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The Cres Summer School on Transitional Justice was composed of a diverse student body made up of scholars from the undergraduate to the doctorate level. The ten day program was packed with experts both professors and practitioners in the field. It was an intellectually stimulating experience in a comfortable and challenging atmosphere. The classes generally began as lectures and turned into seminars. The speakers were all very engaging and willing to answer all of my questions in class. It was a pleasure to get to know the professors both in the classroom and outside of the typical academic setting.

As a rising junior and International Relations major with a prior interest in conflict resolution and transitional justice this summer school further inspired me to continue to explore this field. The many different speakers introduced me to possible career paths.

This summer program was truly an intellectually challenging experience. The location of the program was outstanding and conducive for cultivating discussions both inside the classroom and outside in the many coffee shops. It was very easy to interact with the professors and I spent many breaks walking or grabbing a bite to eat with each speaker. This time led to many interesting conversations and prospective career advice.

I enjoyed both of the organized field trips. The first trip was to Rijeka where we were given a tour of the many sites of memory both official and unofficial such as graffiti. The second trip was a boat trip where we all explored the Adriatic and enjoyed getting to know each other.

I think the ten day summer school was ideal for its time frame. In the future it would be really interesting to extend the summer school and incorporate more field trips to sites of memory in both Croatia and neighboring Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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