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1 POLITICS

Politics and Power in Times of Terror: Thinking with Hannah Arendt

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was situating Hannah Arendt's view on relationship between violence, politics, identity & terror into the context of contemporary (post-modern) debates on political subjectivity & violence.

Realisation in 2005

The following issues were dealt with:

- a) the notion of the political and politics, social, totalitarianism, and terror;
- b) the notion of tradition and violence and the understanding of revolutions;
- c) the relationship between Holocaust and contemporary genocides and crimes against humanity;
and
- d) the Yugoslav wars and mass killings.

Events

Seminar: Hannah Arendt and Contemporary Predicaments

Available results in 2005

JALUŠIČ, Vlasta. Kehrt die soziale Frage wieder? : Über die Entwicklung von Ungleichheit und Ausgrenzung. *Transit*, 2005, 29, 177-188. [COBISS.SI-ID 402797]

JALUŠIČ, Vlasta, »Post-totalitarian elements and Eichmann's mentality in the Yugoslav war and mass killings", Dan Stone, Richard King (ed.), *Imperialism, Slavery, Genocide and the Legacy of Hannah Arendt*, Bergham Publishers, London 2006, to be published.

KUHAR, Roman. Intimno državljanstvo: (zasebne izbire, javne politike ter vsakdanje življenje lezbijk in gejev). Dissertaion, Ljubljana: [R. Kuhar], 2005. 273 f. [COBISS.SI-ID 220829184]

PAJNIK, Mojca. Interpretacije javnosti v feministični teoriji, dissertation, Ljubljana: [M. Pajnik], 2005. 247 f. [COBISS.SI-ID 221130496]

PAJNIK, Mojca. Citizenship and mediated society. *Citizenship Studies*, Dec. 2005, vol. 9, no. 5.. [COBISS.SI-ID 385645]

Hannah Arendt, *Med preteklostjo in prihodnostjo*, Krtina, Ljubljana 2006 (interpretative essay and translation)

Partners

Hannah Arendt Zentrum, University of Oldenburg

Hannah Arendt Literary Trust, New York

Hannah Arendt Newsletter, Berlin

Založba Krtina, Ljubljana

Funding

Slovenian Research Agency, Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project achieved its goals. A conference "Between Past and Future: What Political Thinking Means Today?" with strong international participation is being prepared in 2006.

Post-national Citizenship

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Aims and Goals

The aim of this theoretical project was to question citizenship not only as a status, but also as praxis (in the sense of active participation) in the globalized world with supranational entities (EU).

Realisation in 2005

A concrete analysis of post-national citizenship focused on the rights and duties, arising from private, intimate choices of people. The analysis was twofold: how citizenship penetrates the private sphere and shapes it, and how rights, based on national legislations, limit intimate choices to be recognized at the supranational level (for example in EU).

Events

PhD defence and application of the EU project "Intimate citizenship ("The Right to Have Rights")", which is theoretically based on the results of this project.

Available results in 2005

PhD dissertation completed.

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute.

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project concluded successfully (the final phase of PhD dissertation) and applied to a new project titled "Intimate citizenship" that was approved by European Commission.

Drucker and Post-Socialism (Project in Progress)

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was collecting materials for contemporary (critical) management studies and organizing documentation on analytical and other work of P. F. Drucker. His work, dedicated to management, examined as “new political paradigm” was in the focus of this study. Within his categorical apparatus, points of paradox and contradictions were starting to be examined, and possible comparisons with other similar authors were to be drawn out. Approach was historical, following his work from text to text by its date of appearance, to follow its historical development and to place it in historical context.

Realisation in 2005

In 2005, the project was in its initial phase: collecting texts, shaping documentation, studying original texts only, discussing first drafts of possible studies on these materials in workshops, and starting with first analytical studies.

Events

Meetings and workshops of the research group at Peace Institute premises were occurring approximately once in 2 months. Electronic exchange of ideas and draft texts ...

Available results in 2005

After initial year, some textual fragments are available. The aim of the work in 2006 is to put these and new studies into a general perspective.

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute.

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

With a team of younger scholars (mostly post-graduate students from different fields), who are enthusiastic about critical examination of new management discourse and knowledge, the project is progressing very well. In the next few years, this might become a more ambitious project.

2 HUMAN RIGHTS

National Focal Point of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC)

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Aims and Goals

National Focal Point collects data and information on the national level on racism and xenophobia and submits national reports and studies to the EUMC.

Realisation in 2005

Project work was performed between February 2005 and January 2006. In this period, the NFP submitted a 2005 national annual report, data for two databases (RAXEN and Country Info sheets), six bulletins, three shorter reports (Rapid Response) and one study. In January 2006, we submitted an update to the national annual report.

Events

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Available results in 2005

National Annual Report 2004 (2004 Data Collection - RAXEN National Report - National Focal Point for Slovenia) is available on the page of the NFP project on www.mirovni-institut.si.

Partners

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Funding

EUMC

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Project work was performed as planned. All deliverables were positively evaluated by external evaluators of the EUMC. The work of the EUMC was evaluated positively on the European level.

Gendered Migration, Sex Work and Exploitation: Trafficking in Women and Prostitution

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Aims and Goals

The overall objective was to build up a trans-national network of researchers in the field of migration, trafficking and prostitution in Central and South Eastern Europe.

Realisation in 2005

The project hoped to offer reflections on issues of trafficking and prostitution, and to contribute to research and policy formation that affect trafficked women and women involved in prostitution. The focus of the planned activities was on exchanging similarities and differences in policies on prostitution and trafficking of women in Austria, Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro and Slovenia.

Events

Project design, coordination: January-November
First workshop in Zagreb: 18-19 November

Available results in 2005

Project results are available at http://www.aso.zsi.at/project_1_27_2005.html

Partners

Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna

University of Primorska, Science and Research Centre of Koper,

Anti Trafficking Center, Belgrade,

Institute for migrations and ethnic studies, Zagreb

Universität Wien

Funding

Austrian Science and Research Liaison Offices

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project brought forward new possibilities for applying joint projects in the area of human trafficking and prostitution. Two workshops are planned for the year 2006. March 3rd-5th in Ljubljana and in Vienna in May.

Cooperation in Coordination with Non-Governmental Organizations in Asylum Field

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Aims and Goals

The purpose of coordination of NGOs was strengthening the role of NGOs in this field, joint performance in media and in negotiations with the authorities, and exchange of information from the field.

Realisation in 2005

In 2005, the project cooperated in the process of amending two laws: Temporary Protection of Displaced Persons Act and Asylum Act. Jointly with other NGOs, recommendations and amendments were prepared, and it was lobbied for their adoption. In addition, the performers of the project participated in different actions for protection of asylum seekers' rights (e.g. when their freedom of movement in asylum home was de-facto restricted).

Events

In 2005, the performers of the project participated at three press conferences with an aim to call the attention to asylum seekers' rights.

Available results in 2005

Media reports from press conferences and meetings with journalists.

Partners

Legal Information Centre for NGOs

Amnesty International Slovenia

Slovene Philanthropy

UNHCR

etc.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project is very useful and important since it strengthens the role of NGOs in this field. The plan is to continue with it in 2006.

Mapping Capacity of Civil Society Dealing with Anti-Discrimination

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Aims and Goals

The goal of the project was to establish the capacity of non-governmental organizations for combating discrimination and offer them training in this field on both substance and methodology.

Realisation in 2005

First, we selected the trainers who attended a preparatory seminar in Bratislava. Second, civil society was analyzed in order to establish what its weak points are that need to be addressed. The topics were selected and cut in accordance with the analysis' findings. Further all arrangements for the seminars were made, the manual prepared and finally the seminar was held.

Events

Seminar for Non-Governmental Organizations in the field of Anti-Discrimination, 15-16 June 2005, hotel Ribno, Bled.

Available results in 2005

Manual for Non-Governmental Organizations for Combating Discrimination (translated and adjusted by Neža Kogovšek) is accessible on internet.

Partners

Human European Consultancy, Netherlands

Funding

European Commission

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project has been assessed as useful, however, for more visible results it should be carried on and more activities should be added. The project will not continue in 2006.

Development and Implementation of a Non-Discrimination Pre-Service and In-Service Training Programme for Judges and Prosecutors on the Basis of Human Rights Education

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was to improve de-facto legal protection of persons in cases of discrimination, through training of judiciary on theory and case law, aiming at objectively correct trial of cases.

Realisation in 2005

A research was carried out at two Slovenian courts, aiming at establishing if personal circumstances influence the outcome of the procedure and the selection of a punishment. Two trainings were organized for in-service and pre-service judges and prosecutors. Six trainers held lectures. Trainers also submitted articles that were published in a Manual.

Events

Two trainings titled "Prevention of discrimination in court procedures" were co-organized in cooperation with the Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia:

1. Training for in-service judges and prosecutors (9-10 June 2005 in hotel Ribno, Bled)
2. Training for pre-service judges and prosecutors (11 October 2005 in hotel Domina, Ljubljana)

Available results in 2005

Manual "Equality and Discrimination: Contemporary Challenges for the Judiciary", Dean Zagorac (ed.); articles were contributed by the trainers.

Partners

European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (Austria); Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia; NEKI-Legal Defence Bureau (Hungary), CEPA-Centre for Environmental Public Advocacy (Slovakia); Irish Centre for Human Rights (Ireland).

Funding

European Commission, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities
Open Society Institute (co-financing)

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project is assessed to be as useful and successful. The implementation will continue in 2006. Focus is inclusion of the topic in regular judicial trainings. Difficulties due to transfer of authority are expected.

Intimate Citizenship (The Right to Have Rights)

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Aims and Goals

The promotion of the concept of intimate citizenship by which it is meant the right of each individual to actively participate in private and public life regardless of one's sexual orientation.

Realisation in 2005

International seminar "Intimate citizenship: everyday life of GLBT people" was organized. A network of researchers was set up, dealing with GLBT issues in Eastern Europe. Papers from the conference will potentially be published this year.

The first part of the CD ROM project is finished (shooting the interviews with gay and lesbian couples and short movies on everyday life of gays and lesbians).

Events

The press conference was organized as part of the international seminar. The seminar was reported on by 2 TV stations, 2 newspapers and 3 radio stations.

Available results in 2005

The material is not available yet, since it is being prepared for the CD ROM.

Partners

Amnesty International Slovenia

DIH - Association for the integration of homosexuality, Slovenia

Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary

Funding

European Commission (program: Promotion of active European Citizenship)

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The first, theoretical part of the project was successfully accomplished with the expected results. The second, practical part of the project (CD ROM) needs to be finished by May 2006.

Do You Know Your Rights?

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was raising the awareness of the discrimination based on ethnicity in Slovenia among the ethnic groups deriving from other republics of former Yugoslavia and the broader Slovenian audience.

Realisation in 2005

The project started with May 30th (the date of the contract reception). It had three main outcomes: The workshop "Creating the minority media" (Sep. 24th-25th 05); publication of the informative brochure on discrimination in Slovenia (Nov 11th, 05); two public debates on the problem of discrimination and integration of the target ethnic groups in Slovenia.

Events

Nov. 23rd 05: a round table discussion "'The second generation' - how close and how distant", Cankarjev dom, Ljubljana.

Nov. 14th 05: a round table discussion "'The second generation' - how close and how distant", Biser hall, Jesenice.

Available results in 2005

The brochure: "Discrimination, no thank you!" -Peace institute, November 2005.

Partners

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Funding

The Netherlands embassy in Slovenia,

The British embassy in Slovenia,

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The participants of the workshop were very pleased with the content and implementation of it. They expressed the need for additional similar workshop. The public debates were well covered in the media.

Intolerance Monitor Report

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was to document and analyse various manifestations of intolerance in the Slovenian society. The report is published annually.

Realisation in 2005

The fourth issue of the Report was published. The position of Roma people in Slovenia is the main topic of this issue. Other manifestations of intolerance in media and public discourse are also being analysed. Additionally, some theoretical questions concerning (in) tolerance are also discussed. The Report consists of 12 articles/analyses by 13 authors.

Events

Round table discussion about the influence of the Slovenian politics on the position of Roman people in Slovenia in the past year was organised as a means of promotion of the new Intolerance Monitor Report. The heated debate was reported on in the media. The Report was later awarded as "the most beautiful Slovenian academic book of the year".

Available results in 2005

Intolerance Monitor Report 04: "If you are not good, the Slovenians will take you" (printed and electronic version - the latter is available at <http://mediawatch.mirovni-institut.si/nestrpnost/porocilo/04/nestrpnost.pdf>)

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

This year more space was dedicated for theoretical reconsiderations of some key notions and concepts, which we deal with in the Reports. The award contributed to additional promotion of the Report.

Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion in Slovenia and EU

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Aims and Goals

The aim and the goal of the project was participation in the international project “Group of non-governmental experts in the fight against poverty and social exclusion” and collaboration with experts, monitoring and preparing national reports.

Realisation in 2005

Two reports were delivered to European Commission (Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG) in 2005.

Events

Colleague Dr. Vesna Leskošek took part in several working meetings in Brussels and Budapest.

Available results in 2005

Previous national reports, including Slovenia, were put on the Internet (address http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/social_inclusion/naps_rep_en.htm).

Partners

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Funding

European Commission

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

It is not known yet if the project will continue in 2006.

Shaping and/or Empowering the Youth Community in Ljubljana

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Aims and Goals

Purpose is to include youth in the communication process. Workshops create a plural and open dialogue. We enable the gain of one's own experience as a part of a learning-community.

Realisation in 2005

In year 2005, the Rekos group organized four public events. Two workshops were organized at Metelkova, the other two at the Faculty of Social Work. Participants came from different organizations and backgrounds.

Events

February – workshop "What is the Point of the National Identity in EU and Worldwide?"

October – workshop "How do Young People See the Social Differences and Life in Ljubljana?"

December – dialogues on Do Social Differences Effect the Quality of Urban Life of Young People?

Available results in 2005

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Partners

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Funding

Municipality of Ljubljana – Youth Office

Peace Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Project was successful since public action became active. In the year 2006, the plan is to increase the cooperation with other NGOs. Workshops and its aims we will present to the local communities.

3 MEDIA

Promotion of the Access to Public Information

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Aims and Goals

The project contributes to better regulation of the access to public information in Slovenia. It also contributes to better knowledge and usage of the right among citizens, civil society groups and the media.

Realisation in 2005

During the debate about the amendments (to the law on access to public information), our suggestions were submitted and presented. Later a brochure was published on access to public information, a special section in the Media Watch journal on the access, and a workshop has been organised for NGOs and the media how to use the right to access public information.

Events

10.6. Participation in the Session of the respective Parliamentarian committee during the debate about amendments.

15.12. -Workshop for NGOs and the media how to use the right to access public information (lecturers: Urška Prepeluh, Jurij Žurej and Jernej Rovšek).

Available results in 2005

Brochure "How to access public information" by J. Rovsek has been published.

Partners

Multimedia centre Ljudmila (for the workshop)

Funding

Ministry of Public Administration

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Most of the project on promotion of the access to public information has been realised in short term (September - December) and has achieved its goals, especially the workshop. Follow up work is needed.

The EUMAP Project "Television across Europe"

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Aims and Goals

The purpose of the project was to produce, translate and promote report on Slovenia within the European research and advocacy project "Television across Europe" led by EUMAP.

Realisation in 2005

After the draft report on Slovenia "Television across Europe - Regulation, Policy and Independence" by Marko Milosavljević was prepared based on EUMAP methodology a round table has been organised in Ljubljana and comments were collected. Based on that, the final report is produced and published in English. Slovene translation will be published and promoted in early 2006.

Events

15.3. - Round table on draft report on Slovenia within the EUMAP project "Television across Europe".
11.10. -Launch and presentation of the EUMAP final report/book in Brussels, including the report for Slovenia and 19 other European countries.

Available results in 2005

Draft report on Slovenia was distributed to invited participants at the March round table. Final report in English was published in October in book and is available at the EUMAP web site http://www.eumap.org/topics/media/television_europe.

Partners

EUMAP Program

Network Media Program of the Open Society Institute.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

In early 2006, a Slovene translation of the report "Television across Europe" will be published, and a public presentation will be organised. Useful debate is expected.

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Aims and Goals

The project focuses on monitoring of implementation of minority rights, especially Roma rights, in the media field, on media policy, training and advocacy regarding access of minorities to the media.

Realisation in 2005

The project has continued with the support of Roma community in development of media capacities (radio). It has participated in the European network Online/More Colour in the Media European Week on Media and Minorities. In debate about the new law on RTVS, the carriers of the project advocated better integration of minorities in RTV programs and bodies and participated in the meeting between RTVS heads and Roma community.

Events

29.1. -workshop for collaborators of Roma radio production Romic in Murska Sobota.

21.3. -round table on Roma access to the media within the European Week on Minorities and the Media.

8.11. -meeting of heads of RTVS, representatives of the Roma and the Peace Institute.

Available results in 2005

Media reports on the round table on Roma access to the media in Slovenia. Radio broadcasts by Romic (www.romic.si). Comments and amendments to the draft law on RTV Slovenia are available at the web site of the Peace Institute. Article "Roma finally included in the system of public service broadcasting in Slovenia" in the Intolerance Monitoring Report 04.

Partners

Roma Union of Slovenia

Roma radio production Romic

Radio Marš

European network "Online/More Colour in the Media".

Funding

Open Society Institute

Medienhilfe (for the workshop)

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Training of Roma journalists should be continued as well as advocacy work frequencies for Roma radio. In 2006 monitoring and advocacy of Roma integration in RTVS should be in focus.

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Aims and Goals

Media Watch is a project for monitoring, analysing and reporting on the media in Slovenia, focusing on media policy and media practices.

Realisation in 2005

Studies and articles were published in the Media Watch journal and in bilingual MW book edition. In addition, MW brochures were published to reach broader public and contribute to public awareness. We organise MW round tables, journalism evening talks and develop MW web site. In 2005, we published two books, 2 issues of the journal, updated web site, and organised two round tables and two journalism-evening talks.

Events

- 8.6. -Round table "The private and the public in the media".
- 12.5. -Round table "Future of the public service RTV in Slovenia".
- 15.9. -Journalism evening talk "Public service and effects of the legislation".
- 21.11. -Journalism evening talk "The role of the media in multicultural societies".
- 16. 2. and 9. 9. 2005- Two meetings of the MW Editorial Board.

Available results in 2005

- 22 and 23/24 issue of the Media Watch journal.
- MW book "The private and the public in the media" by J. Rovšek.
- MW book "Eurosis" by M. Velikonja .
- Web site Media Watch (<http://mediawatch.mirovni-institut.si>).
- Brochure MW "How to access public information"

Partners

Regular collaborators and contributors, researchers, journalists, students from Slovenia and from abroad

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Information and Documentation Centre of the Council of Europe in Ljubljana (as partners for round tables and journalism evening talks)

Funding

Open Society Institute (project Media Watch), Ministry of Culture (for a section on media policy in the Media Watch journal and for part of the costs of the book Eurosis), Ministry of Education and Sport (part of the costs for the journal), Slovenian Research Agency (part of the costs for the book Eurosis) and Ministry of Public Administration (for a section on access to public information in the Media Watch journal and for brochure on the access to public information).

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Since 1998, activities within the Media Watch project provide regular form of debate, reflection and critical analysis of media policy and practises in Slovenia. They should be continued and as such.

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Aims and Goals

The project focuses on research and advocacy in the field of media ownership, its regulations and impact on media pluralism and independence.

Realisation in 2005

The project continued with follow-up activities related to the research and advocacy project on media ownership, organised in 2003/04 through the SEENPM. The carriers of the project were selected for speakers at the 7th European Ministerial Conference on Media Policy. They have also contributed comments to the draft changes of the Mass Media Act in Slovenia media pluralism fund.

Events

10.3. -speech at 7th European Ministerial Conference in Kiev;

13.-15.6. -presentation of the SEENPM media ownership project findings at the OSI NMP conference in Bangkok;

11.10. -round table in Talin (follow up of the SEENPM project).

8.12. -paper on media ownership in SEE delivered at the K. Adenauer fund's conference in Zagreb.

Available results in 2005

Comments to the draft changes of the Mass Media Act published at the PI web site.

Interview and article on media ownership in Slovenia in e-newsletter PNC | Boletín Digital de Políticas de Comunicación produced by the University in Buenos Aires is available at <http://www.pyp-uba.com.ar/news11/news11.htm>.

Articles in the Media Watch journal 22 and 23/24, for instance article on media ownership changes in Delo by Sandra B. Hrvatin.

Book on media ownership in Estonian language as the final country follow up event organised after the regional SEENPM project on media ownership (in 2003/04). The book includes regional overview by S.B. Hrvatin in B. Petković, and country reports for Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

Partners

Taivo Paju, Estonia.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Media ownership stays one of the main issues in debates on media policy. The research and advocacy work in Slovenia, SEE and CEE should continue and grow to partnerships in other regions.

Future of Multicultural Societies in Europe and the Role of the Media – Good Policy and Practice from the UK

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Aims and Goals

The project aimed at cultural and minority policy makers, minority and media representatives in Slovenia to learn from British policy mechanisms in the field of media and minorities.

Realisation in 2005

In 2005, the following activities have been carried out:

1. Journalism Evening Talk with representatives of the British and Slovenian media on editorial and employment policy, and self-regulation regarding cultural diversity.
2. 3-day study visit of 2 members of the ethic committee of the Association of Journalists in Slovenia to self-regulatory bodies in the British press.

Events

21. November: Journalism Evening Talk with representatives of BBC, Guardian, TV Slovenia and daily newspaper Delo.

11.-15. December: 3-day study visit of 2 members of the ethic committee of the Association of Journalists in Slovenia to the Press Complaints Commission and the Ombudsmen of the Times and the Guardian

Available results in 2005

Reports in the media: STA, Delo, TV Slovenia, Info TV, Romano Them.

Partners

The British Embassy in Ljubljana

The Press Complaint Commission

The Guardian Foundation

Funding

The British Embassy in Ljubljana

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project has been implemented according to its aims and schedule, including one activity each month except for the October lecture, which had to be postponed to May 2006. The project ends in June.

New Law on Public Service Broadcasting in Slovenia (RTV Slovenija)

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Aims and Goals

The project wanted to contribute to public debate on draft law on RTV Slovenia, to provide participation of international experts in the debate, and to prepare and advocate alternative solutions

Realisation in 2005

Comments and amendments were prepared to the draft law on RTV Slovenia, and they were advocated in the public; a round table has been organised with participation of renowned European experts and journalism evening talk; draft law in English has been translated and distributed to foreign experts for evaluation. Through e-mail, alerts and updates have been sent to international media freedom organisations.

Events

12.5. -round table on future of PSB in Slovenia with speakers from the government, the parliament, RTVS, foreign and Slovenian experts;

13.5.-meeting with the Minister of Culture (foreign experts from the round table and the PI);

7.6. -press conference on the PI amendments;

15.9. -journalism evening talk on PSB and regulation (with director of HRT).

Available results in 2005

Comments and amendment of the PI to the draft law on RTVS available on the PI web site.

Articles have been printed in the Media Watch journal 22 and 23/24. Article of B. Petković in Saturday Supplement of Delo (17.9.) and in the Intolerance Monitoring Report 04.

Partners

Article 19

Karol Jakubowicz and Werner Rumphorst who provided written comments to the draft law on RTVS based on the PI alert.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project has contributed to public debate and participation of foreign experts, otherwise critics and alternative solutions did not make impact on the lawmakers. In 2006, monitoring will follow.

4 GENDER

MAGEEQ, Policy Frames and Implementation Problems: the Case of Gender Mainstreaming, international project within 5th EU Framework Programme

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Aims and Goals

The project compared policy frames in three areas gender equality policies in six EU countries and at the EU level: in gender inequality in politics, family policy, and domestic violence.

Realisation in 2005

2005 was the last year of the duration of the project. Comparative studies in all three areas have been completed. Workshop in Vienna, national workshop in Ljubljana and final results presentation conference in Brussels were successfully organized.

Events

September 2005:

National workshop: »Gender mainstreaming: policy frames and implementation problems. What is the problem and how do we deal with it? «

Peace Institute's Forum: »Spain: Left Wing Government: a Turn in Policies? «

November 2005: International conference: 'Framing gender inequality across Europe: Challenges for gender mainstreaming', European Commission, Brussels

Available results in 2005

1. HRŽENJAK, Majda, JALUŠIČ, Vlasta, SAUER, Birgit, TERTINEGG, Karin. Framing prostitution policies: a comparison of Slovenia and Austria. *Greek sociological Review, Epitheōr. koin. ereun.*, 2005, 117 B, pp. 93-118.
2. Emanuela Lombardo, Vlasta Jalusic, Birgit Sauer, Maro Pantelidou Maloutas, Framing Gender Inequality Politics: Insights from the MAGEEQ Project, conference paper 'Framing gender inequality across Europe: Challenges for gender mainstreaming', 9 November 2005.
3. Vlasta Jalušič, What is the problem and how does one deal with it? Policy frames and implementation problems: the case of gender mainstreaming, conference paper 'Gender mainstreaming – theoretical and practical approaches'. University of Calabria, December 3, 2005.
4. HRŽENJAK, Majda. Conflict area family policy and equality: similarities, differences, contradictions within Europe; lecture: Graz, 21. Sep. 2005.
5. www.mageeq.net

Partners

Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna, University of Madrid, University of Nijmegen, University of Athens, Central European University, Budapest, East East Program.

Funding

European Commission

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The goals of the project are accomplished. Dissemination and publishing will still follow. New follow up integrated 5-year project QUING was prepared and proposed for funding within the sixth Framework EU Programme. It was evaluated as eligible for funding.

System of Home Assistance - SIPA

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Aims and Goals

The scope of SIPA was about introducing policies and practices of sharing housekeeping and childcaring not only between men and women in households but also between employed and unemployed people.

Realisation in 2005

The realisations in 2005 were establishing trans-national partnership, drafting Agreement on developing partnership SIPA, developing a questionnaire for empirical research, confirmation from National Authority, constitution of partnership, empirical research, composing the expert body, policy analysis, a strategy of public relation...

Events

Presentation at trade fair in Celje (MOS, Celje 05)

Available results in 2005

Agreement on RP SIPA at website of Slovenian Ministry for Work, Family and Social Affairs, website <http://sipa.mirovni-institut.si>

Partners

Zavod RS za zaposlovanje

Ninamedia, d.o.o.

Belgium Home Managers

Hungary Modellértékű NőTámogató Rendszer kiépítése

Italy NUOVI ORIZZONTI PER L'ECONOMIA SOCIALE

Netherlands Women @ Work in Action

Funding

European Social Found

Ministry for Labour, Family and Social Affairs

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

A project is taking its course with 2 months delay according to working plan. Delay has been caused by systemic and unpredictable reasons and it does not endanger the implementation of project.

Gender Equality Frames: Sex Work between Catholicism, Liberalism and Social Democracy. A Comparison of Austria and Slovenia (SI-AU scientific cooperation project)

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was to compare the similarities and differences in gender equality policies in Austria and Slovenia. The focus of this comparison was sex work and trafficking in women in both countries.

Realisation in 2005

The project was completed. Two visits took place in 2005: Majda Hrženjak was in Vienna at the IWM in August 2005 and Birgit Sauer and Karin Tertinegg from the Austrian team participated at the Mageeq national workshop in Ljubljana in September. The results were published as articles.

Events

National workshop »Gender mainstreaming: policy frames and implementation problems took place. What is the problem and how do we deal with it?«, September 2005.

Available results in 2005

Hrženjak, Majda, Prostitucija kot izsiljen odgovor na uganko ženske želje in kot nepopolna slika , Delta, 2005, 1-2, 173 -185.

HRŽENJAK, Majda, JALUŠIČ, Vlasta, SAUER, Birgit, TERTINEGG, Karin. Framing prostitution policies: a comparison of Slovenia and Austria. Greek sociological Review, Epitheōr. koin. ereun. , 2005, 117 B, page 93-118.

Partners

Institut für die Wissenschaften von Menschen, Vienna.

Funding

Agency for research activity,
Austrian Ministry of Science

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project was successfully completed. A new, follow up project was prepared in the frame of SI-AU cooperation in 2005 and it has already started.

Gender Meets Reality: Exchange of Experiences, Methods and Strategies for Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Trainings in Different Policy Fields (RealGeM)

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was intercultural and inter-institutional exchange of experiences and methods of implementation of gender mainstreaming at the different fields (industry, agriculture, architecture, psychology, sociology).

Realisation in 2005

Two workshops (Graz, Barcelona) follow up for one year and workshop in Berlin, two revisions from financier.

Events

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Available results in 2005

www.realgem.net

Partners

DISSENS/ genderWerk , Berlin

Verein Männerberatung Graz/ GenderWerkstätte Graz

Frauenservice Graz/ GenderWerkstätte Graz

Grameimpuls, Local society of Santa Coloma de Gramenet (occupation and education promotion)

Funding

Cmepius, program Socrates, Grundtvig 2

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Project is taking course according to working plan, moreover it is fruitful: the number of participants at workshops is growing, there are applications for new joint projects, bringing about new research fields...

5 CULTURAL POLICY

Cultural Education: The Availability of Culture and the Links between Culture and Education – the Search for Conceptual and Systemic Solutions

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Aims and Goals

A well-thought-out systematization transforms cultural education into a means of providing equal opportunities in accessing culture, and raises the cultural capital throughout the social classes.

Realisation in 2005

A pilot study was prepared along with preliminary report and participation at the Catalyst conference in Manchester, UK case study. Final report was written.

Events

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Available results in 2005

Final Report was written.

Partners

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Funding

Ministry of Culture

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

A series of conceptual studies aiming at launching systemic implementation of cultural education in Slovenia is ending by this project. Some perspectives for implementation project exists in CRP call.

Cultural Economy

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Aims and Goals

The aim of the project was the continuation of our research work on the topic of cultural economy from many different aspects. The main goal of the project was to develop critical approach towards the very concept of cultural economy.

Realisation in 2005

In December 2004, final report of the research project "Cultural Economy" was submitted to the commissioners (Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education and Research). In 2005, we have continued with follow-up activities such as: analysis of the public discourse on culture and economy, preparation of the project on sustainable economic strategies of autonomous cultural centres etc.

Events

Active participation in international conferences and public talks: "On Virtuosity (Cultural Work Project)", Zagreb; »Managing Cultural Transitions in South Eastern Europe – Impact of Creative Industries«, IUC Dubrovnik; "Cultural Policy - Cultural Economy", Journal 2000; Round table on culture and economy in the frame of the Museums Night etc.

Available results in 2005

Edited and extended report of our research project on publishing industry in Slovenia was published by UMco in a book format and very well accepted by Slovene readership, especially librarians. Our texts on cultural employment were published in a collection of essays edited by the Institute for International Relations, Zagreb, in the Internet journal Krtača, in the 2000 Cultural Journal, in the book Culture Ltd - Material Conditions of Cultural Production etc. A study on the public discourse of some Slovene economists dealing with "economic value of culture" was published in the PI annual report on intolerance in media.

Partners

Institute for International Relations, Zagreb

UMco, Ljubljana

Funding

Open Society Institute, partners (in-kind contribution)

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

In 2005 quite a lot of follow-up activities were produced that were important from a point of view of presentation of our previous work and a continuation of our work on the topic.

Cultural Rights and Accessibility of Culture

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Aims and Goals

The general question was how to think about human rights in the time of their "culturalization" and how cultural rights are related to the whole corpus of human rights.

Realisation in 2005

We have been developing a research policy project linking author's rights (intellectual property) and cultural rights. In 2005 competitions of the Ministry of Culture and of the Slovene Research Agency, the project proposal was not approved. In 2006, we will seek support at the Culture2000 competition.

Events

Lectures within frame of the workshop on the access to information in public interest, organized by B. Petković. The project actively participated in the international conference on author's rights and so-called "Creative Commons".

Available results in 2005

Dr. Maja Breznik published two texts (in the book Culture Ltd and in the supplement of the main Slovenian daily) on Slovenian contribution to the EU negotiations with WTO regarding progressive

liberalization of trade in cultural goods and commercialization of public cultural, educational etc services.

Partners

Slovenia: Institute for Intellectual Property; abroad: partners from Italy, Austria, Germany, France and Croatia.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Unfortunately there was no support on two national competitions in 2005. In 2006 an application for Culture2000 and maybe for some other appropriate competitions is going to be prepared

Strategy of the Cultural Development

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Aims and Goals

Aims and goals of the project were development of the projects of analysis of the cultural production, cultural strategy of the City of Ljubljana and similar.

Realisation in 2005

Main project is called “Culture as a Factor of the Social Development: analysis of the cultural production and preparation of the elements for developing the cultural strategy of the City of Ljubljana”. Besides this, the project was active in other initiatives re. cultural development plans and analysis of cultural production.

Events

Presentations at: the international colloquium on culture and urban regeneration (Zavod Flota and Intercult Stockholm); OSI SEE foundations meeting in Istanbul (re. cultural policy issues in the countries of SEE); international colloquium on culture and activist practices, Belgrade; workshop on Ljubljana - cultural capital of Europe (F. Bianchini).

Available results in 2005

First report of the project "Culture as a Factor of the Social Development" (available from the Culture and Research Department of the City of Ljubljana) and text on Ljubljana culture for a book edited by the German Foundation for Culture etc.

Partners

A group of researchers from the Ljubljana University working on a similar project commissioned by the City of Ljubljana.

Funding

City of Ljubljana
Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project Culture as a Factor of Social Development started in fall 2005 and will continue until December 2006. New competitions in 2006 on similar topics are trying to be found.

6 EAST EAST AND SECONDARY DISSEMINATION

Workers` and Punks` University (WPU)

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Aims and Goals

Establishing an alternative youth educational module, this includes lectures, reading seminars and symposiums. The goal was also providing possibilities of acquiring new knowledge, inaccessible in other institutions.

Realisation in 2005

Continuing with the cycle of thematic lectures (8th year of WPU: Post-Fordism). Starting new cycle of lectures (9th year of WPU: Political Ecology), two reading seminars dealing with Critics of Political Economy and Freudian Psychoanalysis, marathon of lectures, titled Rule of the Machines.

Events

Eighth year of WPU (Post-Fordism): 16 lectures (January-April 2005), 9th year o WPU (Political Ecology): seven lectures (November-December 2005), reading seminar - Critics of Political Economy (January-June 2005), reading seminar-Freudian Psychoanalysis (November-December 2005), marathon of lectures (June 1)-Rule of the Machines (10 lectures).

Available results in 2005

<http://dpu.mirovni-institut.si/>

<http://www.krtaca.si/>

Partners

Kamera Revolta, Publishing House Krtina, journal Agregat, web journal Krtača, Radio Študent

Funding

Open Society Institute

Mestna občina Ljubljana-Urad za mladino (Municipality of Ljubljana- Department for the Youth)

The Barry Amiel and Norman Melburn Trust

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

In 2005 The WPU project was, due to considerable public and media interest, very successful. In year 2006 it shall finish ninth WPU year, organize symposium and start with tenth WPU year.

Nations – States and Xenophobias: in the Ruins of ex-Yugoslavia (international seminar)

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Aims and Goals

The project aimed at reflecting the meanings of the phenomena of nations-states related to emerging post-socialist forms of xenophobia in the post-war ex-Yugoslav republics.

Realisation in 2005

The projects brought together critical thinkers, young scholars and activists from the region who worked on existing inequalities in the former Yugoslavia, and actively reflected the post-war situation from a neglected perspective of nationalism, xenophobia and racism as mechanisms of technocratic post-socialist exclusions.

Events

Project design, coordination: January-April
International seminar in Piran: May 13-14
Press conference: May 13
Preparation and publishing of seminar proceedings: May-December

Available results in 2005

The book of our edition Politike Symposion "Nations–States and Xenophobias: in the Ruins of Former Yugoslavia".

Project evaluation is available at PI website.

Partners

Croatian Political Science Association, Croatia

Funding

East East Program - Partnership beyond Borders

Slovene Research Agency

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project brought forward innovative discussions and analysis of nationalisms and xenophobias in the period of post-socialist ex-Yugoslav republics. In 2006 seminar proceedings will be promoted.

Discussing Transatlantic Gap: the Future of Euro-American Relations (EU Monitor)

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Aims and Goals

The book gathers contributions from different experts addressing conceptual, political and cultural differences between Europe and USA

Realisation in 2005

Papers include debates on the prospects of the tensions and new frames of the potential political cooperation between Europe and USA. Discussions on strategies of developing efficient European common foreign and security policy and the comparison of foreign policies of European transition countries, balancing between European and US interests were also addressed. Authors reflected the future of EU.

Events

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Available results in 2005

Book.

Partners

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Funding

East East Program - Partnership Beyond Borders

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The book was published as the last project phase on the highly debatable topic of euro-american relations that will be promoted in 2006.

Conceptualizing Gender Mainstreaming (International workshop)

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Aims and Goals

The main goal was to motivate policy makers, experts and students to consider policy processes in such a way that gender equality is actively taken into consideration.

Realisation in 2005

Policy makers, experts in the fields of women's and/or gender issues, students participated in debates on practical possibilities to implement gender equality politics. The workshop was also devoted to the presentation of results of Mageeq project with the emphasis on the three comparative areas: domestic violence, inequality in politics and family policy.

Events

Project design: January-September

International workshop in Ljubljana: September 14

Available results in 2005

Working materials "Gender Mainstreaming: Policy Frames and Implementation Problems. What is the Problem and How Do We Deal with It?", accessible in PI library;

Project evaluation is published at PI website

Partners

Institut für die Wissenschaften von Menschen, Vienna

Funding

East East Program - Partnership beyond Borders;

Mageeq project, 6th framework program, European Commission

Slovenian research agency

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Workshop participants evaluated the workshop as a successful event and expressed the need for further activities related to the implementation of gender mainstreaming policies.

Achievements of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) – the Hague Tribunal (International Seminar)

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Aims and Goals

The project aimed to provide a forum for visible experts who are dealing with the issues of international justice, to discuss the work of the International Criminal Court for the former Yugoslavia.

Realisation in 2005

The project provided a broader knowledge on urgent issues, and provided a solid basis for the future both research and advocacy work in the Western Balkans. The main topics discussed were whether the criticisms of the tribunal are well founded and whether the achievements provided in the ICTY's mandate were fulfilled.

Events

Project design, coordination: March-September
International seminar in Ljubljana: September 23-24

Press conference: September 23

Evaluation: September-October

State of the Arts: October-November

Available results in 2005

"State of the arts", accessible at PI web pages,

Evaluation report, accessible at PI web pages

Partners

Open Society Fund - Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Fund for an Open Society – Serbia,

Open Society Institute – Macedonia

Funding

East East Program - Partnership beyond Borders

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

According to the evaluation the project was of specific importance since it was the first event that provided space for open discussion about the results and future prospects on the tribunal.

Intimate/Sexual Citizenship (International Seminar)

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Aims and Goals

The project aimed at providing an overview and comparison of the existing data on everyday life of GLBT population in various EU countries.

Realisation in 2005

Project topics:

- coming out and the construction of homosexual/bisexual/transsexual identity,
- Partnership issues / family issues,
- Public opinion and intimate citizenship rights,
- Violence in different lifestyles and lesbians/gays/bisexuals/transsexuals,
- Intimate citizenship rights promotion and legislation,

Events

Project design, coordination: March-October

International seminar in Ljubljana: October 14-15

Press conference: October 14

Project evaluation: November

Available results in 2005

Project briefings and evaluation are accessible at PI website

Partners

Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest,
Amnesty International Slovenia,
DIH - Association for integration of homosexuality, Ljubljana

Funding

East East Program - Partnership beyond Borders,
European Commission, Program "Promotion of Active European Citizenship"

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project brought forward an analysis of the situation of GLBT population in Slovenia and some other EU member states. Common discrimination patterns were detected and possible solutions suggested.

Analysis and Promotion of Policy Debate on the European Future of Turkey and Ukraine in Four Central European States

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Aims and Goals

The main mission is to investigate the state of current expert and public debates in the four countries to identify the prevailing social attitudes on the questions of both the desirability and feasibility of further EU enlargements to include Ukraine and Turkey.

Realisation in 2005

Analysis of the gathered material (e.g. official documents, newspaper articles, radio and television reports etc.), identifying the key stakeholders and interviewing selected representatives, internet search for relevant web resources, writing up (and later rewriting) the national report, organisation of the national roundtable debate with the presentation of the preliminary results of the research.

Events

Public roundtable debate: Forum titled »Ukraine and Turkey in the European Union? «, 14 November 2005, CD, Ljubljana.

Participants at the Forum were Dr. Jožef Kunič (Slovensko društvo za mednarodne odnose – Slovenian association for international relations), Milan Brglez (FDV) and Tomaž Gerden (Radio Slovenija).

Available results in 2005

All the reports and summaries are publicly available on-line (on the Peace Institute website, as well as other three participating centres' websites).

Partners

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, the Czech Republic
Centre for Policy Studies, Hungary
Institute of Public Affairs, Poland

Funding

LGI

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The project lasts until April 2006.

It will still bring the following results: final composite report (printed edition is planned); general presentation of the key recommendations by the experts with comments from a representative of Ukraine and Turkey targeting a broad audience of EU policy-makers, national media and diplomatic representations of Central European states, Turkey and Ukraine.

The Peace Institute Forum

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Aims and Goals

The Peace Institute Forum is a new approach to opening room for the public debate. The objective is to promote discussion on pressing social, political and cultural issues that have been overlooked.

Realisation in 2005

Three Forums were organized:

"Turkey and Ukraine in European Union?" (November 14)

"Left-wing government in Spain - the turn in politics?" (September 13)

"100 days - what is new?" (March 9)

The topics of the Forum were chosen either based on current political affairs in Slovenia or based on the research topics, analysed within the Peace Institute research projects.

Events

All Forums were organised as round-table discussion in Cankarjev dom.

Available results in 2005

Short content of each Forum and the pictures taken at the event are available on the website (www.mirovni-institut.si). There were reports about these events in the media as well. Audio recordings of each Forum is available at the Peace Institute.

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The Peace Institute Forum is becoming one of the key means of dissemination of our research results. Through that important and often overlooked issues are discussed, which is Forum's main aim.

Politike (Politics) – Book Publishing Series

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Aims and Goals

The book series addresses a range of issues pertaining to civil society and public policies. The essays mainly proceed from policy and other research studies conducted by the PI researchers.

Realisation in 2005

In 2005, two books were edited and prepared for printing: *The Unbearable Comfort of Privacy - The Everyday Life of Gays and Lesbians* (A. Švab and R. Kuhar) and *Culture Ltd. - Material Conditions of Cultural Production* (A. Milohnič, M. Breznik, N. Hrženjak and B. Bibič).

Events

We took part in two book fairs in Ljubljana. Our collaborator Dr. Maja Breznik was invited to a panel organized in the frame of the Slovene Book Fair 2005.

Available results in 2005

Several book reviews in Slovene media. Short presentations are published on www.mirovni-institut.si. We have finally collected official electronic versions of all the books so far published in the “Politike” book series. All the texts are converted in pdf format and will soon be available on the new PI web site edition.

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute
Slovenian Research Agency, City of Ljubljana

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The level of quality of both titles is comparable to other books published in the Politike book series. In 2006 we are going to publish one or two new titles.

Media Self-Regulation: Experiences in Slovenia/Prospects in Armenia (Study Visit)

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Aims and Goals

The project goal was the establishment of an efficient media self-regulatory institute in Armenia, drawing on the extensive international experience and the present-day condition of Armenian media.

Realisation in 2005

The first part of the project was implemented as a study visit of the Armenian media experts in Slovenia. The visit was devoted to the debates on the role of press councils and journalistic code of ethics. During the visit, several discussions on the topic with different key actors were organized. A study visit of Slovene experts to Armenia followed as an integrative part of the project.

Events

Study visit design: March-April

Study visit in Ljubljana: April 20-25

Study visit design: October-November

Study visit in Yerevan: November

Available results in 2005

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Partners

Yerevan Press Club, Armenia

Funding

East East Program - Partnership beyond Borders

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Study visit brought new experiences and new knowledge to the experts in the field of media. It also stimulated the establishment of the self-regulation mechanisms in media fields in Armenia.

Participation in the SEENPM, a Network of Media Centres and Media Institutes in South East Europe

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Aims and Goals

The SEENPM provides regional exchange and development of knowledge and experience in the field of journalism, media research and advocacy, especially re. media policy and media practices.

Realisation in 2005

In 2005, a regional conference on freelance journalism was organised and the project participated in the regional research on ethics of media business. Journalists and researchers from Slovenia have participated in courses and conferences organised by SEENPM in other countries of the region.

Events

1.-2.4. regional conference in Ljubljana on freelance journalism with participation from the region and from Great Britain, Germany and Finland.

Participation of journalists and researchers from Slovenia in SEENPM courses and conferences (K. Kogoj, S. Petejan, B. Zgaga, B. Pavšič, M. Planšak, R. Šribar, G. Lubej, S.B. Hrvatin etc.).

Available results in 2005

Press release and conclusions of the regional conference on freelance journalism are available at the SEENPM web site www.seenpm.org.

Research on media business ethics in SEE is published in a book. Gašper Lubej did the report on Slovenia.

Partners

16 media centers and institutes, members of the SEENPM. Danish School of Journalism as a partner of the SEENPM.

Funding

Open Society Institute

Danish Foreign Ministry

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

Participation in the SEENPM since 2000 has proved to be useful and dynamic for media community and our institute. Donors plan to downsize the funding and the SEENPM discuss its future *modus vivendi*.

Policy Fellowship Program

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Aims and Goals

The program was stimulating strategic research of current social and political topics in Slovenia, regional and international areas.

Realisation in 2005

The fellows were complementing the research and other programs of the PI, strengthening its human potentials, and were thus effectively contributing to the implementation of the PI's goals. Topics of 2005 program: new/unrecognized minorities and definition of terror in historic perspective focused on antic Greece. The program raised new questions that are usually overlooked by mainstream.

Events

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Available results in 2005

Since the implementation of 2005 topics were prolong to the next year there is not public accessible results, which are expected in the first half of 2006.

Partners

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Funding

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Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

According to the good results, the continuation of the program is recommended in the frame of financial capacities.

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Aims and Goals

The goal of the project was acquisition, cataloguing, preservation and mediation of library material to collaborators of the Peace institute and to outside library users as well as informational and documentation activities.

Realisation in 2005

- Acquisition, cataloguing, preservation and inventory of library material
- Care for accessibility of library material
- Informational and documentation activities
- Working with library users
- Inventory
- Automation of the lending system
- Expansion of the library with a new department
- Rearrangement of library room

Events

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Available results in 2005

-Automation of the lending system

-Incorporation of a new library department (MASKA -Institute for publishing, cultural and production activity)

Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

The library operated according to its mission. In 2006, the library will continue to carry on its basic tasks and simultaneously try to acquire additional funds for its functioning.

Computer Network and Virtual environment

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Aims and Goals

The aim was the maintenance of the Peace Institute web sites and coordination of purchase and maintenance of computer hardware and software.

Realisation in 2005

In spring 2005, the Institute contracted Roer s.p. for hardware and software maintenance. Maintenance of equipment and services was performed steadily throughout the year. In autumn, Sloway d.o.o. was selected to redesign the main web site of the Institute, a process that is currently underway.

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Available results in 2005

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Partners

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Funding

Open Society Institute

Brief evaluation and possible continuation in 2006

In hardware and software maintenance, there are regular delays. Selection procedure for the redesign of the website was prolonged and hence the project will be completed in 2006.