Book Announcement: Kirin and Povrzanovic, eds., WAR, EXILE, EVERYDAY LIFE. CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES

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Following is the information on the new book published by the Zagreb Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research:

WAR, EXILE, EVERYDAY LIFE. CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES includes articles based on the papers presented at the international conference "War, Exile, Everyday Life", Zagreb 1995. It reveals not only the scholarly and ethical concerns of the associates of the Zagreb Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research who organized the conference, but also the growing academic interest among scholars throughout Europe in various cultural phenomena provoked by the war in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The book includes not only anthropological, but also other perspectives crucial in delineating a wider frame of refugees' political, legal, social, and cross-cultural positions. The authors' efforts are directed towards a better understanding of actual refugee situations in several European countries, and to the causes and consequences of the global humanitarian problem. They are also concerned with the focal position of ethical issues, political standpoints and methodological contingencies encapsulated in the modes of ethnographic representation of the lived experience beyond the portrayals of refugees used in the public sphere. We hope to contribute to the debate on research methods and anthropological authority as well as to show that - when it comes to the hardships and perplexities of everyday life in exile - neither research nor activism benefit from being held separate.

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