

## SELMA POROBIĆ

### Academic background MA, M.Th, Ph.D.

- + PhD Migration studies: Forced migration, psychology and religion, Lund University, Sweden
- + Master Degree in Arts: Forced migration and psychology, Lund University, Sweden
- + Master Degree in Theology: Forced migration and religiosity, Lund University, Sweden
- + Bachelor Degree in Arts : Psychology of religion, Lund University, Sweden
- + Visiting fellow program at Refugee studies centre, Oxford University, UK
- + Post-graduate specialization, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University, Cairo, Egypt
- + International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance, Fordham University, USA

**Selma** is a PhD holder in *migration studies* from Lund University in Sweden and director of the Centre for Refugee and IDP studies, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo. She has an interdisciplinary background in social sciences and humanities, and has studied European ethnology, psychology, social sciences of religion, theology and forced migration at Lund university in Sweden and American University in Cairo, Egypt. In 2006 she was a Visiting fellow at Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, UK. She holds the International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance from the Centre for International Humanitarian Cooperation at Fordham University, New York, US. Since 2009 she also works as a part-time lecturer at Psychology department of International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### Areas of specialization:

- + Forced migration from perspective of psychology, sociology, cultural and human rights studies
  - o *Refugee experiences from integrative psychological perspective*: clinical, cognitive, social, humanistic and existential psychology
  - o *Refugee and IDP health*: risk factors and health promoting factors in displaced persons
  - o *Psychosocial aspects of conflict induced displacement*: war and displacement traumas, coping with displacement adversities
  - o *Refugee resilience*: positive adaptation to refugee trauma; indigenous coping resources and religious resilience in context of refugee and displacement experiences
- + Forced migration qualitative research methodologies
- + *Bosnian war displacement and refugee experiences: Bosnian refugee population in Scandinavia and Europe*: refugee and resettlement experiences; identity, world view, life values, psychosocial health, coping and resilience.
- + *Humanitarian sector* relating to complex and natural emergencies: humanitarian law, refugee law