

Abstract

In my research project I intend to analyse the interaction of two levels of nation-building process in Bosnia and Herzegovina: the social and the individual levels in everyday life. I will focus on the group of Bosnian Muslims and Bosniaks respectively.

The social level will be studied in form of media discourse analysis. I will focus on the socialist period during 1960 and 70s (exact years are 1968, 1969 and 1971) and compare it with the period after the first democratic elections in 1990 (exact years are 1990, 1992, 1995). For the portion of the research devoted to individual level, I will employ oral history interviews and participate observation. I will conduct fieldwork in Sarajevo.

I intend to interview intellectuals, workers, unemployed people. The purpose of the project is to show how a socially prescribed national identity was/is employed and experienced by Sarajevans in their different individual roles.