

2019

GOLIOTOK

SCARS OF HISTORY

WORKSHOP ON TOTALITARIANISM

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NGO Magis, formed in Ignatian spirituality, has been organizing this particular summer workshop for 3 years, only to make it international this year.

Therefore, we are reaching out to you to inform you and ask you for help in promotion of our vision, as we suppose that we have the same ideal - preservation of human dignity.

In which manner our camp does that?

We want to reveal and keep the real truth about totalitarianism in Tito's Yugoslavia and Goli Otok is just one of the many bitter fruits that totalitarianism produced on this area.

It is an excellent opportunity to bring up questions such as freedom of speech as fundamental human right, new totalitarianism, spiritual aspects of such regime and many more. All of that in a form of summer workshop with lectures and group discussions.

We recognized it as a chance for young individuals to broaden their horizons, develop their critical thinking and adopting new knowledge.

The environment of The island of Goli is almost idyllic one, thus, it is ideal place also for relaxation, prayer and reflection on lectures in solitude.

Let us not forget the spiritual dimension of the events that took place on Goli, not just the historical part.



Lastly, we want to make Goli a place of a special dignity. We are patiently building that vision with great enthusiasm and effort.

That is why we need your help in spreading the word – it is crucial for us. Feel free to contact us for any questions on our email .

We are also sending you detailed information about conditions of our camp and link to our Facebook page.

Semper magis! Always more!

Our Facebook page link: <https://web.facebook.com/scarsofhistory/>



Located in north-east part of Adriatic Sea in Croatia, The island of Goli [tr. as bare or naked island] is most famously known from Yugoslavian past.

The island of Goli housed prison camp called Goli otok in Tito's Yugoslavia. Island was chosen for prison camp in Tito's regime because of its geographical and natural features. Island without vegetation, unpopulated and isolated from near land made an ideal place for concentration camp hidden from the eyes of the public.

Prison camp was typical for totalitarian political ideology and can be understood as one of the prison camps in Soviet Russia, known as 'Gulags'. It was oriented to "re-educate" so-called "enemies" of Yugoslavian state after famous Stalin-Tito conflict.



Since the summer of 2016, NGO Magis has been organizing workshop planned as summer school on totalitarian ideologies and far-reaching consequences of totalitarian mentality.

2019 is the year we've decided to open up the summer programme to international youth from 19 to 30 years of age. This year's programme is planned under the slogan "Scars of history" to educate more about far-reaching consequences of totalitarian mentality and history in socio-cultural level.

In different words: totalitarian history leaves a permanent mark on society, it remains as a scar on community as a remainder of past times, individual acts, dehumanising aspect of political power and regime.



Workshop on totalitarianism is planned as one week spent on The island of Goli, specifically in ex-prison camp buildings called Žica. Interdisciplinary approach in programme combines history, philosophy, sociology and political science with various lecturers. Special part of programme is incorporation of Ignatian spiritual environment in which NGO Magis was created.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:00 Waking up	14:15 Lecture
7:30 Prayer	16:00 Coffee / Leisure
8:00 Breakfast	18:00 Desert / Silence in the camp
9:00 Working time	19:00 Holy Mass
10:00 Free time	20:00 Dinner
11:00 Lecture	21:00 Group meetings / Discussion
13:00 Lunch	



- 7-day stay at former prison complex
- abandoned complex with no electricity
- participants need to bring their sleeping bags
- 3 daily meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- daily lectures and group discussions
- free time (beach and sea) for relaxing and reflection
- spiritual environment (silent contemplation and daily catholic mass)



PARTICIPANS ARE OBLIGATED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING:

- sleeping bag + mat they can put under the sleeping bag
- dish bowl + cutlery + glass + plastic glass 0,5 l + dishtowel
- hat + sunscreen
- swimsuit + towel-sneakers + sandals/flip flops
- summer clothes + warm clothes in case of a bad weather
- umbrella/raincoat
- notebook + pencil
- hand lamp + spare batteries
- musical instrument if you are playing one
- ticket + personal documents + health card
- basic hygiene supplies
- do not bring any valuables, we can't provide storage
- reduce your mobile phone usage, we aren't able to provide charger
- for mobile phones during the stay – at the end of the stay there will be a place to charge your mobile phone



The island is accessible by boat from Senj organized by NGO Magis in both ways. If participants are organizing their arrival on their own, they will need to pay HRK 200 for the return ticket, unless otherwise was agreed with the organizers. Senj is connected with other cities in Croatia and Croatian airports by bus. All participants are required to organize their coming to Senj by themselves.

OUR TRAVEL PLAN SUGGESTION:

1. Coming to Zagreb airport
2. Bus from Zagreb to Senj
3. Boat from Senj organized by NGO Magis

Airports in Croatia are located in:

- Zagreb
- Split
- Rijeka
- Pula
- Zadar



ARRIVAL TO GOLI OTOK

Participants need to come to Senj city on Sunday, July 21, 2019 by 4:30 pm. Ship „Mala Maris“ will take us to the island, its scheduled departure is at 5 pm. We would like to ask for accuracy since this is the only transport to the island.

DEPARTURE FROM GOLI OTOK

„Mala Maris“ will take us back to Senj on Saturday, July 27, 2019 forenoon. We will try to adapt the time of return with bus schedules departing from Senj. We recommend to all of those who will go by bus to book a return ticket while arriving in Senj, because we will not be able to make reservations on the island. We are not able to provide a parking space for anyone considering coming with the car, so keep in mind you will need to organize that by yourself.



- If you are bringing contact lenses be sure to bring glasses also, because of dusty and salty surroundings.
 - If you are using any kind of medication, please inform us beforehand,
 - especially if the medication needs to be stored in the fridge.
 - If you have any questions or need some other info, feel free to contact us.
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