

# Invitation

## Multigenerational Live Debates 20, 21 and 22 January 2025

We are delighted to invite you to the Multigenerational Live Debates on **the 20, 21 and 22 January 2025** that are part of the EU-funded NO-OBLIVION project.

The Multigenerational Live Debates look back at the wars in the former Yugoslavia (1991 – 2001), their aftermath and their consequences from a personal perspective: What does it mean to grow up in the midst of war and uncertainty? What does it take for refugees to truly arrive somewhere, and what does that teach us about the current political situation in Europe? How do societies deal with war time atrocities and trauma, and how does that affect the survivors of these crimes? How can perpetrators be brought to justice? What when perpetrators are not accessible and justice is not in reach? How do individuals and families cope with still ongoing search for missing? How to humanise the way we deal with past and ongoing atrocities?

To discuss these questions, the three live debates will bring together three speakers (Ivana Bodrožić, Vasfije Krasniqi Goodman and Vedran Džihić) who will talk about the wars in the former Yugoslavia and their aftermath from a personal and professional perspective with young adults from all over Europe who have been intensively preparing the debates in the past few months.

About the speakers:

- **Ivana Bodrožić** | **Monday, 20 January 2025, 15:00 CET** | *Ivana Bodrožić is a critically acclaimed Croatian writer and poet. She was born in Vukovar in 1982, where she lived until the summer of 1991, when siege by Yugoslav Army and Serbian forces have started. She and her mother and brother fled occupied Vukovar and settled in Zagreb and Kumrovec as refugees, her father was killed in the Vukovar massacre and is officially still recognized as 'disappeared'. Ivana Bodrožić published her first collection of poetry in 2005 and has since published a number of poetry collections and novels that have been translated to many languages. Her first novel Hotel Zagorje (Hotel Tito) was published in 2010, receiving high praise from both critics and the public and was a Croatian bestseller. Hotel Zagorje is a coming-of-age story that takes place during seven years of displacement and the endless waiting for news about a father listed as "missing".*

- **Vasfije Krasniqi Goodman | Tuesday, 21 January 2025, 18:00 CET |**  
*Vasfije Krasniqi Goodman is a human rights activist and a Member of Parliament in Kosovo. Krasniqi Goodman was the first and is still one of the few victims of wartime sexual violence in Kosovo to speak publicly about how she was raped by Serbian policemen during the war. She has since continued the movement of raising awareness and advocating to bring the perpetrators to justice. She has given testimonies at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva 2018 and UN in NY 2019 and testified at the US House of Representatives' foreign affairs committee, urging Washington to do more to hold Serbia accountable for wartime crimes.*
- **Vedran Džihic | Wednesday, 22 January 2025, 16:00 CET |**  
*Dr Vedran Džihic was born in 1976 and is originally from Prijedor in Bosnia. He lives in Vienna and is a senior researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs and a lecturer at the University of Vienna. His fields of research are related to democracy and transition processes, European integration, civil society and protest movements, foreign policy, conflict research, and nationalism. His regional focus lies on Eastern and Southeastern Europe and the USA. He has published numerous books, articles and analyses on these questions and is regularly contributing to national and international media. Very recently, Vedran Džihic published a book called "Ankommen" (Arrival) that brings together his personal story of arrival with a perspective on the current political situation in Austria. Vedran Džihic vividly describes his personal arrival and warns of the rampant politics of fear and exclusion. How does our society deal with "others"? What does it take for everyone to feel at home?*

The event comprises three debates and will take place online and in English. It will be possible to pose questions during the events via a moderated chat.

It is possible to register for all or individual live debates, the meeting link will be sent to you after registration.

Link to registration: <https://tally.so/r/nr2qAL>

You can find more information about the project here: [www.no-oblivion.eu](http://www.no-oblivion.eu)

Yours sincerely

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