



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Film Screening and Panel Discussion

The Unidentified: Accountability for War Crimes in Kosovo

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016

4:00 - 5:30 PM

1539 Longworth House Office Building

Panelists



Diane Orentlicher, Professor of International Law at American University, has been described by the *Washington Diplomat* as “one of the world’s leading authorities on human rights law and war crimes tribunals.” She has lectured and published widely on issues of transitional justice, international criminal law and other areas of public international law, and has testified before the United States Senate and House on a range of issues relating to both domestic human rights laws and U.S. foreign policy. Professor Orentlicher has served in various public positions, including as the Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State (2009-2011); United Nations Independent Expert on Combating Impunity (on appointment by the UN Secretary General) and Special Advisor to the High Commissioner on National

Minorities of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (on secondment from the U.S. Department of State). Professor Orentlicher earned a B.A. from Yale University in 1977 and a J.D. from Columbia University in 1981.



Fatose Bytyqi, a store manager at a Long Island convenience store, lost three brothers at the end of the Kosovo war. Ylli, Mehmet, and Agron Bytyqi, each American citizens, were executed and dumped atop a mass grave in July 1999. For the past 17 years, Fatose and his brother Ilir have advocated for justice in their brothers' cases.

Marija Ristic is reporter with experience at a variety of publications. Marija joined BIRN in November 2011 as a journalist and reporter covering Serbia. In 2013, she worked as a screenwriter and producer for BIRN's documentary 'The Majority Starts Here'. Prior to BIRN, Marija worked as an assistant editor and science journalist at the Institute for Informatics Systems and Computer Media at the Technical University of Graz. Marija studied German language and journalism, and is currently studying for her master's degree in international security. She has received numerous awards and scholarships from the OSCE, the Dr Zoran Djindjic Foundation, the Serbian Ministry of Education, the Austrian government and the Norway Research Council.

Moderator



Robert A. Hand joined the staff of the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission) in 1983, and serves as a Western Balkan specialist tasked with monitoring and reporting on Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. He also serves as Secretary of the U.S. Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. He has been a member of many U.S. delegations to OSCE meetings, served on an OSCE field mission in 1993, staffed numerous congressional delegations to European countries, and observed multiple elections and referenda throughout the Balkans. Robert earned a B.A. in International Relations and Russian Area Studies, with a minor in Economics, from the School of International Service at American University in 1983. He has some knowledge of Russian and German.