795 individuals, 35 interviews...) and comparative analysis of national legal arrangements.

Events

BOGATAJ JANČIČ, Maja, "Digital Technology and Legal Challenges to Copyright", lecture in seminar "EdReNe Expert Workshop on Rights issues", Ljubljana, 4. - 5. 3. 2008 (http://videlectures.net/edrene08_bogataj_jancic_dtl/).

BREZNIK, Maja, "Changing conditions for free professions in art and science« (Trade union debates", Ljubljana, Dom sindikatov, February 14.-15.

KOVAČIČ, Matej, lecture for parents and teachers about copyright and the safe use of internet, March 18, Domžale, Vencija Perka primary school.

MILOHNIČ, Aldo, round table "How to fill the artists' pockets!?", April 8, 2008, organizer: ŠKUC Gallery.

BREZNIK, Maja, round table "Fights for urban spaces", in the frame of seminar European Conference of Citizens and Residents from the Major Cities, Ljubljana, April 18.

BOGATAJ JANČIČ, Maja, "Creative Commons Slovenia", lecture on conference Content online for Creativity, Brdo, June 6, organiser: Ministry of Culture.

BREZNIK, Maja, MILOHNIČ, Aldo, BOGATAJ JANČIČ, Maja, series of roundtables, interviews for Radio Cona about copyright (June).

Available results in 2008

BREZNIK, Maja, BOGATAJ JANČIČ, Maja, KOVAČIČ, Matej, MILOHNIČ, Aldo, The Management of Author's and Related Rights in the Digital Environment (research report), http://www.uil-sipo.si/uploads/media/Raziskava_Upravljanje-ASP_2008.pdf.

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MILOHNIČ, Aldo, "Art and the reign of law", in: Amfiteater, Ljubljana, AGRFT, n. 1, 2008.

BREZNIK, Maja, MOČNIK, Rastko, "The Humanities and social sciences in the grasp of liberal Europe", in: Časopis za kritiko znanosti, Ljubljana, Študentska založba, n. 233, 2008..

Partners

University of Ljubljana, Faculty for Social Sciences

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency, Ministry of Economics

Announcement of project continuation

The research project finished in September 2008, but the team continues with research activities in the thematic field with a new research The Management of Copyright and Related Rights on the Internet – Public Institutions' Perspective, commenced in September 2008.

At the crossroads of cultural politics: The Western Balkans

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Aims and goals

The project discussed the lessons learned so far regarding instruments used for the support of contemporary art producers and cultural operators active in the Western Balkans (WB) countries.

Realisation in 2008

A workshop has been organized to exchange experiences, opinions and views on existing relations between art / cultural practices and national cultural policies (of the WB countries) as well as with possible EU foreign cultural politics. One of the possible outputs of the workshop was to develop proposals / recommendations on how to achieve more ambitious presentations of EU contemporary art practices in the WB, and vice versa.

Events

Workshop was organized on May 12th, at The Scientific Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Participants: Aida Kalender, Program Director, Akcija Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Emina Višnić, Cultural Manager, Clubture network & Multimedia Institute, Zagreb, Croatia; Miško Šuvaković, Professor, University of Arts, Belgrade, Serbia;

Suzana Milevska, Program Director, Visual and Cultural Research Centre Eurobalkan Institute, Skopje, Macedonia; Svetlana Racanović, Director, Nansen Dialogue Centre, Podgorica, Montenegro; Lev Kreft, Director, Peace Institute, and Professor, Ljubljana University, Ljubljana, Slovenia (moderator of the workshop); Aldo Milohnić, Researcher, Peace Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia (reporter at the NEW PARADIGMS, NEW MODELS: CULTURE IN THE EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS Ljubljana Conference - May 13th and 14th 2008).

Available results in 2008

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programme book

Partners

The Scientific Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Funding

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

Announcement of project continuation

The research project finished in September 2008, but the team continues with research activities in the thematic field with a new research The Management of Copyright and Related Rights on the Internet – Public Institutions' Perspective, started in September 2008.

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Aims and goals

A long-term project of cooperation in the network of national networks (NGOs, public sector) for development of intercultural dialogue in the Mediterranean region.

Realisation in 2008

Coordination of the Slovenian national network, financial and organisational support for network functioning and development (network's contact point - SCCA, financial support from ALF Alexandria and Slovenian government, from 2009 new national coordinator - Student Publishing house), organization of the day of intercultural dialogue at Metelkova (May 2008).

Events

Day of intercultural dialogue at Metelkova (May 2008).

Available results in 2008

National network's report (on Anna Lindh Foundation home page).

Partners

SCCA, Student Publishing House, ALF Alexandria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Funding

Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Republic of Slovenia, ALF Alexandria, Open Society Institute.

Announcement of project continuation

After three years as the national coordinator, we passed this function to another coordinator in good condition for stable development of the national network. We organized an intercultural dialogue event at Metelkova which attracted many participants. We plan to repeat this kind of event in 2009; when ALF call for projects for 2009 is made public, we will consider a possibility of our own (long- or short-term) project.

6 EAST EAST AND SECONDARY DISSEMINATION

East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program

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Aims and goals

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

Realisation in 2008

- Project Youth initiatives in post-conflict South East European region
- Spring School, WPU: The Return of Political Economy
- Conference Inclusion and Exclusion in and on the Borders of Europe
- Project Living on a Border
- Project Policies and Practices of (non)inclusion of Roma in Urban Areas
- Project Deprivation of Legal Status and Citizenship,
- The book on alternative media (Politike Symposion edition)

Events

Workshops, summer school, seminars, conferences

Available results in 2008

Media articles, web pages

Partners

Different partners, defined on a project-to-project basis (see PI website)

Funding

Open Society Institute. Slovenian Research Agency

Announcement of project continuation

The program will develop long-term initiatives that contribute to the overall strategies of the PI.

Workers' and Punks' University

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Project team

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Aims and goals

While general political education is spread between academic knowledge and daily journalism, an alternative education project Workers' and Punks' University aims to fill in the grey patches of thought that both of the former fail to grasp.

Realisation in 2008

In 2008, WPU continued with the lecture cycle on Totalitarianism as well as with reading and film seminars (January - May). The international Spring school took place in May. In October a new lecture cycle Stupidity, and reading and film seminars started (October-December). Throughout the whole year the project KINOsindikāt was taking place.

Events

Continuation of lecture cycle Totalitarianism took place (Jan-May) and in November new lecture cycle Stupidity started. (November-December)

Film seminar and four other reading seminars continued: Althusser – Theory, Ideology and Antihumanism; Emancipatory Politics of Feminists Theory and Practice; Symptom; Historiographic views to Modernity. (January-May)

In October new film seminar started and also four reading seminars: Transformations in Art; The Backside of Psychoanalysis; Counting; »Hegel this, Hegel that«. (October-December)

KINOsindikat also took place. (January-December)
In May the International Spring School took place.

Available results in 2008

Project's webpage (Slovenian only): <http://www.dpu.mirovni-institut.si> and <http://www.sozd.si/tank/>

Partners

Agregat journal; ZSSS (Association of Free Syndicats of Slovenia); Klub Gromka; Metelkova mesto; Infoshop; Association of Students of Philosophy ŠFD, Ljubljana; Multimedia Institute MAMA, Zagreb; Philosophy Students' Association of Serbia, Belgrade and Association of Philosophy Students Gerusija, Novi Sad

Funding

Municipality of Ljubljana, Open Society Institute, Office for Equal Opportunities

Announcement of project continuation

Project was positively accepted among the participants and creators. In 2008 the twelve year old lecture cycle tradition continued. The number of activities increased: there are more reading seminars and the International Spring School was organised, which was a great success. Similar activities will take place also in 2009. Additional activity in 2009 is the edition of a compilation of articles: Postfordism.

Library, informational and bibliographic services of Peace Institute library

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Project team

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Aims and goals

- Acquisition, catalogisation, preservation and lending of library material to internal and external users
- Informational activity
- Bibliographic services

Realisation in 2008

- Performing its basic library, informational and bibliographic tasks

Events

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Available results in 2008

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Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

In the year 2008 library successfully operated according to its mission, which means performing librarian, informational and bibliographic services. It is going to continue with the same services also in the following year.

Peace institute web page

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Aims and goals

The peace institute's web page was established to inform wider public about institute's activities. The idea of a new web page is to improve the information function and become an active communicator with the public.

Realisation in 2008

In 2008 the web page was maintained and extended according to the work requirements of the institute. New category 'Other projects' was added for presentations of additional activities of PI staff members. During the year web page was regularly updated with news regarding PI events, publications and projects.

Events

Available results in 2008

Peace institute web page is accessible at <http://mirovni-institut.si>

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

In 2009 the extension of the web page will continue. Supplementation of audio and video files will be enabled. Some minor deficiency will be eliminated to attain better transparency.

Book Edition Politike Symposion: Book title: Alternative Media and the Politics of Resistance: Perspectives and Challenges

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Different authors (9)
Irena Woelle, designer

Aims and goals

The collection of essays gathers articles that address different meanings, practices, appearances of alternative media. The aim is to contribute to the debate in a broader international perspective and to open the debate on the topic in Slovenia.

Realisation in 2008

Selection of papers, editorial work, proofreading, editing and publishing the book.

Events

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Available results in 2008

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Partners

John D.H. Downing, Southern Illinois University

Funding

Open Society Institute

Announcement of project continuation

The edition will continue to address topics that are of priority to the work of the PI in international perspective.

The Politike Book Series

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Aims and goals

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

Realisation in 2008

In the year 2008 we published two titles: First title (Mojca Pajnik: Prostitution and Human Trafficking) deals with gender, labour and migration aspects of the trafficking in human beings and related social problems, such as prostitution. Second title (Tonči Kuzmanić, ed.: Contributions to a Critique of the Managerial Paradigm) is a selection of papers written by a group of mainly younger authors mentored by the editor of the book Tonči Kuzmanić.

Events

Thematic panells promoting new titles: 9.12.2008, Menza pri koritu Metelkova - Contributions to a Critique of the Managerial Paradigm (with Tonči Kuzmanić, Blaž kosovel, Aleš Rojc, Andrej Marković, Mirt Komel, Igor Bijuklič, Tjaša

Lampret, Primož Turk, Julija Magajna and Aldo Milohnič) and 9.01.2009, P74 Gallery - Prostitution and Human Trafficking (with Mojca Pajnik, Vesna Leskošek and Aldo Milohnič).

Available results in 2008

Books were well covered in the media, especially the book by Mojca Pajnik (she gave a lot of interviews for electronic and printed media). We expect book reviews to be published in scientific and specialized periodicals in 2009. Many reviews on our previous editions (especially M. Hrženjak's book *Invisible Work*) were published in mass media and scientific journals also in 2008.

Partners

(A long term project of the Peace Institute.)

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency, Open Society Institute.

Announcement of project continuation

In 2009 we would like to publish two new titles in the Politike book series and in the years to follow we would keep this publication activity dynamic (2 titles a year). The exact number of new titles depends on financial possibilities as well as on the quality of manuscripts proposed for publishing. Between 2001 and 2008, 15 titles (18 volumes) were published in the book series Politike.

Social Inequality and Social Justice

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Project team

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Aims and goals

In the context of financial crisis and economic recession, parliamentary elections results, tensions between Slovenia and Croatia and 500th anniversary of Slovene protestant Primoz Trubar, the Peace institute went to Labin for a short seminary.

Realisation in 2008

After visiting the Museum of Istria on protestantism and coal miners' strike, we watched a film of the strike from 1988. In that context, we had a discussion on changing fronts and concepts of conflict between labour and capital, on contemporary trade-union situation (with trade union representatives), on precariousness of employment, and on our involvement. Next day, we had a brainstorming of Peace Institute's future plans in the field of social justice and social inequality.

Events

Workshop on October 9th 2008, moderated by Tonči Kuzmanić discussing strike in Labin.
Roundtable on October 10th 2008 about Social Inequality and Social Justice.

Available results in 2008

Not planned.

Partners

Trade union: ZSSS, Faculty for Social Work

Funding

Open Society Institute.

Announcement of project continuation

It was a good assessment of our previous activities in this field, an analysis of situation, and planning of future projects in this field with all members of the Peace Institute and potential partners. We expect that this will have an impact on different projects concerned with inequality, social conflicts, trade unions activities, and studies of neo-liberal dogma and management, in 2009 and the following years.

7 ADMINISTRATION

Administration

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Aims and goals

The aim is organizing, planning, leading, controlling, coordinating and directing the Peace Institute's resources to achieve the overall objectives. Administration assists to experts and researchers with financial, legal, staffing and working processes.

Realisation in 2008

Aims were achieved. Director and Managing director started new mandates for next 4 years.

Events

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Available results in 2008

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Partners

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Funding

Open Society institute, European Commission, Ministries of the Republic Slovenia, Slovenian Research Agency, Municipality of Ljubljana, etc.

Announcement of project continuation

To continue the process of stimulating colleagues to take action that will accomplish Peace Institute's mission with full technical and administrative support.