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Peace Event Sarajevo 2014

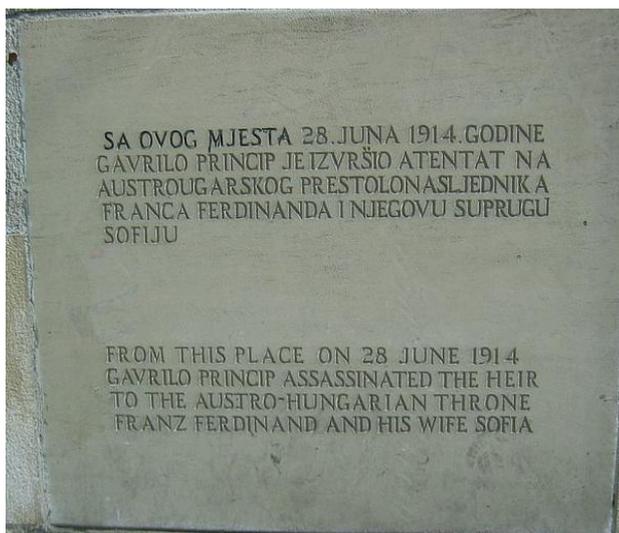
From a World of War and Violence to a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

Sarajevo, June 6th – 9th 2014

From a World of war and violence ...

The year 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I, which was triggered by the assassination of the Austro-Hungarian heir to the throne in Sarajevo on June 28th, 1914.

This can be seen as a symbolic date for a century of a “Culture of War and Violence” with two world wars and numerous regional wars - among them the one in the former Yugoslavian countries in the 1990’ s when Sarajevo suffered from the siege of the city during the “last war in Europe” - as well as for the global dominance of structural and cultural violence.



Memorial plaque at the location of the Sarajevo assassination

... to a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence.

But the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century have also seen a world-wide rise of nonviolent actions and achievements as an alternative to war and violence, and increased efforts for global and social justice, human rights, peace and reconciliation which was reflected in the declaration of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence (2001 -2010) by the United Nations.



A view of the city of Sarajevo

So, building on the experience of three “Salons des Initiatives de Paix” in Paris in the course of this Decade, the idea came up: **Let's make of Sarajevo the place to trigger a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence in 2014.**

From 22nd till 24th of April more than 20 organization from the Region and Europe met in Sarajevo to prepare the **Peace Event Sarajevo 2014**, which could be a meeting place for peace activists and anti-militarists, practitioners and researchers, a space of Active Non-violence, respect and gender justice, a place of exchange and mutual empowerment, an opportunity to review the achievements and challenges so far, as well as a public testimony that “nonviolence” works. The peace event should contain the following core elements:

- A Forum: an open space consisting of common and self-organized conference, seminars and workshops to topics like, “Overcoming the system WAR”, “Abolishing NATO, a dinosaur of the cold war, belonging to the garbage heap of history”, “How to change the European Union to a social, ecological and just organism without discrimination and exclusion”, ...
- The opportunity to present a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence in its diverse dimensions (history, education, sciences, gender, economy, arts, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, networking, peace policy, media, dealing with the past and reconciliation, ...) in the public space by performances, films, exhibitions, and a fair by regional organization presenting their work in different ways, with boths, thea-

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ters, films, and other peace activities ...

- Youth activities including a self-organized camp, with own content oriented and action oriented activities in and outside the camp, with culture, festivals, etc. with young people from the region and over Europe.

The peace event is from June 6th till 9th 2013 (Pentecost). The method is analog to the processes of Social Forums, participatory and inclusive. All activities will be group around the topics mentioned on the next page.

The Peace Event could be embedded into a more extended series of events, a “Season for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence”, e.g. from June till September 21st, the International Day of Peace. Geographically, the activities could enclose the city of Sarajevo, the country of Bosnia- Hercegovina, the region of the former Yugoslavia, all of Europe and even the whole world with decentralized simultaneous events in many different places.

The meeting confirmed the preparation group as a coordinating group, which are together with the regional/local committee and the coordinator responsible for the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014. To support the further preparation six working-groups were established: Forum, Youth, Culture, Logistics, Finances and Fundraising, Communication and Media.

Possible Themes and Topics to address

EDUCATION FOR PEACE

Education for Peace and Nonviolence
Curriculum for Peace
Teachers for Peace

WOMEN FOR PEACE

Role of women in/after war
Gender issues and gender justice

SCIENCE AND PEACE

New technologies and Peace
Scientists for Peace

ECONOMY AND WAR/PEACE

War industry
Arms trade
Conversion of these industries
Sustainable economy

ARTS AND PEACE

Peace artists
Music for peace
Forum and Playback Theatre

MEDIA AND PEACE

Journalists and Press agencies for Peace TV, Radios, Internet

ACTIVE NON-VIOLENCE

Nonviolent actions for social justice
Non-violent revolutions for Peace

DEALING WITH THE PAST

Reconciliation
Peace memories
Culture of remembering

NETWORKING

Strengthen the movements for peace
Involve young people

ARTS AND PEACE

Peace artists
Music for peace
Forum and Playback Theatre

HISTORY AND PEACE

Demilitarization of the History
Histories of peace

ENVIRONMENT AND PEACE

Protecting and respecting nature, ecological agriculture, prevent violence against nature

INTER-CULTURAL DIALOG

Religions and cultures in Peacebuilding, Cultural diversity

HUMAN SECURITY

Human rights, food, housing, health, gender justice, ecological and social development

EU AND PEACE

EU as a Peace initiative, peace tools

ACTIVE PEACE POLICY

A new European policy for Peace Ministries of Peace, Conflict prevention

Next Steps:

The working-groups will prepare specific working plans in coordination with the local/regional committee and the coordinating group via Skype and email. An interactive website and mailing lists will be set up to engage more people into the preparation process.

The next preparation meeting takes place
September 6th till 9th 2013 in Sarajevo.

World Social Forum 2013 Tunis

To promote the Peace Event and to include more organizations, initiatives and movements the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 will be presented in a workshop organized from HCA International on the World Social Forum in Tunis at Thursday 28th from 16h to 18h30 in G.108. For more information see: <http://www.fsm2013.org/>

Subversive Forum/Festival Zagreb

From 4th to 18th May 2013 the Subversive Festival and Forum in Zagreb will take place, where also a workshop for the preparation of the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 is organized, For more information see: <http://www.subversivefestival.com>

Preparation in Germany

In Germany you will find more information on the Peace Event Sarajevo 2014 on the website of the German Network 2014 www.1914-2014.eu. This network is initiated by Bund für Soziale Verteidigung (www.soziale-verteidigung.de), DVG-VK (Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft - Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen, www.dfg-vk.de), IALANA (www.ialana.de), IPPNW (www.ippnw.de), Kooperation für den Frieden (www.kooper-frieden.de), NaturFreunde Deutschlands (www.naturfreunde.de), NatWiss (www.natwiss.de), pax christi - Deutsche Sektion (www.paxchristi.de), VDW (www.vdw-ev.de).

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» He fell in October 1918, at a day which was peacefully quiet at the war front-line, a day when army daily news briefing only was summarized by one sentence: All quiet on the western front.

One could be forgiven to think that he was sleeping; his body lay quietly and was bending like a curve. On turning his body one could see that he did not suffer long, his face bore no trace of torment and gave the impression that he was almost at peace with his death. «

Erich Maria Remarque:

» All quiet on the Western Front «, 1928