

**Dante Alighieri University of Reggio Calabria, Italy**

**Peace building UK**

**Ivanovo Center for Gender Studies**

**Sixth international summer school**

**«Gender and reconciliation in divided societies»**

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**Statement of the problem:** Political expert, Adrian Guelke, defines *divided societies* as communities, where violence or menaces impede to the people's unification. Their inner disputes became so meaningful and groundbreaking that now the process of reconciliation is getting exceptionally complicated. Nowadays the international situation makes the increasing in the number of such communities possible. In the 1990s many of societies in the once united Yugoslavia became divided. After Arab Spring in the 2011, the vast majority of the countries in the Middle East can be classified as divided as well. At the moment Ukraine and many African and Latin American states can be also defined as divided societies. Often the main reason of irreconcilable differences becomes religious diversity of people. Russia also doesn't have high level of social cohesion and it is considered to be if not divided, but fragmented, due to substantial disparities between the various social groups. That's why the issue of conciliating and achieving civic consensus is getting more significant every year. Grassroots initiatives of civil organizations, networks and individuals are essential for coming to the consensus. Women and women's organizations play important role in the process of reconciliation and overcoming post-war traumas.

**The objectives of the school are:**

- to present the experience of different European countries and regions in reconciliation of divided societies to the participants
- to teach participants to use the gender analysis in elaboration of the approaches to peace building and conflict resolution
- to form participants' skills in facilitation of intergroup conflicts and in mediation in the negotiation

**Target group:** the specialists in the fields of social, political studies, international relations, psychologists, lawyers, members of the NGOs

**Summer school program is** designed to bridge the theory and practice of building peace in societies that are emerging from conflict, violence or war and **includes the following courses:**

**Men and Women in War and Peace - Prof. Stef Jansen, Manchester University**

**Summary:** Men and women experience war differently, so it is essential to understand the dynamic impact of gender roles in conflict and post-conflict settings. Participants will practice

applying a "gender lens" to peace processes and conflict prevention scenarios. Using a practical example of gender analysis and the inclusion of gender in peacebuilding, participants will apply a core set of gender analysis skills to a real-world scenario.

### **Managing Intergroup Conflict through Facilitation – Prof. Ludmila Azarova, Moscow regional University**

**Summary:** How do you get parties to a conflict to listen to one another? How do you build trust and consensus in a group setting? Managing conflicts often relies on having solid facilitation skills—skills that help parties to a conflict resolve their dispute. This course will provide you with the knowledge and skills to effectively deal with conflicts and build sustainable relationships.

### **' Gender and conflict transformation' – Dr. Neira Gencic, University of Sarajevo**

**Summary:** The course will cover theoretical approaches to conflict and violence, including relationship between conflict and violence, structural violence and discrimination, spiral of violence, as well case studies of civil activism (including women's NGOs) in multiparty negotiations and dialogue. In other words, it would show transformative dimension of peacebuilding, where the goal is not to 'to repair' social relations, but to create 'world' based on different social relationships. It will be supported by many practical examples.

### **Women, Religion and Peace– Prof. Teresa Toldy, Fernando Pessoa University, Porto**

**Summary:** In recent years, conflict resolution scholars and practitioners have devoted increasing attention to the roles religious leaders and communities play both driving violent conflict and building peace. In much of the world, formal religious leadership tends to be heavily dominated by men, and so investigations of religion and conflict have tended to focus on men's perspectives and roles. Women's engagement in religious peacemaking has been little examined, and their perspectives, needs, and unique leverage are often largely ignored in the design of traditional religious peacemaking initiatives. The course aims to fill this gap and will explore the intersection of women, religion, and peace building in conflict zones. It seeks to understand the impact of religion on women's experiences and action in conflict zones, and investigate strategies to strengthen the role of women in religious peace building.

### **National reconciliation in post-war Italy – Prof. Paolo Minuto, University of Dante Alighieri**

The World War II was the Civil war for Italians and divided Italian society in two irreconcilable camps. This division was hard to overcome as Mussolini's regime existed for a long time and made the large impact to the all spheres of life and influenced the formation of national identity. The course will reveal justice, oblivion and forgiveness as multi-generational process of national trauma overcoming.

### **Forms and methods of teaching:**

Lectures will be combined with discussions, work in small groups, video presentations, workshops. Participants will be provided with core reading materials beforehand. During the

summer school participants will elaborate action plans of peace building and violence prevention in their own societies which will be presented at the final workshop.

#### **Lecturers of the summer school:**

**Prof. Teresa Toldy (Portugal)** - Professor at the Fernando Pessoa University. President of the Portuguese Association of Feminist Theologies and Vice-President of the Portuguese Association on Women's Studies.

**Prof. Stef Jansen (England)** – Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology at the University of Manchester (UK), specialist in forced migration and ethnic conflicts and cleansing post-communist Jugoslavia

**Dr. Nejra Nuna Čengić-** University of Sarajevo, Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies, NGO activist, specialist in peace building and conflict resolution

**Prof. Ludmila Azarova** – Moscow regional pedagogical University, department of psychology and pedagogics, specialist in mediation and facilitation practices

**Prof. Paolo Minuto** – Dante Alighieri University, Reggio di Calabria, specialist in Italian contemporary history and culture

#### **Duration of the school is 3 weeks.**

Languages of the school are English and Russian. An interpreter will be provided.

Lectures are from 9:00 to 15:00 from Monday to Friday, Saturday and Sunday – weekend.

**The venue of summer school – Dante Alighieri University, Reggio di Calabria, Italy**