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## SREBRENICA IN THE AFTERMATH OF GENOCIDE

The fall of the United Nations “safe area” of Srebrenica in July 1995 to Bosnian Serb and Serbian forces stands out as the international community’s most egregious failure to intervene during the Bosnian war. It led to genocide, forced displacement, and a legacy of loss. But wartime inaction spurred numerous postwar attempts to address the effects of the atrocities on Bosnian society and its diaspora. *Srebrenica in the Aftermath of Genocide* reveals how interactions among local, national, and international interventions – from refugee return and resettlement to commemorations, war crimes trials, immigration proceedings, and election reform – have led to positive, if subtle, effects of social repair, even in the face of persistent attempts at denial of the genocide. Using an interdisciplinary approach, diverse research methods, and more than a decade of fieldwork in five countries, Lara J. Nettelfield and Sarah E. Wagner trace the crimes’ reverberations in Bosnia and abroad. The findings of this study have implications for research on post-conflict societies around the world.

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*For Sabra and Minka Mustafić and all of Srebrenica's returnees*

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## Abbreviations

AP	Associated Press
ARBiH	Armija Republike Bosne i Hercegovine (Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, or Bosnian Army)
BAM	Bosnia and Herzegovina Convertible Mark
BiH	Bosna i Hercegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
BIRN	Balkan Investigative Reporting Network
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (U.S.)
CIPS	Citizens Identity Protection System
CNAB	Congress of North American Bosniaks
COE	Council of Europe
DHS	Department of Homeland Security (U.S.)
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ERN	Evidence Reference Number
EU	European Union
FRY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
HRC	Human Rights Chamber
HRVWCU	Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Unit (ICE)
HRW	Human Rights Watch
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (U.S.)
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICMP	International Commission on Missing Persons
ICNAB	Islamic Community of North American Bosniaks

ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service (U.S.)
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IWPR	Institute for War and Peace Reporting
JCE	Joint Criminal Enterprise
JNA	Jugoslovenska narodna armija (Yugoslav People's Army)
LPR	Lawful Permanent Resident
MEJA	Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act
MUP	Ministarstvo unutarnjih poslova (Ministry of Internal Affairs or Ministry of Interior)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIOD	Nederlands Instituut voor Oorlogsdocumentatie (Netherlands Institute for War Documentation)
OHR	Office of the High Representative
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
OSI	Office of Special Investigations (U.S.)
OTP	Office of the Prosecutor (ICTY)
PEC	Provisional Election Commission
PHR	Physicians for Human Rights
PIP	Podrinje Identification Project
PVR	Passive Voter Registration
RDC	Research and Documentation Center
RS	Republika Srpska
SAA	Stabilization and Association Agreement
SDA	Stranka demokratske akcije (Party of Democratic Action)
SDP	Socijaldemokratska partija (Social Democratic Party)
SDS	Srpska demokratska stranka (Serb Democratic Party)
SENSE	South East News Service Europe
SFOR	Stabilization Force (NATO)

SFRY	Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
SNSD	Savez nezavisnih socijaldemokrata (Alliance of Independent Social Democrats)
SRRP	Srebrenica Regional Recovery Program
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNPROFOR	United Nations Protection Force
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VRS	Vojska Republike Srpske (Army of Republika Srpska)
YIHR	Youth Initiative for Human Rights



## To Intervene

[L. *intervenire*, to come between;  
*inter*, between, and *venire*, to come]

1. to come, lie, or be between; as, hills *intervene* between two valleys;
2. to come or happen between two points of time or events;
3. to come or be in between as something unnecessary or irrelevant;
4. to come between as an influencing force; to come in to modify, settle, or hinder some action, argument, etc.;
5. in law, to come in as a third party to a suit, for the protection of one's own interests.