

Proposal Acronym	TransJusMem
Proposal Title:	Lost in transition: (mis)use of transitional justice mechanisms in post-conflict countries
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Research area:	Social Sciences and Humanities SOC
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Keywords:	transitional justice, memory studies, historical narrative, commemorative practices, Croatia, Serbia, ICTY
Abstract:	<p>TransJusMem project is based on a comparative study of the impact of transitional justice (TJ) on societies in Croatia and Serbia and uses methods of qualitative analysis. The project's aim is to answer the question why some TJ mechanisms are successful only in theory, but do not achieve the desired effect in practice. An extensive fieldwork in Croatia and Serbia, where around one hundred semi-structured interviews will be gathered, will help us explore how the war of the 1990s is remembered and in what way are TJ mechanisms in the region used to change or confirm the existing narratives about the war. We analyse the outcomes of TJ practices "from below" and explore alternative responses to the official historical narrative and social responses to trauma. The project's research findings will not be just case-specific for the former Yugoslavia, but will have wider implications for other post-conflict societies, and will offer valuable insights into the functioning of TJ in practice.</p>
Does this proposal possess any of the sensitive ethical issues detailed in ethical issues table?:	Yes