Almost twenty years have passed since the July 1995 genocide of Bosnian Muslims (Bosniaks) in the United Nations "safe area" of Srebrenica, the worst atrocity to take place in Europe since World War II. Decimated through mass killing and forced displacement, Srebrenica has become an enduring site of intervention into postwar Bosnian society, serving as a litmus test for redress and refugee return, as much as a touchstone for narratives of ethno-national victimhood and criminality. Its legacy of loss holds important lessons for post-conflict societies beyond the Balkans, as the work of repair attempted over the past two decades in Srebrenica reveals how interventions – local, national, and international – are deeply interconnected, and how the violence continues to reverberate across generations and borders.

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