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MEET TWO AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS FROM FORMER-YUGOSLAVIA**  
as we approach the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dayton Agreement/Paris Peace Accord  
**LONDON 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015; ILKLEY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

- **7pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015: Waterstones Piccadilly** 203/206 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9HD  
**'They F\*\*k you up your Mum and Dad' - The Writing Legacy of Yugoslavia**  
Authors, Andrej Nikolaidis and Goran Vojnović in conversation with arts journalist, Rosie Goldsmith  
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- **4.45pm, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015, Ilkley Literature Festival** St Margaret's Hall, Ilkley LS29 9TZ  
**'Mothers and Fathers' - Writing Across Continents**  
Authors, Andrej Nikolaidis and Goran Vojnović in conversation with publisher & writer, Susan Curtis-Kojacovic  
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**Andrej Nikolaidis** (European Prize for Literature winner & journalist from Montenegro)

Andrej Nikolaidis was born in 1974 into a Montenegrin-Greek family and was raised in Sarajevo, Bosnia/ Herzegovina. In 1992, following the breakout of ethnic strife in Bosnia that soon erupted into an all-out war, Nikolaidis' family moved to Ulcinj, his father's hometown in Montenegro. An ardent supporter of Montenegrin independence, anti-war activist and promoter of human rights, especially minority rights, Nikolaidis initially became known for his political views and public feuds, appearing on local television and in newspapers with his razor-sharp political commentaries. His

writings for *Monitor* and *Slobodna Bosna* aroused controversy and he received threats, including death threats, after publishing several articles about "facing the past." During a talk show on Radio Antena M, one listener, while he was on air, said that he would kill Nikolaidis. Nikolaidis recently contributed an essay to the book, *Welcome to the Desert of Post-Socialism: Radical Politics after Yugoslavia* (published by Verso, 2015). He now works as a freelance journalist and also writes for the UK newspaper, *The Guardian*. His novels have been translated into 12 European languages.

**Andrej Nikolaidis' latest novel, TILL KINGDOM COME, has just been published in English by**

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ISTROS BOOKS have also published English editions of Nikolaidis' books, *The Coming* (2012) and *The Son*, European Prize for Literature Winner 2011.



**Goran Vojnović** (award-winning Slovenian novelist & film-maker)

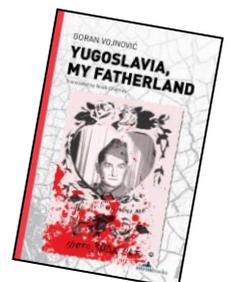
Goran Vojnović was born in 1980 and graduated from the Academy of Theatre, Radio, Film and Television in Ljubljana, where he specialised in film and television directing and screenwriting. The film *Good Luck Nedim* (he co-wrote the script with Marko Šantić) won the Heart of Sarajevo Award and was nominated for the European Film Academy's Best Short Film Award in 2006. He has directed three short films himself and his first feature film *Piran/Pirano* premiered in 2010.

Vojnović is considered one of the most talented authors of his generation. Film magazines and newspapers regularly publish his articles and columns. His bestselling debut novel *Southern Scum Go Home!* (2008) reaped all the major literary awards in Slovenia, has been reprinted five times and translated into numerous foreign languages. A collection of his columns from a Slovene daily newspaper and weekly magazine have also been published as a book under the title *When Jimmy Choo meets Fidel Castro* (2010), which was translated into Serbian.

**Goran Vojnović's latest novel 'YUGOSLAVIA, MY FATHERLAND' is published on 5 Oct in English by ISTROS BOOKS.**

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