

5 – 6th OF **APRIL** 2017 / BRATISLAVA**VALUE BASED CONFLICTS
AND VIOLENCE**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BRATISLAVA

You don't want to miss it. In our diverse program we plan to encourage [interfaith dialogue](#), [dialogue between extremists vs. victims](#) and [nonviolent dialogue](#). We are inviting guests who themselves have various experience with violence. We will run practical workshops focused on specific aspects of dealing with [structural and cultural violence](#) (e.g. on social networks, confrontation with new minorities, radical anarchists etc.). In specific workshops we will experience different approaches on how to tackle the issues through art (movie, photographs, dance, and dramay) or through an interactive simulation. We are inviting international speakers and experts with their analytical contributions, including preliminary results from a [comparative study on radicalisation in the CEE region](#) in confrontation with experts' analyses from Germany and USA. And we hope to create time for [dialogue and networking](#) among our guests during the social and cultural part of our program (art exhibition, cocktail, after party).

If you'd like to be part of it, save the date and watch out for this space for more information.

The aim of our conference will be to look for answers for these key questions:

- What will be our attitude towards value conflicts with violent consequences? Is it at all about values when facing direct or indirect violence? How shall we deal with hate speech encouraging violence? And is there a difference if it happens face to face vs. the online space?
- Are there situations in which physical violence can be justified? How to deal with structural and cultural violence? What solutions of social value based conflicts do we want to apply at institutional level and what are the cultural ways of dealing with violence?
- Violence and words? What is tolerable, legitimate and perhaps healthy for the society? What is polarising our societies?

Context of the conference: We continue in a series of our conferences from 2014 and 2015 (Civic actors in conflicts). This time our prime focus is on physical, structural and cultural violence in an attempt to reflect the current social situation in the CEE region. Our societies lack democratic ways of dealing with prevention and transformation of various forms of violence. Increasing incidences of various forms of violence, growing extremism, devaluation of political and social dialogue, decreasing trust in public institutions and increased hate speech are among the most common negative issues in the region.