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Southeast European Dialogues

Leaving Europe's Waiting Room. Overcoming the Crisis of EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans

Agenda

Location: University of Graz , RESOWI Building, A2 (2nd floor), Universitätsstr. 15, Graz

November 9th, 2012

- 14:00- Conference Registration
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Introduction and Welcome**
Christa Neuper, Rector of the University of Graz
Joseph Marko, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Graz
Florian Bieber, Director of the Centre for Southeast European Studies
- 15:00-16.00 Keynote Speech: **Gjorge Ivanov**, President of the Republic of Macedonia

Moderation: **Adelheid Wölfl**, *Der Standard*
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Making EU Enlargement Work--How to reinvigorate the accession process?**

Panel Chair: **Adelheid Wölfl**, *Der Standard*

Discussants:

Allan Jones, Deputy Head of Unit for Enlargement Strategy & Policy, DG Enlargement , European Commission

Stefan Lehne, Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe in Brussels

Jelko Kacin, MEP, Delegation for relations with SEE

Milica Delević, President of the Committee for European Integration of the National Assembly, Serbia

- 17.30-17.45 **Coffee Break**
- 17.45-19.15 **Panel II: Making EU Enlargement Work--How to reinvigorate the accession process?: An Academic Perspective**
- Chair: **Florian Bieber**, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz
- Presenters:
- Daive Denti**, College of Europe, Belgium, *“Current results and ways forward. An assessment of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) in the Western Balkans”*.
- Adam Fagan**, Queen Mary, University of London, UK, *“Making enlargement work again: reforming pre-accession assistance in Kosovo”*
- Vela Blerim**, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands, *“Making EU Enlargement Work--How to reinvigorate the accession process?”*
- Milada Vachudova**, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, Title *“State Power, National Interests and EU Enlargement: Taking A Second Look Ten Years Later”*

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- 9:00 – 10:45 **Panel III: EU Conditionality Before Membership: Membership Conditionality vs. Policy Conditionality**
- Chair: **Norbert Mappes-Niediek**, journalist
- Presenters:
- Sokol Dedja**, University of Ghent, Belgium, *“How does the EU compel an aspirant country to curb illegal migration? Mechanisms of external influence”*
- Nikolaos Tzifakis, Efstathios T. Fakiolas**, University of Peloponnese, Greece, *“EU Enlargement Policy in Bosnia and Kosovo: Devoid of Substance and Perspective?”*
- Ruth Ferrero Turrión**, Universidad Complutense, Spain, *“Political Agenda of Enlargement towards Western Balkans or Security based Agenda?”*
- Dorian Jano**, Marin Barleti University, Albania, *“The Politics of EU Enlargement Revisited. What conditions matters in the case of EU Enlargement South-East?”*
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:45 **Panel IV: Bilateral Disputes and Regional Cooperation**
- Chair: **Andreas Ernst**, NZZ

Presenters:

Elena Basheska, SEE University, Macedonia, *“How to Break the Deadlock of Bilateral Disputes in the Western Balkans: In the Search of the Meaning of ‘Bilateral’”*

Pëllumb Kallaba, Kosovar Center for Security Studies, Kosovo, *“Permanent Structured Cooperation in the Western Balkans as a model towards EU accession”*

Irena Ristic, Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia, Visiting Research Fellow, Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung, Regensburg, *“Formal Rules before Readymade Solutions: Overcoming the Lack of Legitimacy in Bilateral Negotiations”*

George Triantafyllou, University of Kent, UK, *“Breaking the Deadlock of Bilateral Disputes in the Western Balkans: Mediation from Abroad or Negotiation from Within?”*

12:45 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 16:00

Panel V: The Economic Crisis as a Crisis of Enlargement

Chair: TBC

Presenters:

Vladimir Gligorov, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, *Title TBC*

Dušan Pavlović, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia, *“The Budget Dilemma: Proportional Representation and Economic Policy Outcomes – Evidence from Serbia and Croatia”*

Ritsa Panagiotou, Centre of Planning and Economic Research, Greece, *“The European Union’s Balkan Enlargement: How Will it be Affected by the Global Economic Crisis?”*

Franz-Lothar Altmann, UNESCO Dpt. for International & Intercultural Relations, Bucharest State University, *“The Economic Crisis and Enlargement - Could it be a Chicken or Egg Question?”*

16:00 – 16:15

Coffee Break

16:15 – 18:00

Panel VI: Closing Difficult Chapters: Rule of Law and Judiciary

Chair: **Marko Kmezić**, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz

Presenters:

Dimitry Kochenov, University Groningen, Department of European and Economic Law, *“Enlargement Regulation and the Rule of Law”*

Memeti Ardit, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands, *“Judicial Reform and the Rule of Law Enforcement in the Western Balkans: A Key to the EU Accession Process”*

Ivo Tsekov, University “St. Clement Ohridsky”, Bulgaria, *“The rule of law as prerequisite for EU integration: lessons from the Bulgarian judiciary reform”*

Robin Liddell, Head of Section for Political & Justice and Home Affairs Issues, Information and Communication, EU Delegation, Macedonia, *Title TBC*

Tobias Flessenkemper, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, *“Lessons Learnt from the EU Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina”*

18:00-18:45 Keynote Speech: **Enver Hoxhaj**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kosovo

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9:30 – 11:15 **Panel VII: Regional Cooperation and is There a Need for a new Big Bang?**

Chair: **Christan Wehrschütz**, ORF

Presenters:

Jovan Teokarevic, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, *“The Regional Cooperation in the Western Balkans: In Search of a New Approach”*

Senada Šelo Šabić, Institute for International Relations, Croatia, *“Fortress Europe vs. Regional Cooperation? A new kind of teamwork: strengthening borders and collaboration”*

Adnan Huskic, University of Graz, Austria, *“Assessing the likelihood of the change of policy of the European Union towards the remainder of Western Balkans”*

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30– 13:00 **Concluding Round Table: Making Enlargement Work**

Chair: **Tim Judah**, The Economist

Discussants:

Dimitar Bechev, European Council on Foreign Relations

Kristof Bender, European Stability Initiative

Ilir Dugoli, Ambassador of Kosovo in Brussels

Dejan Jović, Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb

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