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Recent talks on corruption, fragments, and quotes, February 2020, Sarajevo, Belgrade.

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Corruption became a sort of weather forecast or greenmarket pricelist.

We are in a temporary mode ever since the postwar period. There is no relation to the time stream, nor to the fact that there will soon be, in this illusion of posttransition and peace, an equal period to the one we lived in Yugoslavia.

There is one thing unclear to me - why don't they stop doing it? Why there is no moment when someone says - it was enough, the third generation of my ancestors will not be able to spend all of it, I could cease stealing, from now on.

The people from the international community revolve, this region is more attractive for them than any other place on earth that is "threatened", here there are four seasons, the seaside is near, and there are beautiful rivers and mountains... A perfect spot for a 4-year mandate.

Is there going to be a "gravy train ride" department in the Museum?

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There is an anti-corruption industry - laws are being fabricated, projects are supported - and nothing gets done seriously, never. There is corruption in the fight against corruption. There is an alliance between local corrupted elites and part of international players. The international donors are chasing their agenda - stay here for as long as you can, take the money, and experiment. Is corruption here a neurosis or psychosis? Stealing that much or taking something that does not belong to you; there must be something pathological about it.

An analysis of our cultural heritage or the cultural role model would have been important for understanding overall corruption. There is so much kitsch in an ongoing culture - if the only you manage to fix that, the corruption perception index would have surely dropped significantly.

Ahmed Burić / Sarajevo

We all live in an ahistorical time because we do not accept the real problems of the time we live in. History is unfair and that is all about living in ahistorical time. We are looking for the mistakes that others are doing, without realizing that we are the problem. Those who embraced capitalism, they thought they will become capitalists, all others had no right to speak. There is a connection between freedom of speech and the volume of the voice.

We accepted all information to be valid, therefore fake news, therefore all those human scum, all the media content with the sole purpose of disinforming.