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Sarajevo, February 1st –7th 2018

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

***Discovery and protection of the historical path from Bentbaša through Šehova korija to the Goat's Bridge (Kozija ćuprija) along the left bank of the Miljacka***

**Sarajevo, February 7th (Wednesday) 2018**

**The Great Hall, Sarajevo Old Town Municipal Buildings, to start at 19:00**

As part of its programme to mark the Sixth Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week, International Forum Bosnia, in cooperation with Sarajevo Old Town Municipality, will be hosting a public discussion on the *Discovery and protection of the historical path from Bentbaša through Šehova korija to the Goat's Bridge (Kozija ćuprija) along the left bank of the Miljacka,* to be held on Wednesday, Sarajevo, February 7th , 2018, in the Great Hall, Sarajevo Old Town Municipal Buildings, to start at 19:00 (ul. Zelenih berteki no. 4).

The old pathway along the left bank of the Miljacka towards the Goat's Bridge was Sarajevo's link with the East, but also more than that. The entire valley over which the road passed, connecting the Dervish Lodge at Bentbaša, took on a number of sacral aspects over time. Its sacred peaks were Šehova korija and Popov gaj. It includes a number of individual caves, the spring of Ebu hayat and the graves of the dervishes Sheik Ahmed and Abdalmahmud. Its grassy slopes, thickets, and luxuriant hedgerows of lilac, elderflower, and haw framed the road as the sacred passage into and out of Sarajevo. Construction of the transit road brutally cut through and defaced the path. International Forum Bosnia currently has a project for the study and protection of the ancient road.

The history and current condition of the road and the potential for restoring it will be presented in the public talk.

Participants will be Senka Ibrišimbegović, Zina Ruždić and Merima Tica.

The talk is open to all members and friends of International Forum Bosnia, the media, and the public.

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