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WELCOME NOTE

Dear colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to postpone and then move the entire Congress online. Even with the vaccinations and recent decrease of COVID-19 cases, the situation did not improve sufficiently to make the “onsite” part of the Congress a reality.

Nevertheless, it is an honour and gives me enormous pleasure to welcome you to the IUAES2020 Congress “Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and Next Generation Anthropology”, organized in a virtual mode.

I would like to start with the famous line “Stalna na tom svijetu samo mijena jest” or „The only constant in this world is change”, as cried muezzin from the homonymous poem written by Petar Preradović, back in 1871. I refer to this famous Croatian poem, since it relates to the change, the only universally constant human and environmental condition. Therefore, the theme of this Congress will be related to change that we as humanity, we as scientific discipline, even we as association are going through. “Coming of Age” is envisioned as a platform for anthropologists, but not only them, to discuss and contemplate the change that we usually do “for the sake of future generations” or “for the better future”. Communities and individuals have different ideas about paths forward, reframing who these future generations may be, what they might value, and which are the most desirable means to work towards designated goals.

This Congress invites us all to scrutinize this era of anticipated extreme change for its implications on stasis, tradition and consistency. Anthropology is uniquely positioned to study the legacies that shape and are being shaped by the next generations.

On behalf of the Scientific and Organizing Committees, I wish you a very warm welcome to IUAES2020 Congress!



Saša Missoni

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as a political subject in a post-revolutionary moment. Ultimately this paper aims to theorize the ethnographer-at-home using the example of the Tunisian ethnographer so as to decipher the modes of political hailing that come with "being from" and "living in" the field.

#91 Ethnographic Experience in Bosnia and Herzegovina: "Living in" the Field and Encountering Fieldwork Challenges in Urban Areas

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Our world is encountering various social, cultural, economic and political obstacles, as well people who live in such context. Having in mind that we belong to the discipline who study such topics, it is necessary to share and re-evaluate our research experiences with each other. In this lecture I will show my own ethnographic experience from the fieldwork done in urban areas of Sarajevo, East Sarajevo and Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2017 until 2019. What was the challenge for me as an ethnologist-anthropologist of Serbian ethnicity and Orthodox religion to study compatriots in the neighborhood country, from which I partly descent? What encounters did I have by examining members of other nations and other religions, Bosniaks (Muslim) and Croats (Catholic), who speak the same polycentric language with the same substance and structure as I do? By "living in" the field with people, the knowledge about them was increasing, but also the circumstances regarding my own research position(s) which unavoidably merged with my life position(s). Informants' perspectives also changed, as the self-awareness became an important part of their skills for overcoming critical times. Data on ethnographic experience in this presentation will give insight into challenges that our discipline has, and will offer possible stances based on which future generations can think and act when examining communities around them. Furthermore, it will suggest that our role as ethnologists and anthropologists will become visible when results of our work begin to provide widespread mutual understanding between different populations around the world.

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