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**Building sustainable Peace and Security in Bosnia and Herzegovina:**

Dancing in a Vicious circle

Warm-up session:

**What comes first to your mind when someone says  
Bosnia and Herzegovina?**

# MUNI (Not that) Quick Wartime Excursus. FSS

- End of bipolarity, weakening of communism, European integration.
- JBT passed away on 4. May 1980.
- Crises swarming → elites, ideology, economy.
- Independence declaration → Referendum → War (not ethnic!).
- General Framework Agreement for Peace in BiH (DPA).
- "Ethnic Cleansing" in IR glossary, CRSV, propaganda & disinfo.
- Complex and complicated political system.

# MUNI Nož, Žica, Srebrenica: FSS Genocide Denial in the Balkans

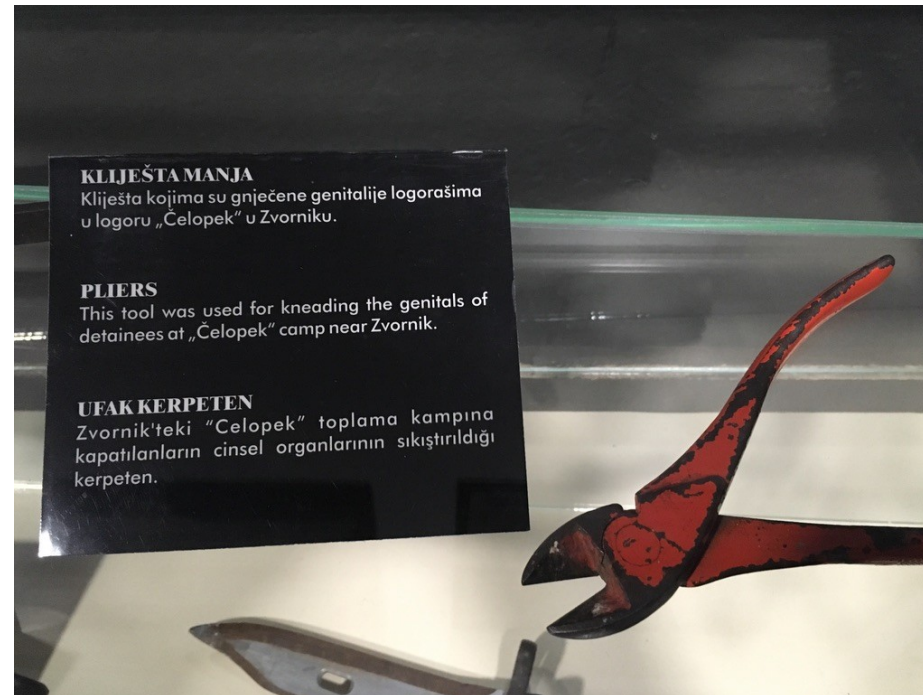
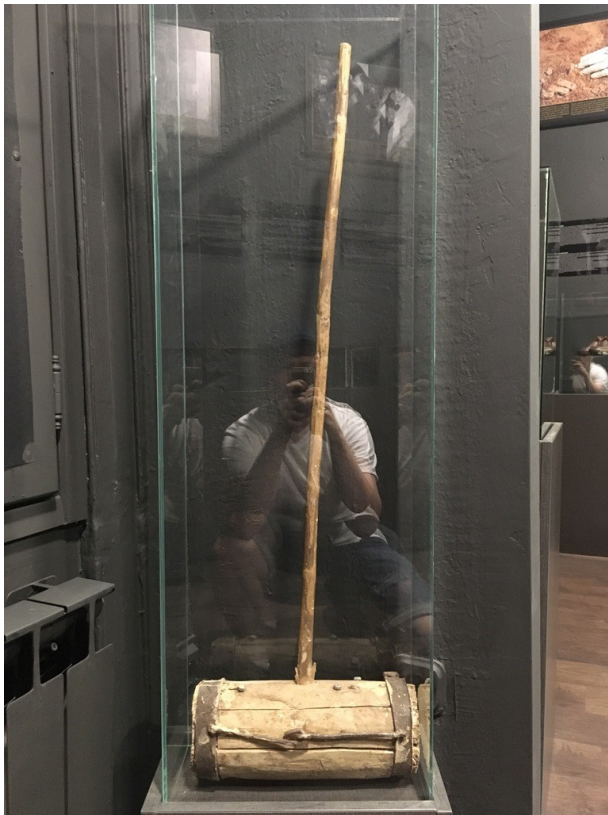
- 11. – 22. July 1995.
- 8 372 murdered men + 25-30k transported women, elderly and children.
- Prosecutor v. Krstić (ICTY 2004 + ICJ 2007),
- UN and the Dutch troops.
- “Crime” versus “Genocide”.
- Quo vadis, Aida?



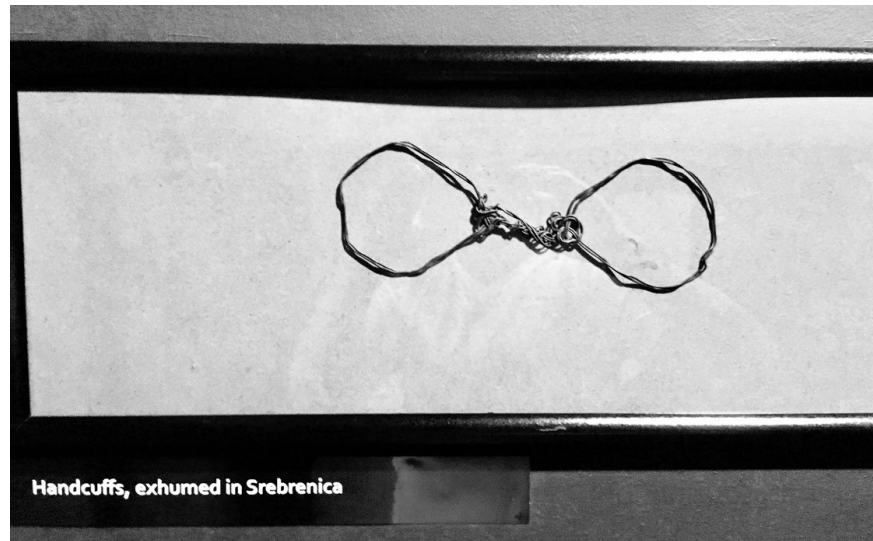
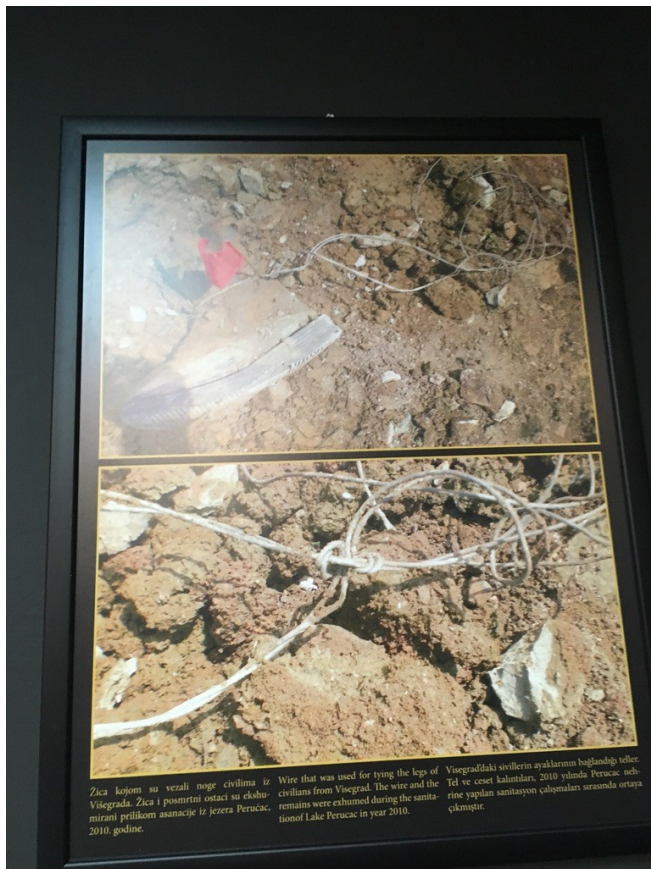
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# MUNI Wartime Scars of Sarajevo

## FSS



# Islamic Radicalism as a Bridge Between the Past and Present.

- Under Ottoman rule both as religion and socio-political doctrine.
- Concept of “European” or “secular” Islam in BiH, *Naši muslimani*.
- Autochthonous, but not autocephalous Islam + Sufistic fractions.
- War → import of radical Islam; post-war → export of radical Islam.
- Bosniak nationalism interconnected with Islam.
- WB in general both source and target of radicalisation.
- Young and educated men as a specific group inclining to indoctrination.

Mi smo vojska Allahova,  
za Islam sa borimo.  
Dati život za slobodu,  
nikog se ne bojimo!



Šarena džamija, Travnik, Bosna i Hercegovina.  
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- In 2015, 125 FFs per 1 million inhabitants from RKS.
- From BiH 85 FFs (counting).
- Reintegration problems.
- Weak jurisdiction.



## Current Security Challenges for BiH: **Demining (Enviro+EconSec).**

- Post-war relics both traditional and “new” security issues.
- Ca. 4k Km<sup>2</sup> -> 8 % of BiH’s territory.
- Ca. 50 % in forests, 37 % in agricultural lands and 4 % within infrastructure.
- 1 700+ casualties, 600+ fatal. Ca. 80k mines still to be cleared.
- Also socio-economic and environmental consequences.
- BiH’s infamous “Moving Minefields”.

# Current Security Challenges for BiH: Environmental Security.

- Recurrent floods → landslides, moving minefields, interrupted infrastructure.
- Low preparedness level, both ex ante and ex post difficulties.
- 2014 → 50 % of territory, 100k displaced people.
- One of the worst air pollution situations in the world (Sarajevo).
- Extremely high air pollution-related mortality (3k premature deaths in 2016).
- Tectonic area, but almost non-existent engineering solutions.

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# Current Security Challenges for BiH: Energy Security.

- Most energy-intensive country in the Balkans.
- Deteriorating infrastructure, bad maintenance, no upgrades, low efficiency.
- 70 % of energy is coal-generated (air pollution).
- Renewables potential, but no interest and resources.
- Only in the WB that can export electricity.
- EU (decarbonisation), PRC (coal) and RF (oil and gas).
- Foreign malign influence (elite capture, environment, critical infrastructure).



## Current Security Challenges for BiH: Remaining “New” Security.

- EconSec: Weak, low added value, export-dependence.
- High unemployment; 37 % regarding youth.
- Brain drain phenomenon; 6 % of total emigration (ca. 500k ppl 2010+)
  
- CySec: Mirrors complicated political system.
- 110<sup>th</sup> out of 182 in Global Cybersecurity Index (2020), 43 of 46 in Europe.
- Low awareness, no education. No comprehensive state strategy.

## What More to Read, Watch or Listen?

- Film “[Quo Vadis, Aida?](#)” on Srebrenica genocide.
- Podcast series [Untold Killing](#) depicting Srebrenica genocide in detail.
- Related to your presentation on FDIs, [my podcast](#) on Chinese investments in Serbia and their impact on Environmental security.
- Anything from [Balkan Insight's](#) relation on Bosnia and Herzegovina in case you want to stay up-to-date.
- And of course our chapter from the book! 😊



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**Hvala vam na Pažnji!**