



**ALDA SUMMER UNIVERSITY**  
**"REMEMBRANCE AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE"**  
17 – 22 July 2017, Skopje

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Place:** Skopje, Macedonia (University FON from Skopje)

**Time:** 5 days, 17 – 22 July 2017

**Organizer:** European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)

**In cooperation with:** University FON from Skopje

**Supporters:** Central European Initiative (CEI), Region Normandy, European Union,

**Within the frame of:** Programme for decentralized cooperation Normandy – Macedonia, Balkan Regional Platform for Youth Participation and Dialogue and project LADDER.

**Participants: 30 participants:** students, young people interested in peace, reconciliation, remembrance and intercultural understanding

**Countries involved:** Macedonia, Albania, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo<sup>1</sup>, France

**Topics covered:** peace, reconciliation, remembrance, history, cultural heritage, intercultural understanding

**Methodology:** Combination of lectures, interactive workshops and field visits to historic monuments in Skopje

**Speakers/Trainers:**

- University professors from FON University
- Practitioners and CSOs representatives in the field of history, remembrance, intercultural dialogue and peace studies.
- Trainers on intercultural understanding and remembrance

**Language:**

The official language of the Summer school will be English. Simultaneous translation is provided from French and Macedonian language.

<sup>1</sup> \*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence



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## THE IDEA

Young generation of Europe, especially young people in the Western Balkans, faces in today's world many challenges including political and economic instability, growing extremism and radicalism among youth. It is significantly important to provide young people an opportunity to develop competencies enabling them not to just deal with these challenges but moreover to get fully involved in decision making processes in their communities and societies and to contribute to building inclusive and democratic Europe.

International Summer University "Remembrance and Intercultural Dialogue" aims to provide the young participants an opportunity to reflect on the past, to discuss the current challenges and moreover to develop competencies needed to build future democratic Europe.

While reflecting on the past, the participants will have an opportunity to get familiar with various aspects of the European history in the context of intercultural dialogue, peace and reconciliation. Learning from past is essential step in the process of building future. In relation to this part the participants will have an opportunity to learn more about symbols of the past or to reflect on the questions such as "Why learning about past is important?" "How we can learn from the past not just in the schools but also outside of them?" "How to make exploring past attractive to young people?"

The discussion on current challenges will tackle variety of issues and topics actual across the Europe and closely connected with intercultural dialogue and learning. The participants will reflect on the situations in their countries including the processes supporting inclusion of minorities in decision making processes or they will have an opportunity to tackle the challenges of bridging divided communities, establishing intercultural dialogue, addressing stereotypes, prejudices and discrimination in their communities. Moreover, they will also focus on the role of young people in the process of building future Europe and overcoming youth passivity or dealing with youth extremisms and radicalism.

When addressing current challenges, the summer university also aims to provide the participants various examples from policy making and youth work practice. The participants will have an opportunity to meet and discuss current issues with representative of civil sector and various institutions active in the field of dealing with past, supporting creating democratic societies, addressing discrimination, youth passivity or building bridges in divided communities.

The third core stone of the summer university will focus on developing competencies of young people (their skills, knowledge and attitudes) needed to take active part in the process of creating democratic and inclusive Europe. In way to support development of competencies the participants will take part in variety of activities based on non-formal education including simulations, debates and discussions, interactive lectures delivered by guest speakers. Moreover, the summer school will give the participants also an opportunity to interact with young people coming from local community and to learn from each other experiences.

## PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

The program includes a variety of activities such as lectures, workshops, visits.

Monday - 17 July 2017	
19.00 – 20.00	“Get to know each other” meeting
20.00	Diner
Tuesday - 18 July 2017	
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Official opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Christian Thimonier, French Ambassador in Macedonia</li> <li>- Prof. Dr. Nano Ruzin, Rector of FON University</li> <li>- Ms. Ivana Petrovska, Director of ALDA Skopje</li> <li>- Mr. Jon Inanovski, Representative from CEI in Macedonian ministry of foreign affairs (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Press break</b>
11.00 – 12.00	<b>Prof. Dr. Nano Ruzin</b> - European idea and Balkan iconography
12.00 – 12.15	<b>Break</b>
12.15 – 13.00	<b>M. Eric Allart</b> – History, remembrance and archeology of the Eastern Front <i>Joint Pedagogical Project between high schools Jean Mermoz from Vire and Josip Broz Tito from Bitola</i>
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14.00 – 17.00	<b>Mr. Pavle Pavlovic</b> – Researcher from Montenegro workshop and focus group within the research “Cultural participation of youth in the Balkans”
19.00 – 20.00	<b>Diner</b>

### Wednesday - 19 July 2017

09.00 – 10.30	<b>Dr. Petar Todorov</b> - Assistant Professor at the Institute of national history – Skopje Politics and Memory: aspects of remembrance
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Break</b>
11.00 – 12.00	<b>M. Albert Hani</b> – Forum ZFD
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Regional Youth Cooperation office (RYCO)</b> – (tbc) <i>Presentation and workshop</i>
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14.00 – 17.00	<b>Ms. Ilona Olehlova</b> - Interactive workshop on topic of remembrance and intercultural dialogue
19.00 – 20.00	<b>Diner</b>

### Thursday - 20 July 2017

Morning session	Visit of memorial sites and Museums interactive exercises on the topic of remembrance
Afternoon	Free afternoon

### Friday - 21 July 2017

09.00 – 13.00	<b>Prof. Ljubica Kardalevska</b> "Enlightenment Values and Today's Culture" <b>Prof. Marija Zarezanovska Potevska</b> "Entrepreneurship and intercultural professional communication" <b>Prof. Silvana Jovceska</b> "Intercultural dialogue and business"
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14.00 – 17.00	<b>Ms. Ilona Olehlova</b> - Interactive workshop on intercultural dialogue and evaluation of the Summer University
19.00 – 20.00	<b>Cocktail</b>

### Saturday - 22 July 2017

	Departure
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## Information on speakers

### **Assoc. Prof. Nano Ruzhin, PhD**

Nano Ruzhin is the Rector of the FON University. His fields of expertise are in the Macedonian interior policies, the political systems in general, social policies, advocacy and interior-policy analysis, NATO, geopolitics and diplomacy. He's been involved in diplomacy for more than 7 years as chief of mission of Macedonia to NATO and has been teaching in universities for more than 30 years now. He holds a PhD in political sciences.

### **Assoc. Prof. Marija Zarezankova-Potevska, PhD**

Marija Zarezankova-Potevska has a background in economics and has been actively involved in the development of national policies for support of entrepreneurship, competitiveness and new technologies. In her work she has embodied the intercultural issues in terms of professional relationships. Her area of expertise includes entrepreneurship, ethics, economics of small and medium enterprises, economy development. She has been working in the Ministry of economy for over 10 years and has been teaching in universities more than 30 years.

### **Ljubica Kardaleska, PhD**

Ljubica Kardaleska holds a PhD in Linguistics from the Department of English language and literature, Faculty of Philology „Blaze Koneski“, University „Ss Cyril and Methodius“, Skopje. Her research interests include: morph syntax, contrastive analysis, SpLD - Dyslexia, English language for specific purposes and intercultural learning. She has experience in working on different projects supported by international donors in the field of health care reforms. She has attended many linguistic conferences in Macedonia and abroad.

### **Silvana Jovcheska, PhD**

Silvana Jovcheska holds a PhD in economy studies obtained on the University “St. Kiril and Methodius“, Macedonia. Her area of expertise is the international management. Her work includes researches and study visits in the West Balkan Region and EU. She has been involved in few projects in the area of strategic development of the education in the West Balkan Region and communication skills and preparation for job interview, as well as migration and labor market. She has published many articles in the field of strategic international management.

### **Petar Todorov, assistant professor**

Petar Todorov holds master degrees in history and advanced studies in Ottoman Empire topics obtained in Paris, France. He is currently engaged as assistant professor in the Institute of National History in Skopje. His work also includes researching on projects within the Institute of National History. He is co-founder and member of the Young historians club in Macedonia – KLIO, and a member of the initiative committee of the Society of



Macedonian students in France. He has translated many historic scientific publications from French language to Macedonian language.

### **Eric Allart**

Eric Allart is a teacher of literature-history for nearly 16 years. He works at the Jean Minjot high school in Vire (Normandy, France). With two other colleagues, he led for several years a unique project to develop the historical axis between France and Macedonia. They accompanied thirty French students to discover the history of the Front d'Orient and its soldiers, in collaboration with Macedonian high school students. As a result of these expeditions, plenty of publications, exhibitions and exchanges as well as many other projects were accomplished.

Holding a CAPLP2 literature-history, Eric Allart was also a Archaeologist Project Assistant at INRAP (French National Institute for Preventive Archaeological Research) for ten years.

### **Ilona Olehova**

Ilona Olehova entered non-formal education as EVS volunteer. Step by step she became involved in youth exchanges, training courses or recently under Erasmus + Programme also in capacity building activities. Besides working on international level she also works on local level especially on issues such as intercultural dialogue or peace reconciliation. And she is always looking for the ways how to bring creative writing in the game...

### **Pavle Pavlović, MSc**

Pavle Pavlović is an associate on the Faculty of Political Science in Podgorica. His fields of interests include Methodology of Political Science and Political Economy. He is coder for Manifesto Project for Montenegrin election. He is also involved in projects related to the improvement of the situation of the Roma population in Montenegro.



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