

The Sarajevo Forum

Hybrid Threats and Everyday Extremism:
Developing Counterstrategies for Democratic
Resilience

Date: 12th-13th March 2026

**Location: Hotel Europe, Vladislava Skarica 5,
Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Draft Programme

At Sarajevo, hosted by PRONI together with the Open University we will establish dialogue between all participants at the meeting to create recommendations which reflect a dialogue between OppAttune's findings in the form of toolkits, concepts and dialogical methods and the professional experiences and best practice of colleagues from a variety of post-conflict contexts. The final two sessions will create a published set of recommendations which will be placed within our final reports, and short films will be created to be shared in the public domain.

Day One: Thursday 12th March 2026

Time	Name of Session	Facilitators
09:30-10:00	Arrivals (tea and coffee)	Hotel Europe Room: Konferencijska Sala 1
10:00-10:30	Welcoming Comments	Prof. Kesi Mahendran , Open University, UK. Jasmin Jašarević , PRONI, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
10:30-12:00	Panel 1: From Everyday Extremism to Political Fluency – introduction to the OppAttune approach	Pathways Within Democracy – Rights & Protections Dr. Zona Zarić , The American University of Paris, France and The University of Belgrade, Serbia. Media, Machines & Mobilisation Prof. Tina Askanius , Malmö University, Sweden Mag. Dr. Ursula Reeger , Institute for Urban & Regional Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria. Dr Zoran Levnajić , Jožef Stefan Institute in Slovenia.

		Extremism and Living Democracies
		Associate. Prof. Dr. Susan Beth Rottmann , Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey.
		Dr Samarjit Ghosh , Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey.
		Attuning Public Dialogue & Narratives
		Prof. Kesi Mahendran , Open University, UK.
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Hotel Europe Room: Konferencijska Sala 1
13:00-15:00	Panel 2: Everyday Extremism in the context of Hybrid Threat: relevance and risks	Chair: Prof. Kesi Mahendran Velma Šarić , Post-conflict Research Centre, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina Luka Božović , Youth Initiative for Human Rights Serbia. Speaker tbc , The Centre for Nonviolent Action
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	Room: Konferencijska Sala 1
15:45-16:30	Keynote: <i>Everyday Extremism Post-Conflict Contexts.</i>	Chair: Jasmin Jašarević Keynote Speaker: Assoc. Prof. Amer Osmić Title tbc Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo
16:45 – 17:15	Roundtable Discussion	Facilitator: Sarajevo-based All participants to discuss where the initial connections appear to be in relation to context, relevance and risks

20:00 Sarajevo Forum Dinner To be held at:
Nanina Kuhinja
Kundurđiluk 35, Sarajevo 71000,
Bosnia & Herzegovina
[Nanina Kuhinja – Sarajevo –
Traditional Bosnian Restaurant in
Sarajevo](#)

Day 2: Friday 13th March 2026

Times	Name of Session	Facilitator
09:30-10:00	Arrivals (tea and coffee)	Hotel Europe, Room: Konferencijska Sala 1
10:00-10:30	Welcome and Reprise of Roundtable	Bruce White, Director, Organization for Identity and Cultural Development (OICD), UK.
10:30-12:00	Panel 3: Common Agendas: community-led counter strategies against political extremism and hybrid threats	<i>Title: Attunement – through narrative dialogue, bridge- building talks & first-responder democracy skills</i> Dr. habil. Harald Weilnböck, Cultures Interactive, Germany <i>Title: Humour, Counter-Humour, and Democratic Participation.</i> Prof. Andrew Benjamin Bricker, PI of Democratic Literacy and Humour (DELIAH), Ghent University <i>Title: Understanding and Analysing Extremist Narratives to tackle them.</i>

		Ana Yara Postigo Fuentes – The ARENAS project – Title tbc
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Hotel Europe, Konferencijska Sala 1
13:00 – 13:45	Keynote 2 – <i>Title: tbc.</i>	Dr. Mariana Hadžijusufović, University of Sarajevo
14:00 -15:00	Panel 4: Attuning for Everyday Extremism Interventions & Evaluations	Dr. Joana Ricarte , University of Coimbra, Portugal. Title: <i>Post Conflict scenarios</i> Dr. Sandra Obradović , London School of Economics, UK. Associate. Prof. Dr. Susan Beth Rottmann , Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey. Title tbc IRAC Reflections: Attuning to Everyday Extremism Interventions Bruce White , OppAttune Independent Research Advisory Committee (IRAC)
15:00-15:20	Coffee break	Hotel Europe, Room: Konferencijska Sala 1
15:30-16:00	Closing Keynote: “Unfinished Justice, Unfinished Democracy: Why Transitional Justice Is Bosnia and Herzegovina’s Core Security Question.	Chair: Dr Adelina Hasani Keynote Speaker: Denis Džidić Executive Director and Editor of the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIRN BiH).
16:00 – 17:00	Roundtable Recommendations	Facilitator: Dr. Zona Zarić , The American University of Paris, France and The University of Belgrade, Serbia. Establishing recommendations – to be included in WP8 as an appendix and also published as a part of The Sarajevo Forum report.

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