



# SARAJEVSKI OTVORENI CENTAR

## INVITATION

### REGIONAL CONFERENCES OUT-LAWS: LEGAL RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX COUPLES' LIFE UNIONS AND TRANSGENDER DIALOGUE: TRANS\* AS A QUESTION OF POLITICS AND HEALTH

Dear,

As a part of the programme for the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, Sarajevo Open Centre is honoured to invite you to participate in two one-day Conferences organised in Sarajevo on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June of 2015.

Conferences *Out-Laws: Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Couples' Life Unions* and *Transgender Dialogue- Trans\* as a question of politics and health*, aim to open the dialogue on human rights and equality of LGBT people in BH society. Attached we are sending you agendas of these conferences.

In the evening of June 2<sup>nd</sup> after the end of the Conference, a public documentary exhibition **All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights** will be opened and the first ever **Award for advancement of human rights of LGBT people in B&H** will be awarded. This event will take place at 6 PM in Art Gallery Collegium Artisticum.

June 1 (Monday)	<p><i>Conference</i> <b>OUT-LAWS: LEGAL RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX COUPLES' LIFE UNIONS</b></p> <p>In late May of 2015, Sarajevo Open Centre will organize a Conference on various forms of legal recognition of same-sex couples' life unions, and their consequences. The goal of this Conference is to open the discussion on same-sex unions in B&amp;H. The Conference will host experts from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, and it is intended for the representatives of civil society organizations and institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina. English translation is provided. Conference is supported by the European Union/EIDHR and Foundation Astraea.</p>	<p>Sarajevo <i>Participation in this event is by invitation only.</i></p>	<p>Vladana Vasić vladana@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>
June 2 (Tuesday)	<p><i>Conference</i> <b>TRANSGENDER DIALOGUE: TRANS* AS A QUESTION OF POLITICS AND HEALTH</b></p>	<p>Sarajevo <i>Participation in this event is by</i></p>	<p>Naida Kučukalić naida@soc.ba 033/551-000</p>



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	<p>In cooperation with the informal group Trans* B&amp;H, Sarajevo Open Centre is organizing a one-day Conference aimed to open the dialogue on transgender people and their issues with the representatives or health and legislative institutions of B&amp;H.</p> <p>The Conference will host experts engaged in advocacy for human rights of trans* people from civil society and health institutions, as well as lawyers, from Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro.</p> <p>The Conference will be opened by its honorary guest professor Susan Stryker, the Director of the Institute for LGBT studies at the University of Arizona (USA) and author of the book "Transgender History".</p> <p>English translation is provided.</p> <p>Conference is supported by Embassy of USA in B&amp;H and Foundation Astraea.</p>	<i>invitation only.</i>	
<p>June 2 (Tuesday) 6 pm</p>	<p><i>Exhibition Opening and the award ceremony</i>  <b>Exhibition „ ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS. “</b>  <b>AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF LGBT PEOPLE IN B&amp;H</b></p> <p>Documentary exhibition <i>All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and right</i> authored by Hana Čopić, follows Yogyakarta principles depicting LGBT human rights and activism through them. The Exhibition is placed in the context of human rights, as well as in the context of the map of Europe and the world. Using the artefacts from B&amp;H and the region, the Exhibition will show our (post)Yugoslav path through personal audio and video records of people who turn personal into political and whose love and courage to lead their life their way pushed them into the zone where human rights are relativized. The Exhibition will be installed in the period from 2nd until 12th of June and can be viewed every working day from 10 am to 6 pm.</p> <p>Production of the Exhibition was supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in B&amp;H.</p> <p>On the night of the Exhibition Opening, Sarajevo Open Centre will present the <i>Award for advancement of human rights of LGBT people in B&amp;H</i>. The Award is presented to people or institutions which have substantially contributed to the protection and promotion of human rights of LGBT people in 2014 and 2015.</p> <p>The Award Ceremony is supported by the Open Society Fund in B&amp;H.</p>	<p>Sarajevo, Art Gallery Collegium Artisticum (Skenderija )</p>	<p>Emina Bošnjak emina@soc.ba 033/551-001</p>

**PLEASE NOTE: You can participate in just one or in both of the Conferences. When applying please note which of the Conferences you will participate in. Accommodation and travel**



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**experiences, as well as the meals during will be covered for participants coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina. English and BCS translation is enabled for both days. Please confirm your participation at the Conferences by 24<sup>th</sup> of May the latest via e-mails: [vladana@soc.ba](mailto:vladana@soc.ba) and [naida@soc.ba](mailto:naida@soc.ba) or Fax number: 033 551 002.**

In order to protect the safety of all the participants, the venue of the Conferences will be disclosed to each of the participants after the confirmation of attendance. For more information please contact us through telephone number 033 551 000, contact persons are Vladana Vasić, Naida Kučukalić and Emina Bošnjak.

Best regards,

Sarajevo Open Centre