



**WAR, TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE & STRATEGIC  
PEACEBUILDING**  
*The Center for Justice & Reconciliation's Summer in the Balkans 2011*

The Center for Justice and Reconciliation (CJR), in partnership with Atlantic Initiative and the University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Science, is now accepting applications for participation in its study abroad program, **“War, Transitional Justice & Strategic Peacebuilding: Summer in the Balkans 2011.”** CJR, based in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH), was established in 2005 by a group of local experts and journalists from the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) with the aim of promoting justice and reconciliation processes in BiH and the greater Balkans region. Our organization is now offering students from all over the world a chance to participate in a special summer of cultural immersion and hands-on experience in the Balkans. Students will spend six weeks working for a Sarajevo-based organization that specializes in areas relevant to their particular interests and level of experience as well as traveling to Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia and various locations throughout BiH to gain a comprehensive understanding of the issues and challenges that these countries are now facing after a tumultuous history of war and democratic transition. Additionally, students will hear from survivors of war and genocide, regional representatives from government, business, media and civil society, and a variety of experts and educators in the fields of international and local law, journalism, human rights, and transitional justice. CJR's *Summer in the Balkans 2011* promises to be a life-changing experience that will give students an insight into

peacebuilding and tackling the problems of those struggling with the deep and prolonged scars of war and ethnic conflict.

**EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT**

The violent disintegration of the former Yugoslavia and the wars of the 1990s have presented some difficult challenges for the Balkans. Economic and political reforms occurring throughout eastern Europe have been delayed and post-war state- and nation-building remain slow and riddled with political, religious, and ethnic divisions. To examine these issues in depth, educators from the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Sarajevo will hold a lecture series that will give students a background regarding the current nature of, and challenges to, transitional justice, economic development, and peacebuilding in BiH. In addition, students will hear from local and international experts on various topics in the international relation field and take trips to the Presidency, the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), and the Office of the High Representative (OHR).



**General Director of ICMP, Kathryn Bomberger, discussing the organization's role in locating and identifying the missing persons due to war and genocide in Bosnia and around the world.**

An exciting and important component of CJR's *Summer in the Balkans 2011* program includes travel to Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia, and various locations throughout Bosnia. These trips will help participants to understand the complex challenges of promoting economic development, reconciliation and multi-ethnic cooperation in post-conflict societies while also giving them a taste for the different flavors of culture and history that exist throughout the region.

Students will begin their summer in Zagreb where they will get a chance to explore the city and nightlife of the the Croatian capital. The group will then be able to get a first-hand look into the lasting impact of war and genocide in the Balkans when they visit the Jasenovac Concentration Camps that were established by the Nazi aligned Ustaše regime to detain and exterminate Serbs,



**American student, Sean Michael Barbezat, and Bosnian student, Ema Alagic, taking notes at the meeting with OHR during the summer 2010 program.**

Jews, and Roma populations during World War II. This will be followed by a stop in the Serbian territory of the Republika Srpska (RS) entity in BiH and the towns of Jajce and Travnik for a chance to explore several historical sites that are located along the way to BiH's capital city of Sarajevo. Once in Sarajevo, students will be connected with their host families and given time to explore the city. Throughout the next several weeks, students will attend genocide commemorations in the towns of Potočari, Srebrenica and Kozarac where some of the worst fighting took place during the war in Bosnia from 1992-1995. Excursions are also planned to the Bosnian towns of Višegrad, Mostar, and Tuzla. The trip will conclude with a week-long immersion trip to Kosovo and Serbia.



Hatidza Mehmedovic, survivor of the Srebrenica genocide, telling students about her personal experience and the devastating loss of her family to Serb militants.

## INTERNSHIPS

Four days a week, students will spend the afternoon interning at a Sarajevo-based organization to gain real-life experience and practical knowledge that they can apply toward their future careers. Past students of the program had the chance to publish their work, including articles and photography, participate in the planning and coordination of a conference on genocide and concentration camp detainment, write, edit and create various reports, grants and project proposals, and assist in the organization of events for their host organizations. CJR will carefully select each student's internship based on their specific interests and level of experience. All internships will be fulfilling and important and CJR guarantees that students will be doing meaningful work with people who are making a difference.



Prayer before burial ceremony at the 15th commemoration of the genocide in Srebrenica.

## PROGRAM DATES

June 28 - August 9 (6 weeks)

## PROGRAM COST

USD 4,500 - includes accommodation, transportation, some meals, and all travel excursions within Bosnia as well as trips to Croatia, Kosovo and Serbia.

## ADDITIONAL COSTS

Airfare - (approx. \$1,400)

Passport (if needed) - (\$0 - \$100)

Travel Insurance (if needed) - (approx. \$65)

Immunizations & Vaccinations (if needed) - (varies)

Personal Expenses (shopping, food, local transportation, i.e. taxis and trams) - (varies)

For more information about the Center for Justice and Reconciliation visit our website at <http://www.cjr.ba/en/>.

If you have any questions regarding our *Summer in the Balkans 2011* program please feel free to e-mail us at [cjr.bih@gmail.com](mailto:cjr.bih@gmail.com).

\*\*To learn more about CJR's summer 2010 study abroad program go to <http://www.atlanticinitiative.org/> and click on the *Atlantic Initiative and the University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Political Science Summer School Program* link.



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