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INTERVIEWEES

BORKA PAVICEVIC

Director of the Centre for Cultural Decontamination

Borka Pavicevic is a Montenegrin dramaturge, newspaper columnist, and cultural activist. Also also described herself as a "dramatist, Belgrade liberal and pacifist intellectual". Pavicevic founded the Centre for Cultural Decontamination in 1994, and is a co-founder of the Belgrade Circle.

BRANKO RADAKOVIC

Serbian documentary filmmaker

Branko Radakovic was born in Paracin, Yugoslavia in 1982. He finished elementary school and high school there and graduated at the Academy of Applied Art in Belgrade. He deals with various forms of artistic expressions: film, painting, music, and poetry. This most prominent film is "Culture is Blooming".

CARLA DEL PONTE

Former Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY

Carla Del Ponte is a former Swiss attorney general, who was appointed prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in August 1999. In 2003, the U.N. Security Council removed Del Ponte as the Prosecutor for the ICTR. She remained the Prosecutor for the ICTY until 1 January 2008, when she was succeeded by Serge Brammertz.

DIA NADER DE EL ANDARI

Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Venezuela in Belgrade

Dr Dia Nader de el Andari is Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the Embassy of Venezuela in Belgrade, Serbia. She participated in the pro-Chavez uprising in 2002, when Pedro Carmona ousted the democratically elected Hugo Chavez in a coup d'etat, supported by the CIA and the National Endowment for Democracy.

DIANA JOHNSTONE

American author

Diana Johnstone (born 1934) is an American political writer based in Paris, France. She focuses primarily on European politics and Western foreign policy. In 2003, she wrote "Fools' Crusade: Yugoslavia, Nato, and Western Delusions" and became the centre of controversy when the book was rejected by

publishers in Sweden, prompting an open letter in 2003 defending Johnstone's book—and her right to publish—that was signed by, among others, Noam Chomsky, Arundhati Roy, Tariq Ali and John Pilger.

DOMAGOJ MARGETIC

Croatian investigative journalist

Domagoj Margetic is a Croatian investigative journalist, known for his efforts to achieve legal protection for whistleblowers in Croatia. From 2011 to 2013, Domagoj Margetic has been a columnist of SEEbiz.eu and he researched and published papers on the Hypo Group affair in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Margetic also wrote about crime and corruption in the Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance, Customs and published a feuilleton about the mafia, which is why he was awarded a prize for fighting corruption by the Independent Union of Customs of Croatia.

DUSAN GAMSER

Economic Advisor at CEAS & International Secretary of LDP

Dusan Gamser is an Economic Advisor at the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies and the International Secretary of the Liberal Democratic Party of Serbia and a former local councilor in the Council of the City Borough of Zemun in Belgrade. He was a participant of the International Accreditation Forum's seminar "Freedom and Property" in Gummersbach in 2010 and is a former member of the international forum The Third Chamber in the Netherlands. He is a strong advocate of EU, NATO and IMF policies.

IGOR MANDIC

Croatian writer, literary critic

Igor Mandic is a Croatian writer, literary critic, columnist and essayist. According to some, Mandic is the most important and the most versatile Croatian newspaper writer of the second half of the 20th century. His polemic texts have marked a Yugoslav publicist epoch of the 1960s and 1970s. Known for his fresh, sharp writing style and contrarian views, he has been dubbed "the master of quarrel".

IGOR STEVANOVIC

Serbian activist

Igor Stevanovic is the Founder and President of the ORNAS Student Organization in Nis, Serbia, which deals with raising awareness about socio-political issues among youths in Serbia as well as humanitarian work to help the poorest.

IRAKLIS TSAVARIDIS

Executive Secretary of the World Peace Council

Iraklis Tsavaridis is the Executive Secretary of the World Peace Council and a member of the Greek Committee for International Détente and Peace EEDYE.

IVAN PERNAR

Croatian activist, politician

Ivan Pernar is a Croatian activist and member of Human Blockade (Zivi zid) political party in Croatia which won over 16% in the 2014 Presidential Elections in Croatia. He became known to the public after organizing anti-government protests in Zagreb in 2011 via Facebook. He also wrote a book titled "How Money Was Created" and is a strong critic of the economic and banking system in Croatia and the region.

IVO JOSIPOVIC

Former President of Croatia (2010 - 2015)

Ivo Josipovic is a Croatian jurist, composer and politician who served as the 3rd President of Croatia from 2010 to 2015. His campaign was titled New Justice, calling for a new legal framework to address deep social injustice, corruption and organised crime. This included protection of individual rights and promotion of fundamental values such as equality, human rights, LGBT rights, justice, diligence, social empathy and creativity. At age 52, he became the youngest President of Croatia to date.

JASMINA VUJIC

Head of the Department for Nuclear Engineering at UC Berkeley

Jasmina Vujic is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Nuclear Engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. She is holder of one patent and authored close to 200 publications, including over 60 research papers published in leading archival journals, as well as several awarded papers. She is an outspoken critic of the scientific, educational and economic policies in Serbia and Yugoslavia for the past two decades.

JELENA MILIC

Director of the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies in Belgrade

Jelena Milic is the Executive Director of the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies in Belgrade, which has advocated full membership of Serbia in the European Union and NATO since it was founded in 2007. She worked as an analyst in the International Crisis Group and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia. She is a member of the Forum for International Relations and the European Movement in Serbia.

JOHN PETER MAHER

American professor

John Peter Maher is a Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at Northeastern Illinois University. He served in the United States Army Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC), studying the Serbo-Croatian language at Army Language school in Monterey, California. He then served on the Yugoslav desk of the 430th Military Intelligence Battalion in northern Italy (1959-61).

JOSIP KRAJNINGER

Former CEO of Sever

Josip Krajninger was the CEO of the Sever corporation in Subotica, Yugoslavia in the 1990s, known for his effective leadership and ability to keep his company alive during the war, sanctions and bombings, thus helping the Yugoslav economy survive the turmoil.

JOVAN B. DUSANIC

Serbian economist

Jovan B. Dusanic is an economics professor at the Belgrade Business School. He is the author of several books, including "Monetary and Market Fundamentalism as an Alibi for Incompetence", "Washington Consensus: Coded Program of Economic Neocolonialism", "Playboy Economics: Transition in Serbia", "Dolar Alchemy and the Casino Economy: The World Financial Crisis", "The Destruction of the Economy", and many others.

LJILJANA GEORGIEVSKA

Macedonian activist

Ljiljana Georgievska is the vice-president of UNIT, a Macedonian national association for the 'bankruptcy

victims' - workers who lost their jobs because their companies went bankrupt following Macedonia's mismanaged privatisation process.

MARCUS PAPADOPOULOS

Publisher and editor of Politics First

Marcus Papadopoulos is publisher and editor of Politics First, a printed and online magazine for the British Government and the British business community. He is a regular commentator on RT news channel and Voice of Russia radio station as well as writing articles for the website of the latter.

MICHAEL PARENTI

American political writer and historian

Michael Parenti is an American political writer, historian, and culture critic. With a Ph.D. in political science from Yale University, Parenti taught at American and foreign universities and has been a guest lecturer before campus and community audiences. Parenti critically reviews Slobodan Milosevic and the Destruction of Yugoslavia in "The Demonization of Slobodan Milosevic" and "To Kill a Nation: The Attack on Yugoslavia", finding similar exaggeration of war crimes in the breakup of the second Yugoslavia.

MILA CAROVSKA

President of the Macedonian Platform Against Poverty

Mila Carovska is a social worker who, in the course of her eight year NGO experience, has worked on different programs and projects in the domain of social work, gender equality, human rights and sexual and reproductive health. She is an advocate of inclusion of socially excluded groups of citizens in Macedonia and continuously works for their affirmation.

MIROSLAV LAZANSKI

Political and military commentator

Miroslav Lazanski is a political and military commentator for the Belgrade daily Politika. He reported on armed conflicts such as the Soviet war in Afghanistan, the Iran–Iraq War, the Lebanese Civil War, the Gulf War during Desert Storm, Chechnya, Slovenia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. He is the author of several books and remains a prominent figure in Serbia as one of the top experts regarding social, political, economic and military issues in the Balkans.

MLADJAN DINKIC

Former Minister of Economy and Finance in Serbia

Mladjan Dinkic is the former Serbian Minister of Economy and Finance (from 2012 to 2013) and former Minister of Economy and Regional Development in the Government of Serbia, as well as a Deputy Prime Minister serving from 2007 until he was sacked by Prime Minister Mirko Cvetkovic for allegedly inadequate work results. Previously he also served as the Minister of Finance of Serbia from 2004 to 2006 and as the Governor of the National Bank of Serbia from 2000 to 2003.

NOAM CHOMSKY

American linguist and philosopher

Noam Chomsky is an American linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, historian, and activist. Proclaimed the "father of modern linguistics", he has worked for 50 years as an Institute Professor and Professor (Emeritus) in the Department of Linguistics & Philosophy at MIT, Boston. Chomsky is known for his critiques of U.S. foreign policy and contemporary capitalism, and has discussed issues regarding the former Yugoslavia to a great extent in the last few decades.

OLIVER STONE

Hollywood film producer and director

Oliver Stone is an American film director, screenwriter, producer and military veteran. Stone came to public prominence between the mid-1980s and the early 1990s for writing and directing a series of films about the Vietnam War. Many of Stone's films primarily focus on controversial American political and cultural issues and conspiracies during the late 20th century. Stone's films often combine different camera and film formats within a single scene as evidenced in JFK, Natural Born Killers, and Nixon. Stone has received three Academy Awards for his work on the films Midnight Express, Platoon, and Born on the Fourth of July. He was presented with the Extraordinary Contribution to Filmmaking Award at the 2007 Austin Film Festival.

R. JAMES WOOLSEY

Former CIA Director (1993 – 1995)

R. James Woolsey is an American foreign policy specialist and former Director of Central Intelligence and head of the Central Intelligence Agency (February 5, 1993 - January 10, 1995). Woolsey was also a member of the NSC Principals Committee, which handled policy making in Bosnia during the war. According to Richard J. Aldrich, Woolsey had increasingly found himself out of step with the Clinton White House during his tenure as CIA Director, over his reluctance to develop close relations with Islamists.

SLAVKO KULIC

Croatian scientist and economist

Slavko Kulic is a Croatian scientist and economist concerned with the sociology of international relations. He was made senior research fellow at the Institute of Economics in Zagreb, Croatia in 1970, and later became head respectively of the Institute's Department for International Relations, Department for Strategic Research, and Department of Supradisciplinary Research for existence and development of life on Earth. He has been President of the Scientific Society of the Economists of Croatia since 2004.

SNJEZANA VASILJEVIC

Zagreb Law University professor

Dr. Snjezana Vasiljevic obtained her Ph. D. at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law. She has been an expert member of the Legislative Committee of the Croatian Parliament, and a legal expert of UNIFEM, UNDP Croatia, the Ombudsperson for Gender Equality, Governmental Office for Gender Equality and Governmental Office for Human Rights and Ethnic Minorities.

SOCORRO GOMES

President of the World Peace Council

Socorro Gomes is the President of the World Peace Council and a member of the Brazilian Center for Solidarity with the People and the Struggle for Peace (CEBRAPAZ).

SONJA BISERKO

President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia

Sonja Biserko is a Serbian campaigner for human rights. She is the founder and president of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia. She holds a degree from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Economics and served as a diplomat for the former Yugoslavia in London and at the United Nations in Geneva for over 20 years until 1991 when she resigned.

SRDJAN DEJKOVIC

CEO of Sanch

Srdjan Dejkovic is the CEO of the Sanch shoe production company in Vranje, known for speaking out against manipulations in regards to foreign investments in this southern Serbian town.

VERAN MATIC

CEO of B92

Veran Matic is the CEO of B92 and the Chairman of the Commission for investigating killings of journalists established in February 2013 on his initiative and supported by the Serbian Government.

VUK JEREMIC

Former President of the UN General Assembly

Vuk Jeremic is a Serbian politician and the former Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Government of Serbia. He was sworn in May of 2007 and reelected in July of 2008. His tenure ended in 2012. At the United Nations General Assembly presidential election in 2012 he was elected the President of the United Nations General Assembly for the Sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly.

ZLATKO BOGATINOVSKI

Serbian psychologist

Zlatko Bogatinovski is a Serbian psychologist, who was a columnist at the Pravda newspaper and Pecat magazine and is currently the owner and editor of Ronin, the first independent magazine in Serbia.