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Active Citizenship - Integration, Fighting Discrimination and Building a Common Ground

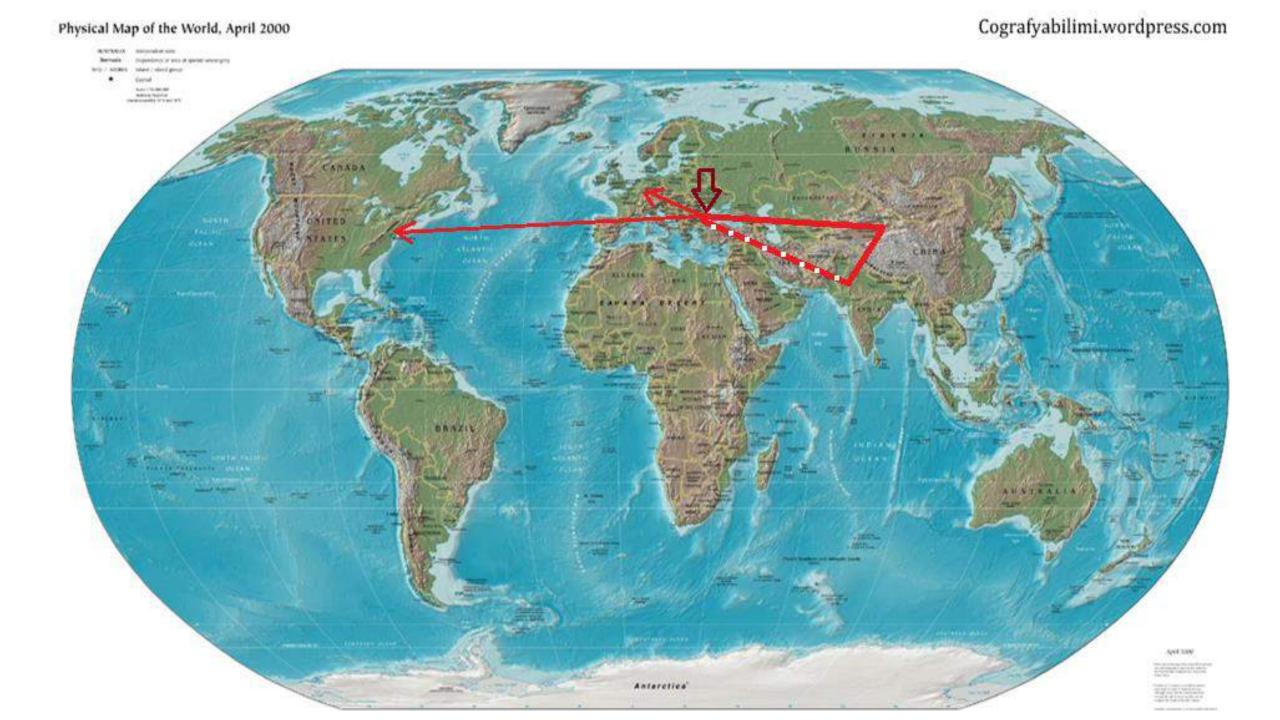


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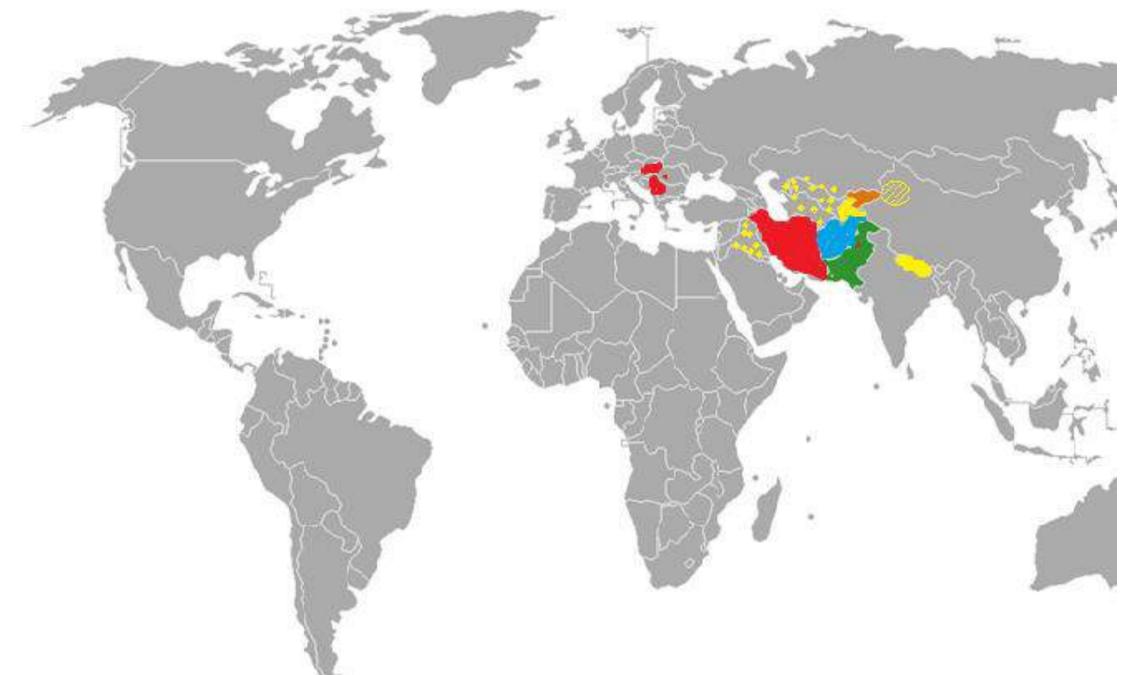
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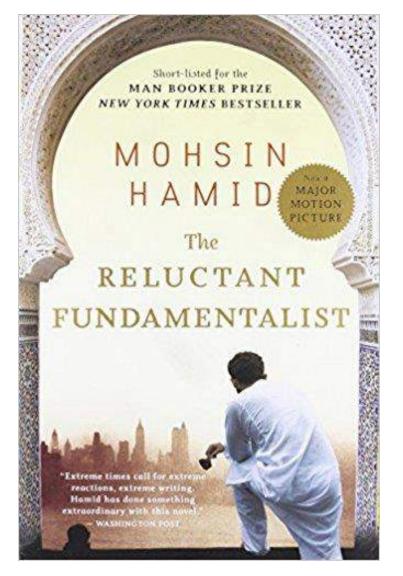




#### I worked with refugees - UNHCR, UNWomen



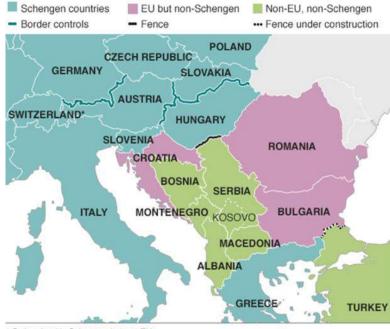
## ID crises?





#### 1. Bicske Refugee Transit Center, Hungary (2004 - 2006)









\* Switzerland is Schengen but not EU

- What I did
- With whom
- What I LEARNT ... ...



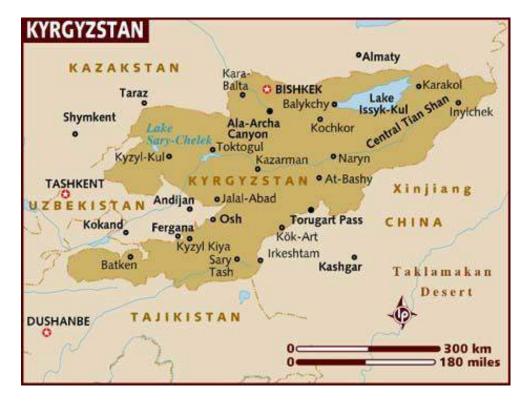


• best 2 lessons: <u>subway</u> + Bicske <u>train</u> station

## Hungary is Hungary...?

• 2004 - 2019

# Questions?





#### 2. Kyrgyzstan

Commonwealth of Independent States - Central Asian States













#### Special thanks to Mr. Gerald Gunther, UN WOMEN, Kyrgyzstan



### In collaboration w. UN, we implemented:

- NEW BA subjects (curriculum *innovation* + *implementation*)
- Internship programs w credits for Afghan students and vulnerable (female) students
- "Special-targeted" internships for 'vulnerable' students: China, Afgh., Paki., Kyrgyzstan



1. Let them **TALK OUT their TRAUMA** 'cultural' events', "Talent Shows"

2. **Mix** them w (inter)national (REFUGEE) **FACULTY** (!)

3. Mix w local
= Kyrgyz
students
(security)

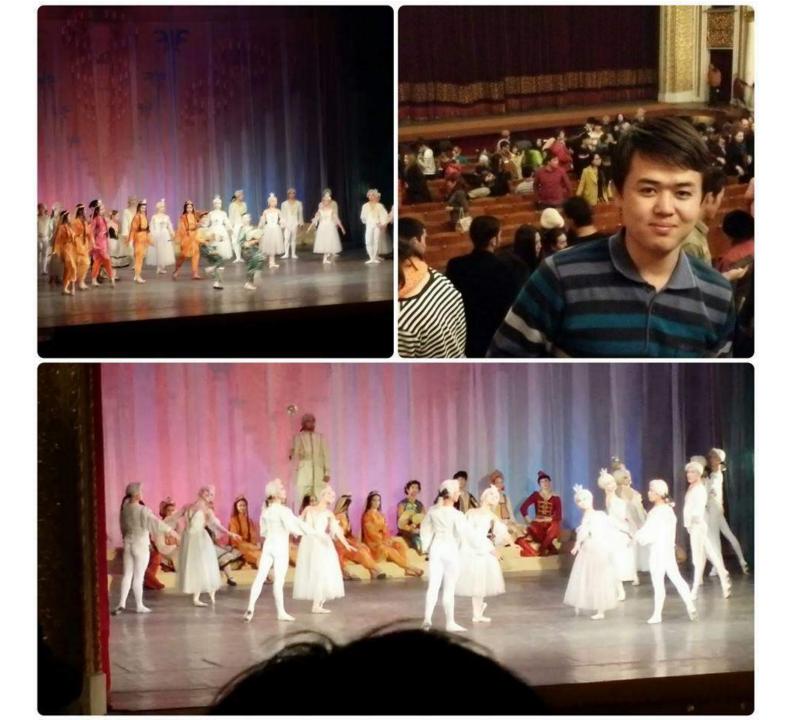












## Behind the smiling photos ...

- Intense + constant collaboration w:
  - medical staff + therapists
  - international bodies UNHCR, US Embassies, Kyrgyz Embassy (visas)
  - international airlines (transportation issues)
- Different pedagogical approach
- $\rightarrow$  training my own staff of internat. teachers

# Questions?





## 3. Lahore, Pakistan

- I worked with
  - survivors of drone / bomb / acid attacks, 'honor killing' attempts
- I myself survived an attack 2017 → myself – huge life lessons ...
- some can be told, others are SILENCE...
- A <u>different</u> pedagogy !!! based on ...

#### What I learnt:

- History is always re-re-written by the winners
  - avoid BLAMING
- top down / macro level "brain washing" → affects the micro-level inter-human rels.
  - look at the effects
- judging lenses, *why-s*?, :
  - *travel* before you judge

