

## Associazione Trentino con i Balcani

in collaboration with the UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, ITALY

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### THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

## ***IDENTITIES OF PLACES, PLACES OF IDENTITIES BEFORE AND NOW***

**TITLE :** IDENTITIES OF PLACES, PLACES OF IDENTITIES. BEFORE AND NOW

**PLACE:** PRIJEDOR, BOSNIA-ERZEGOVINA

**Dates:** 26 April – 1 May 2013 (plus one day before and after for travelling)

**PARTICIPANTS:** University students/researchers/scholars or interested youngsters from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Italy, Kosovo and Serbia aged 18-30 years

**AIMS:**

- identify key places that generate or did generate the identity/ies of the town (e.g. places of identity from an economical perspective; places of memory and/or forgotten memories; public spaces; peripheral v. central places, etc);
- analyse identities of these places through changes occurred over time;
- analyse how these changes are narrated and represented through these spaces;
- produce a tangible output of the workshop (picture/multimedia exhibition or similar) to stimulate debate among the citizenship.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND METHODOLOGY:** The international workshop IDENTITIES OF PLACES, PLACES OF IDENTITIES. BEFORE AND NOW is a project promoted by Associazione Trentino con i Balcani in collaboration with the University of Bologna that combines a participatory and active approach with the necessary theoretical basis for implementing the research.

The workshop indeed includes theoretical trainings on *Spaces: meaning, uses and identities* and *Methodology of research* and field research in the town through interviews, observation, pictures, etc. to create a map of meanings and feelings and finally a public exhibition/other output.

**CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION:** The Department of the University of Bologna will give a CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION to all participants.

## **Trainers**

**Prof. Federico Montanari:** adjunct professor at the University of Bologna (Department of Communication Studies) and at the University of Denver - Bologna Center (Class "City and Democracy"), after having taught at the University of California San Diego (Winter quarter '09). His main field of research is focused on War and Conflict studies, considered from the perspective of semiotic and cultural analysis, and media and aesthetical representations of wars and conflicts. Currently works on a research project on memorialization processes, mourning and trauma through war diaries, letters and memoirs, and their effects on the European cultural tradition and ideology and on public and urban spaces analysis.

**Doct. Luca Frattura:** PhD in Philosophy - Philosophy of the language and of the mind at the University of Turin. Since 2005 collaborates with Prof. Francesco Marsciani at the University of Bologna for the chair of Semiotic Structural and Generative Semiotic.

## **Associazione Trentino con i Balcani**

Associazione Trentino con i Balcani - ATB coordinates activities and initiatives of cooperation and solidarity promoted by the community of Trentino (Italy) in the Balkans for over ten years. The several projects implemented - especially in the towns of Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Peja / Pec (Kosovo), Kraljevo and Nis (Serbia) - aim at promoting human rights, gender equality, local development, youth empowerment and active citizenship and the social inclusion of marginalized groups.

Key elements of ATB approach are the involvement of all communities - an involvement aimed at a constructive recovery of memories for a positive transformation of conflict - and a philosophy of cooperation based on the exchange of good practices among the different territories involved. ATB operates in Peja/Pec and Kraljevo through its local branches, respectively Trentino con il Kossovo and Tavolo Trentino con Kraljevo. To date it is also active in Albania and Montenegro in a project promoting environmental tourism.

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