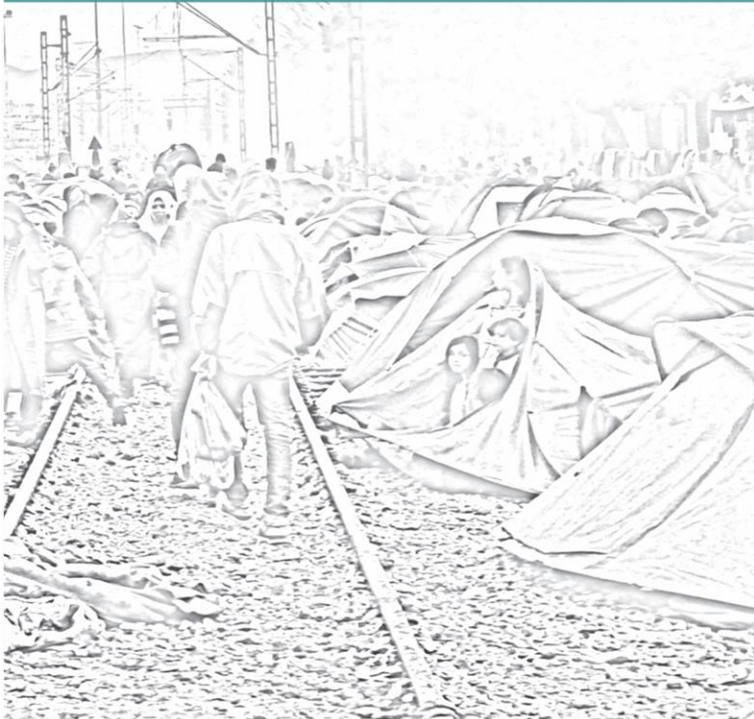


# VIENNA CONFERENCE

## BALKAN REFUGEE TRAIL

### A Pathway for European Solidarity



2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017  
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## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

09.00 – 09.30 Registration, welcome coffee

09.30 – 10.00

### Opening speeches

**Gerhard Moßhammer**, Director Interkulturelles Zentrum, Austria  
**Franjo Steiner**, Project Coordinator, Interkulturelles Zentrum, Austria  
**Herbert Langthaler**, asylkoordination österreich, Austria  
**Marianna Fragkou**, Greek Council for Refugees, Greece

10.00 – 10.45

### Key note: European refugee policy & Solidarity

**Hannes Swoboda**, Former Austrian Delegate in the European Parliament

**Comment: Jasmin Redjepi**, President of Legis, Macedonia

10.45 – 11.00

### Coffee break

11.00---11.30

### Press Meeting

**Karl Kopp** (Pro Asyl, Germany), **Arye Wachsmuth** (Artist and Activist, Vienna),  
**Rados Durovic** (Asylum Protection Center, Serbia), **Danai Leivada** (Greek Council  
for Refugees, Greece), **Anny Knapp** (asylkoordination österreich, Austria)

### Artistic intervention I

Acts of solidarity shown in a crisis situation often take the form of temporary actions. The main challenge is to transform temporarily limited collective actions towards collective continuity in order to oppose everyday suppression and injustice.

The artistic works developed by students of the Vienna University of Applied Arts in the course of the project Balkan Refugee Trail - A Pathway for European Solidarity could be described as observations which approach processes around solidarity and solidary action from a personal perspective through artistic media. By visualizing subjective approaches, they attempt to give proposals for a lived solidarity of civil society.

The artistic projects will be presented at the final conference as temporary interventions.

Artists:

**Johanna Folkmann, Rosie Benn, Magdalena Kovacic, Julian Schellauf, Enrico Tomassini in cooperation with "The Ground Tour project", Milly Reid**

Creative processing:

**Tatia Skhirtladze**

11.30 – 13.15

### Panel discussion I: Solidarity as functional force of democracy (visions)

In the "summer of migration" (massive refugee flow towards the EU) in 2015, civil society stepped in where state structures failed. Instead of fear and rejection, support and solidarity suddenly became the core values. The purpose of this panel is to examine to what extent the wave of solidarity towards refugees can have a positive impact on democratic structures and processes. Can solidarity be restored as a central democratic value against the current neoliberal mainstream?



- Christoph Reinprecht**, University of Vienna, Austria  
**Vedran Džihić**, Austrian Institute for International Affairs  
**Julia Kranjec**, CMS, Croatia  
**Ana Kalin**, University Ljubljana, Slovenia  
**Moderation: Andjelka Pantovic**, Asylum Protection Center, Serbia
- 13.15 – 14.15 **Lunch**
- 14.15 – 15.00 **Key note: Refugee Routes and Borders – a common European perspective**  
**Rados Durovic**, Executive Director, Asylum Protection Center, Serbia
- Comment: Victor Marsai**, Philosopher, Hungary
- 15.00 – 15.30 **Artistic intervention II**
- 15.30 – 17.15 **Panel discussion II: Civil Society – Impact and scope of action**  
 Which possibilities do civil society organizations and initiatives have to get involved in political processes? At community level, there are often cooperation's between the administration and NGOs – does this affect political decision making as well? Which factors does it depend on whether or not advocacy is successful at national and European level? How successful are models of transnational cooperation at European level, and can refugees take a role as agents of political developments (protest, change)?
- Ursula Struppe**, Department for Diversity and Integration, Austria  
**Gerhild Salzer**, Diakonie Flüchtlingsdienst, Austria  
**Stefano Volpicelli**, Italian Consortio of Solidarity (ICS) Ufficio Rifugati, Italy  
**Miha Nabergoj**, Legal information center for non-governmental organisations (PIC), Slovenia  
**Driton Maliqi**, Legis, Macedonia  
**Karl Kopp**, Pro Asyl, Germany  
**Moderation: Panagiotis Birbas**, GCR Social Unit, Greece
- 17.15 – 17.30 **Coffee break**
- 17.30 – 19.00 **Workshops**  
 Workshop 1: **Transnational Solidarity Asset and drawbacks**  
**Moderation: Herbert Langthaler**, asylkoordination österreich, Austria
- Workshop 2: **Good practices / Lessons learned**  
**Moderation: Patricia Velencicz**, Caritas Bildungszentrum Vienna, Austria
- Workshop 3: **Open Workshop**
- 19.00 – 20.00 **Exhibition with Artists from Macedonia, Croatia & Serbia**  
 Opening: Robert Atanasovski, Macedonia  
 Buffet: finger food & drinks

- 09.00 – 09.30 Registration, welcome coffee
- 09.30 – 10.15 **Key note: Reform of the Common European Asylum System – risks and challenges in the current reform negotiations**  
**Kris Pollet**, European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), Belgium
- Comment: Miha Nabergoj**, Legal information center for non-governmental organisations (PIC), Slovenia
- 10.15 – 10.45 **Artistic intervention III**
- 10.45 – 11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Panel discussion III: Common European Asylum System Revised – Challenges and Imperatives**  
Since 1999, the European Union has pursued the goal of a unified asylum policy. In the wake of 9/11 and Islamic terror, the European security paradigm has gained hegemony. The crisis of the European institutions has led to the proliferation of national self-interests. Has the CEAS finally failed? Is there a civil-society alternative to closing refugee routes and externalizing the responsibility for those who are in need of protection?
- Christoph Pinter**, UNHCR, Austria  
**Anny Knapp**, asylkoordination österreich, Austria  
**Victor Nagy**, Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Hungary  
**Vanja Bakalović**, CPS, Zagreb, Croatia  
**Katharina Bervar Sternad**, Legal information center for non-governmental organisations (PIC), Slovenia  
**Suad Misini**, Macedonia  
**Moderation: Jasmina Golubovska**, Legis, Macedonia
- 12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 14.15 **Key note: Public Awareness / Opinion and the impact of media**  
**Adelheid Wölfl**, Der Standard, Austria
- Comment: Hajo Boomgaarden**, Department of Communication, University of Vienna, Austria
- Artistic intervention IV**

14.15 – 15.45

#### Panel discussion IV: Public Awareness / Opinion and the impact of media

The media coverage about the misery of the refugees in their regions of origin and along the refugee routes has contributed to the fact that tens of thousands of people dedicated themselves to helping refugees in the summer of 2015. What part did the media play in the following months? In television, recurrent scenes recorded with respectively longer focal length conveyed the impression of threatening masses straight into the citizens' living rooms. Due to the asymmetry of power between the representatives of national states and civil society, the voices of solidarity become drowned in the roar for isolation and new boundaries.

**Adelheid Wöfl**, Der Standard, Austria

**Vojkan Kostić**, BETA media agency, Serbia

**Uroš Škerl Kramberger**, Dnevnik, Slovenia

**Peter Techet**, Freelance journalist, Hungary

**Ivana Perić**, Journalist, Croatia

**Moderation: Marijana Hameršak**, Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research, Croatia

15.45 – 16.00

#### Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30

#### Workshops

Workshop 1: **Public intervention and media** (Civil Society initiatives portrayed in the media – challenges and approaches)

**Moderation: Danai Leivada**, GCR Media Officer, Greece

Workshop 2: **Art intervention and public attention**

Input: **Arye Wachsmuth** - "A small chronology: bearing witness and aid work as a form of an occupy opposition"

**Moderation: Arye Wachsmuth**, Vienna / Rösztke-Idomeni-Lesbos-Beograd

Workshop 3: **Open workshop**

17.30 – 18.00

#### Closing of the Conference

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