

After Jugo

Sarajevo, the life of a generation

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My name is Jasminko Halilović and I am studying management in Sarajevo, I have one more exam and I will finish that. I wrote a book about the city, it is called Sarajevo Way, it is also translated into English and now I am doing another one, with five more authors and the support of the City of Sarajevo. We are doing a big book about the city, bilingual, like a photo-monograph.

What about my future? I am not sure, I have one idea, maybe to make one business start-up with my friends, something about producing video or books, maybe we will try to start up a company for producing.

Some time ago we made one action because there was a problem and nobody spoke about it. It was about Sarajevo roses, they are the places on the ground where a grenade fell and the holes were filled with red colour. They are really famous now, when tourists come they all want to see Sarajevo roses. What happened then? When government made new streets they just covered the roses and I wrote one letter just to remember them to people and ask what was happening, why that's happening. Many people supported me, walked into the street and made a big protest about it. Now the government said they will protect those places. I think it is important because, for example, I lost my best friend in the war, we were children and she was only nine years old. And some of us lost parents or brothers and sisters. I think it is important because always when I see a rose I can remember my friend. In Sarajevo this war wasn't the first, history is always repeating itself. The city it was a place where wars started and ended in the past and I think it is very important to remember what happened. We have to go forward but we have to remember because many people died. We just don't want it to happen again. I think that, I can say only for me personally, the most important thing about remembering is just to avoid it to happen again. I am not sure, but I think people have a lot of their own problems so sometimes I think they don't have time to think about what happened. Now we are sitting very close to the place where is this memorial fountain for children killed in the war, and I think it is good because it is in the centre of the city so everyday we can remember what happened.

I think Sarajevo is beautiful, I think you need to remember that, and say to your friends they can come here and enjoy life. It is interesting now, it is interesting to spend some time in Sarajevo. You can see it is a place where a lot of cultures are mixed in one. I think you can feel it. I hope you did.