

TALK / Under the U.N. Flag: The International Community and the Genocide in Srebrenica



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Orfalea Center Seminar Room (1005 Robertson Gym)

Hasan Nuhanovic

is visiting California for a lecture at the UCLA HUMAN RIGHTS COLLOQUIUM SERIES and joins us at UCSB to give a talk on the events surrounding the fall and genocide of the town of Srebrenica in Eastern Bosnia in July 1995. Nuhanovic is A Bosnian Muslim who worked as a translator for the United Nations. As such he worked very closely with the Dutch Battalion (DutchBat3) tasked with protecting the unarmed population of Srebrenica. His mother, father and brother were all killed in the genocide after the Dutch Battalion refused to grant them, or any other civilians refuge within the UN compound, as mass executions by the Serbian forces were taking place.

About the book, *Under the U.N. Flag: The International Community and the Genocide in Srebrenica*
For the first time here is a publicly available account of the terror and inhumanity experienced by those seeking sanctuary from genocide and placing their lives and their trust in the hands of the peace keepers. Unarmed, starved and deprived of basic humanitarian needs the people of the 'safe haven' of Srebrenica placed their complete reliance on the promise of protection by the United Nations. The book is compiled from first hand experience of the events by Hasan himself as well as other survivors of the genocide. It provides a detailed chronology covering the days leading up to the notorious 7/11 when the genocide of Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica began and the subsequent period during which the world media continued to propagate the message that nothing sinister was going on: it took the best part of six years before genocide was officially deemed to have taken place in 2001. This unique account is both an exhilarating read and a major point of historical reference.

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