

Syllabus

Refugee crisis from the Balkan Wars

Background Information (Balkan wars): The following resources all serve to provide a basic background as to what the Balkan Wars were, and how these wars managed to produce the refugee crisis that it did.

- *Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Wartime Sarajevo* by Zlata Filipović
 - This 1994 book is essentially the *Diary of Anne Frank* of the Balkan Wars. Young Zlata provides an account of her daily life in the city of Sarajevo during conflict.
- *The Breakup of Yugoslavia and its Aftermath* by Carole Rogel
- "Balkans 1940s to 1999." *Washington Post*. The Washington Post, 2000. Web.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/inatl/longterm/balkans/timeline.htm>
- "The Balkan Crisis: A Brief History." *CNN*. Cable News Network, 1997. Web.
<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/1997/bosnia/history/>
- Robert D. Kaplans, "A Reader's Guide to the Balkans," (April 18, 1993), *New York Times*.
<http://www.nytimes.com/1993/04/18/books/a-reader-s-guide-to-the-balkans.html?pagewanted=all>

Background Information (Refugee crisis):

- *The Turbulent Decade: Confronting the Refugee Crises of the 1990s* by Sadako Ogata
 - Chapter 2 is entitled "Protecting Refugees in the Balkan Wars." It offers a very full, clear picture of the refugee crisis which resulted from the Balkan Wars.
- *Refugees in an Age of Genocide* by Tony Kushner, chapter 13
- Henry Kamm, "Yugoslav Refugee Crisis Europe's Worst Since 40's," (July 24, 1992), *New York Times*.
<http://www.nytimes.com/1992/07/24/world/yugoslav-refugee-crisis-europe-s-worst-since-40-s.html>

US's Involvement in and Response to the Balkan Wars: The following links help to explain the role that the United States played in the Balkan Wars.

- Zunes, Stephen. "The US War on Yugoslavia: Ten Years Later." *The Huffington Post*. TheHuffingtonPost.com, 25 May 2011. Web.
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-zunes/the-us-war-on-yugoslavia_b_211172.html

- Daalder, Ivo H. "Decision to Intervene: How the War in Bosnia Ended." *The Brookings Institution*. Brookings, 01 Dec. 1998. Web.
<http://www.brookings.edu/research/articles/1998/12/balkans-daalder>
- Carr, T. W. "German and US Involvement in the Balkans." *German and US Involvement in the Balkans*. Defense & Foreign Affairs Publications, Aug.-Sept. 1995. Web.
<http://emperors-clothes.com/articles/carr/carr.html>

US's Response to the Refugee Crisis in the Media: The following links show how the US viewed the refugees that came from the Balkan Wars. All of these articles depict these refugees in a negative light describing them as “desperate” and “a burden”.

- "When Victims Become A Threat." *The New York Times*. (April 6, 1999 , Tuesday, Late Edition - Final): 899 words. LexisNexis Academic. Web.
[When Victims Become A Threat The New York Times April 6, 1999, Tuesday, Late Edition - Final](#)
- "Resettling Refugees: U.N. Facing New Burden." *The New York Times*. (November 24, 1995 , Friday, Late Edition - Final): 600 words. LexisNexis Academic. Web.
[Resettling Refugees: U.N. Facing New Burden The New York Times November 24, 1995, Friday, Late Edition - Final](#)
- "Italy Faces Peril of Unwanted Balkan Refugees." *The New York Times*. (June 7, 1992 , Sunday, Late Edition - Final): 672 words. LexisNexis Academic. Web
[Italy Faces Peril of Unwanted Balkan Refugees The New York Times June 7, 1992, Sunday, Late Edition - Final](#)
- "Croatian Aid Staggered By Steady Refugee Pace." *The New York Times*. (August 30, 1992 , Sunday, Late Edition - Final): 1163 words. LexisNexis Academic. Web.
[Croatian Aid Staggered By Steady Refugee Pace The New York Times August 30, 1992, Sunday, Late Edition - Final](#)
- "CRISIS IN THE BALKANS: IN WASHINGTON; U.S. Grapples With Issue Of Finding Refugees Homes." *The New York Times*. (April 3, 1999 , Saturday, Late Edition - Final): 944 words. LexisNexis Academic. Web.
[CRISIS IN THE BALKANS: IN WASHINGTON;U.S. Grapples With Issue Of Finding Refugees Homes The New York Times April 3, 1999, Saturday, Late Edition - Final](#)
- "Prague Fears Being Migrant Trail's Last Stop." *The New York Times*. (June 30, 1993 , Wednesday, Late Edition - Final): 1045 words. LexisNexis Academic. Web.
[Prague Fears Being Migrant Trail's Last Stop The New York Times June 30, 1993, Wednesday, Late Edition - Final](#)
- "Europe's Caution on Bosnia Provokes Growing Criticism." *The New York Times*. (August 1, 1992 , Saturday, Late Edition - Final): 1376 words. LexisNexis Academic. Web.

Europe's Caution on Bosnia Provokes Growing Criticism The New York Times August 1, 1992, Saturday, Late Edition - Final

Modern implications: The following links provide insight on what has been learned from the Balkan Wars and the refugee crisis that it produced.

- Fenenko, Alexei. "Five Lessons of the Balkan Conflicts." *GlobalResearch*. GlobalResearch, 29 June 2011. Web.
<http://www.globalresearch.ca/five-lessons-of-the-balkan-conflict/25435>
- Kotic, Mirjana. "Lessons of the Balkan Refugee Crisis." *The Peace Direct Blog*. Peace Direct, 11 Nov. 2015. Web.
<http://www.peacedirect.org/us/lessons-balkan-refugee-crisis/>

Continued Efforts to Address the Ongoing Refugee Crisis: The following links show the ongoing efforts by countries around the world to help resettle all the refugees that resulted from the Balkan Wars, and demonstrate how long it can take for a crisis like this one to be fully corrected.

- "Returns to Bosnia and Herzegovina reach 1 million," (September 21, 2004), from *UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency*.
<http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/search?page=search&docid=414ffeb44&query=bosnia>
- "UN Refugee Agency Welcomes Declaration on Ending Balkans Refugee Crisis." *UN News Center*. UN, 08 Nov. 2011. Web.
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=40328#.Vtx7jsfov-Y>
- "Donors Pledge More than 260 Million Euros to Help Refugees in Balkans." *Donors Pledge More than 260 Million Euros to Help Refugees in Balkans*. UN, 25 Apr. 2012. Web.
<http://www.un.org.me/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,print,0&cntnt01articleid=481&cntnt01showtemplate=false&cntnt01returnid=127>
- Marie Dhumieres, "Suffering goes on for 330,000 refugees of the Yugoslav war," (April 5, 2012), *Independent*.
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/suffering-goes-on-for-330000-refugees-of-the-yugoslav-war-7622108.html>