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You are kindly invited to public lectures
held by
Prof. Dr. ELŻBIETA M. GOŹDZIAK
at the Faculty of Social Work, Topniška 31, Ljubljana

6th December 2017, 9:00 – 10.30: **Children and Youth Trafficked to the United States:
Reimagining Survivors**

7th December 2017, 16:00 – 20:00: **Medicalization of refugee suffering and Promising
Integration Practices**

In her first lecture on **6th December 2017**, from **9.00 to 10.30 a.m. in lecture room 9**, she will explore the coexistence of agency and vulnerability, and the interplay of trauma and resiliency, in survivors of child trafficking. With an emphasis on moving away from the perception of trafficked children as passive victims, this lecture examines the children's voice and the meaning they ascribe to their trafficking experiences. It also provides a unique perspective on the social world about matters that concern them the most as they rebuild their lives.

In her second lecture, on **7th December 2017** from **4 to 8 p.m. in lecture room 2**, she will highlight two topics. First, she will critically examine the particularly prominent discourse of 'trauma' as a major articulator of refugees' suffering. This prominence is based on the premise that ethnic cleansing, war, and civil strife all constitute mental health emergencies and therefore result in 'post-traumatic stress,' which has in turn led to the use of treatment modalities based on the Western biomedical model. At the

same time, other models, building on the refugees' own resilience, indigenous coping strategies, and spirituality, are beginning to emerge. In her second talk, she will explore the potential of these programs to maintain refugees' strength and further empower them to deal with the consequences of armed conflict on their own terms. This is based on the lecturer's recent research in new immigrant settlement areas in the United States. She will discuss the promising practices and strategies that facilitated immigrant integration in localities that have had no recent experience with foreign-born newcomers.

All lectures will be held in English.

For easier organization please confirm your attendance (by 1st December) on: <https://goo.gl/forms/ViO5YoPxBLK1Q4q53>. When confirming, please indicate the events of your interest.

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