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### **The Guide for *Past of Future***

Is it possible that our memories can shape our mind? And it is not just our identity that it can shape, but our understanding of other people, happenings around us, thinking about society, about the nature and politics...

If this is really possible (and scientific research confirms this), shall we ever be able to improve ourselves? It is not only the question of one single view into the past, but about LIVING in the past, about present in the past and about future shaped by the past. This list seems to be confusing, and not only that: there are few people who would accept the concept of future determined by past. Is it even possible to find place for improvement, for reform (also, for progress in terms of European integration, stabilization and association process, keeping visa-free regime sustainable and other hard to sustainable "trifles")?!

The term "instrumentalisation of the past" involves manipulation of historical events and the creation of a new order of memories. This is the current situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where the "end of history" led to the emergence of new collective identities. Currently, different cultural memories

persist in Bosnia and Herzegovina, leading to the formation of such a group and "dangerous" Others. According to this "Other" becomes a threat and a burden bearer of "dead generations" and as such, he/she finds salvation in the production of his/her own memories.

Four psychoanalytic essays on Other witness not only acceptance on, but also the development of ubiquitous intolerance. Through it Other is seen as subject that enjoys, as the enemy, as stigmatized Other, and as imposed Neighbor. Isolation of offenders, insane, sick and different, has led through the history to the fabrication of these individuals, but also to the fabrication of intolerant consciousness that as such exists beyond the boundaries of our knowledge.

To accept Other and different does not involve allowance for him/her to enter into our world because their world is not different than ours, but it involves the demolition of the walls of our own intolerance, euthanasia of one historically incapacitated mind and opening new space of approaching, not imposing. However, different cultures of remembrance currently exist on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, symbolizing, (one for other), avoidance, conviction, and invention of the past.

Journey through the past of the future will greatly complicate any form of improvement, starting from the most basic, personal progress and accomplishment of individual goals, no matter how small and /or large they may be, to the inability to think about collective goals and needs. Bonds of the past which are surrounding our future may be difficult to break down, because its removal is not based on a complete cessation of all forms of remembrance and reflection on the past, but the

acceptance and individual (and later collective) processing of materials that we are committed to (materials experienced by ourselves or by people important to us).

That leads us to the attempt to find answers to the question about the possibility of accepting Other as well as identifying barriers that separate people. Also, one of the solutions that arises is the ability to overcome the past that requires transit from the "invention" to the "domestication" of memories and diversity. To what extent it can be possible, only time will show as well as the experiences of those who will try to do it. Regardless of Europe as a common goal, certain things are imposed by themselves, either as goals or as problems. It is our duty to decide in which group we shall assign them.

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