

From Harm to Hope: Slow Violence, Collective Memory and Everyday Resistance

Institute of Culture and Memory Studies, ZRC SAZU, Ljubljana, March 25 – 26, 2026

Venue address: Gosposka and Križevniška Halls at ZRC SAZU, Gosposka ulica 16, 1000
Ljubljana, Slovenia

Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.45 Keynote lecture: Sara Dybris McQuaid (Aarhus University): The slow violence of administrative retreat: remembering vernacular peace in North Belfast

10.45 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.30 Panel 1: Everyday Resistance to Slow Violence

moderator: Valentina Otmačić

- 1. Nicolas Moll (Independent researcher):** Slow violence and everyday resistance: Coping with the lack of water during the siege of Sarajevo, 1992–1995
- 2. Itziar Mujika Chao (University of the Basque Country):** Everyday resistance to build everyday peace: Remembering inter-ethnic reconciliation in times of war and recovery through feminist lenses
- 3. Anđela Đorđević, Faris Kočan, and Aleksandar Jekić (University of Ljubljana):** “Unexpected” resistance in the north of Kosovo: The case of the Serbs

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break

13.30 – 15.00 Panel 2: Urban, Environmental, and Material Forms of Slow Violence

moderator: Ana Hofman

- 1. Gruia Badescu (University of Konstanz):** Real Estate Development as Slow Violence: Irruptions of Memory and Resistance in Bucharest and Beirut
- 2. Younes Saramifar (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam):** Rearticulating of Resistance: Eco-affection and Arab Ecological Subjectivity in the Post-war Iran
- 3. Mateja Slovenc Grasselli (Sociomedical Institute, ZRC SAZU):** Cooperation as a Moral Experience in Changing Rural Communities

15.00 – 16.30 Panel 3: Slow Violence and Memory Activism in Post-Conflict Societies

moderator: Sara Dybris McQuaid

1. **Aiswarya Sanath (GITAM University, India):** Temporal Afterlives of Partition: Slow Violence, Memory, and the Work of Repair (*online*)
2. **Valentina Otmačić (University of Rijeka):** The men who should have remained silent? Two recent films challenging post-war cultural violence in Croatia
3. **Emina Zoletić (University of Warsaw):** Intergenerational transmission of war memories and memory activism in Bosnian context

Thursday, 26 March 2026**9.30 – 11.00 Panel 4: Slow Violence and Time: Waiting, Enduring, Surviving**

moderator: Tanja Petrović

1. **K. Andra Avram (Centre for Conflict Studies at the University of Marburg):** Waiting for Justice: Institutional Inertia, Slow Violence, and Memory in Romania
2. **Nejra Nuna Čengić (Institute of Culture and Memory Studies, ZRC SAZU):** Slow Violence and the Temporalities of Labour Migration from Bosnia and Herzegovina to Western Europe
3. **Tamara Banjeglav (Institute of Culture and Memory Studies, ZRC SAZU):** Aftershocks of Harm: Slow Violence and Delayed Recovery in Post-Earthquake Croatia
4. **Ana Hofman (Institute of Culture and Memory Studies, ZRC SAZU):** Eight Hours of Culture: Remembering the Erosion of Everyday Communal Time

11.00 – 11.30 Discussion about workshop publication**11.30 – 13.00 Panel 5: Remembering Harm: Silence, Recognition and Memory as Slow Violence**

moderator: Tamara Banjeglav

1. **Annemarie Majlund Jensen (Aarhus University):** Ominous Relations, Languages of Disorder: A slow take on Memory and Violence in Belfast
2. **Taylor McConnell (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz):** Impunity and historical revisionism: Is memory abuse the perfect crime?
3. **Julián Ramírez García (University of Granada/ University of Łódź):** Between Silence and Recognition: The Monopoly of Pain and the Hierarchization of Suffering within the Colombian Diaspora in Europe

13.00 Lunch