



“Media, Justice and Reconciliation, the case of Former Yugoslavia”

...is the title and subject proposed by the round table that took place on October 23 in Lugano. The chief prosecutor of the ICTY, **Carla Del Ponte**, the director of medienhilfe, **Nena Skopljanac**, and the journalist of the Swiss Italian Radio, **Tomas Miglierina** brought their professional point of view and experience. Moderated by **Alessandra Zumthor**, Swiss-Italian television journalist, the ‘leitmotiv’ of the event was a space of analysis and dialogue.

The round table was proposed and organized by the **medienhilfe representative office in Ticino**, in collaboration with the **Executive Master in Intercultural Communication of the University of Lugano** and with the support of **Commission for Integration and Prevention of Racism, Ticino**.

The **treated topics** concern several aspects within the proposed subject such as the role of media in denunciations of war crimes, the promotion of human rights, the crossroads between politics and justice, as well as reconciliation. In fact, the contribution of medienhilfe, presented by Nena Skopljanac, focused on reconciliation and dealing with the past, when the process of truth-finding is fulfilled and the empowerment of society. A list of projects that medienhilfe supports in that areas were described: *“Process TV”* – comprehensive and competent coverage of the proceedings at the ICTY and local courts, *“Independents for Truth”* – cross-border TV (co-)productions of highly professionally done documentary movies on major cases of the war crimes committed, based on investigative journalism, with comprehensive and balanced approach and *“Cross-ethnic radio programming in Kosovo” – CerpiK* – weekly 30-minute tri-lingual (Albanian, Serb, Turkish) radio magazine on issues relevant for everyday life of all Kosovo’s citizens, done by 8 radio stations throughout Kosovo

The conference was very well attended with some 200 participants, representatives of local authorities and the media, journalists, professors in the fields of media sciences and law, representatives of Non Governmental Organizations, as well as students and a community from the area of the former Yugoslavia, actively taking part with questions to enrich the final debate.

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