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Public announcement

**The Seventh Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week**

**Public lecture**

**Rusmir Mahmutćehajić, *The Philosophy of Religion and Social Pluralism in Bosnia***

**February 4th  (Monday), 2019, at 18:00 hours**

It is our honour to inform you that International Forum Bosnia will be hosting a public lecture on *The Philosophy of Religion and Social Pluralism in Bosnia* by Rusmir Mahmutćehajić.

The lecture will take place in the IFB meeting room (ul. Sime Milutinovića 10/III) at 18:00 hours, on February 4th (Monday) 2019.

All through the 20th century, religion and religious institutions in Bosnia and the surrounding countries were subordinated to the ideological needs of ruling elites. Religious plurality was reduced to a simplistic caricature. Those who embraced religious pluralism were socially marginalised and the official religious structures found themselves ghettoised and controlled. Any serious approach to religion was excluded from the public sphere and academic life. All public representation of religion was reductionist and arrogantly ideological. Any prospect of a religiously-free and plural society based upon the democratic legitimation of government depends on making room for the philosophy of religion in public life and as an academic discipline free of political and confessional manipulation.

Rusmir Mahmutćehajić is the author of many academic books and articles in the fields of philosophy and religion, published both in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in translations around the world.

The lecture is part of the programme of the Seventh Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week, being organised by International Forum Bosnia in response to the UN General Assembly's initiative of October 20th, 2010.

The lecture is open to all members and friends of International Forum Bosnia and the media.

Džamna Duman, Chair of the IFB Centre for Gender Studies will moderate.

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