



**PRESENTING THE FIRST TRANSGENDER STUDY in BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA -
"Life beyond given norms: Being transgender in Bosnia and Herzegovina"**

07/12/2015.

MEDIACENTAR Sarajevo (Kolodvorska 3)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sarajevo Open Centre is pleased to invite you to the presentation of the first comprehensive transgender study in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which will be held on **7th of December 2015** from **12h - 15h** in the Mediacentar (Kolodvorska 3) in Sarajevo. This study presentation with discussion is part of Sarajevo Open Centre's program marking *16 days of activism* and *Human Rights Day*.

After intensive work with transgender community in BiH and after the Regional Transgender Conference that was held in June 2015 in Sarajevo it was necessary to do a proper research on transgender issues, needs and problems which affect everyday lives of transgender and transexual people in BiH.

Transgender study, consolidates the concepts and phenomena, but also the legal framework in which we live, as well as **research conducted among the transgender community in BiH**, with the aim of better and more systematic advocacy approach and regulation of status of transgender people in BiH including: access to medical services, regulation of their legal status, recognition of the right to self-determination, but also employment issues and rate of violence among the transgender community in BiH.

Panellists include authors of this publication: Slobodanka Dekic, Jasmina Causevic, Damir Banovic, as well as Vladana Vasic on behalf of Sarajevo Open Centre.

We are kindly asking you to confirm your participation not later than **01st of December 2015** at naida@soc.ba or by fax 033 551 002. Accommodation and travel costs are covered by the organizer for those coming out of Sarajevo.

Please find enclosed the program of this panel presentation and discussion.

We are looking forward to your participation.

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11:30 – 12:00	Media statements
12:00 – 14:00	<p>Welcoming word – Naida Kucukalic, Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Transgender timeline Panellist: Slobodanka Boba Dekic, LGBT activist</p> <p>Analyses of the research results: Life of transgender and transexual people in BiH Panellist: Jasmina Causevic, Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Video: Invisible women - within <i>16 days of activism campaign</i></p> <p>Legal framework: The right to self-determination of gender identity Panellist: Damir Banovic, Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo</p> <p>Video: Why do we need a Law on Gender Identity ?- within <i>Human rights day campaign</i></p> <p>Next steps in advocacy: What is Law on Gender Identity? Panellist: Vladana Vasic, Sarajevo Open Centre</p> <p>Open floor for discussion Moderator: Naida Kucukalic, Sarajevo Open Centre</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Closing the panel</p> <p>Snack and refreshments</p>

Working languages: B/H/S and English.

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