



LECTURE

THE EU AND SOUTH EAST EUROPE IN 2008: IS ALL STILL WELL? *BURNING ISSUES AND DIFFICULT QUESTIONS*

Barcelona, September 22, 2008
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Why this conference on South East Europe? It is the conviction of the organisers that developments in the past 12 months - whether in Dublin or Ankara, Belgrade or Pristina - warrant a fresh look at the region. More than that, they require asking difficult questions.

- ✓ *Is Turkey still on track for EU accession?*
- ✓ *Does the internal crisis of the EU mean that no Western Balkans countries should submit membership applications anytime soon?*
- ✓ *Are there still "deep states" - security structures beyond democratic control - in some of the larger countries of the region?*
- ✓ *Is the EU serious about visa free travel for the region as a goal and is the region serious about combating organised crime and curbing illegal migration?*
- ✓ *What experiences from Spain's development in the past 30 years are relevant to South East European countries?*

Programme

Monday September 22

- 16:30 Opening**
Diego López Garrido, State Secretary for the EU, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.
- 17:00 *Return to Europe-the film***: Gerald Knaus, Chairman ESI/Open Society Fellow 2008
Introductory presentation with clips.
- 17:45 *Return to Europe I: Why South East Europe matters for the EU***
Panel discussion moderated by Pere Vilanova, Professor of Political Science. Director, Division for Strategic Issues and Security, Ministry of Defence, Madrid
Panel:
- **Giuliano Amato**, Former Prime Minister of Italy, Rome
 - **Ivan Krastev**, Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia
 - **Loukas Tsoukalis**, Director, ELIAMEP, Athens
 - **İshak Alaton**, Chairman of Alarko Holding, Istanbul



18:45 Return to Europe II: the next 18 months - where will SEE enlargement be by the end of the Swedish presidency in 2009?

Panel discussion moderated by Tim Judah, *The Economist*, London

Panel:

- **Ivica Bocevski**, Deputy Prime Minister of Macedonia, Skopje
- **Božidar Đelić**, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Belgrade
- **Gordana Đurović**, Deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro, Podgorica
- **Lars Wahlund**, Ambassador, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm

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Registration:

Attendance free, with limited seating
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