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of European Integration



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR AND STUDENTS CONFERENCE 'THE BALKANS IN, ON THE ROAD OR OUT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'

Lazarski University, Warsaw, Poland,
April 15-16, 2019

PROGRAM

DAY 1 (15.4.2019) (ROOM 130)

OPENING SESSION 9.30 – 11.00

Martin Dahl, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management, Welcoming address

Spasimir Domaradzki, Ph.D., the Conference Rationale

Mr Hendrik Bosshammer, OECD – Fostering growth and employment in the Western Balkans: Key insights from the OECD Competitiveness Outlook for South East Europe 2018

COFFEE BREAK 11.00 – 11.15

Panel 1: On the Road to the EU? 11.15-12.45 (room 130)

Chair: **Marta Szpala (Center for Eastern Studies)**

PAPERS:

Jan Grzymiski Ph.D. (Lazarski University) Balkans and the Borders of Europe

Marko Babić, Ph.D. (Warsaw University) The Western Balkans' Security and the process of Euro-Atlantic Integration. Challenges and Perspectives A.D. 2019.

Mr Pierluca Merola (College of Europe) The Transport Community Treaty Between the EU and the Western Balkans: Building Roads for the Enlargement or to Differentiate Integration?

LUNCH BREAK: 12.45-13.30 (Charlie's Coffee, Ground Floor, Sector F)

ROUND TABLE SESSION I - The Balkans from Within 13.30 – 15.00 (room 123)

This panel will be devoted to the internal divisions, country peculiarities and similarities of the Balkan countries. We will look to answer the following questions: into what extent the post-communist legacy is still a relevant explanatory model today? Are we still facing a process of stalled transition or what we observe is consolidated political systems? What are the constitutive elements of these political systems and to what extent they resemble each other? To what extent they match to the structure, institutional arrangements, political practice and political culture of the “old” or “other” EU member states? Is the division of Eastern and Western Balkans still valid? Where is the role and place of Greece in the Balkan’s puzzle? Can we redefine the dominant narratives of the Balkans?

Moderator: Spasimir Domaradzki, Ph.D. (Lazarski University)

Prof. Nadia Boyadjieva (Institute of Balkan Studies, BAS, Harvard University)

Prof. Georgi Dimitrov (Sofia University)

Prof. Alexander Nikolov (Sofia University)

Prof. Ivo Visković (University of Belgrade)

Jan Muś, Ph.D. (Central Europe Institute, Lublin)

COFFEE BREAK 15.00 – 15.15

ROUND TABLE SESSION II The Balkans, Europeanization and the “Great Chessboard” 15.15 – 16.45 (room 123)

This panel will accent on the relations of the Balkan countries with or within the European Union and discuss the consequences of this interaction in a wider international context. Particularly, to what extent the process of Europeanization changed the Balkan countries? What are the limits of Europeanization? To what extent other players influence the political systems, stability and priorities of the Balkan states? How these external factors shape the perspectives for future consolidation of the Balkans within the European Union?

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DINNER TBC

DAY 2 (16.4.2019)

STUDENT'S SESSION I (9.00 – 10.30) (room 123)

Chair: Jan Grzymiski Ph.D.

Paper reviewers: **Prof. Nadia Boyadjieva, Prof. Georgi Dimitrov, Prof. Alexander Nikolov, Prof. Ivo Visković, Prof. Peter Vermeersch**

Tihana Tokić (Lazarski University):

Political Organised Crime in Croatia and Serbia from the 1990s

Elodie Thevenin (Jagiellonian University):

Migration Management in Serbia: The Dynamics of Europeanisation

Fabio Seferi (University of Florence):

An Embryonic Narco-State? Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in Albania

Hanna Kuratnik (Lazarski University):

Serbia, Russia and the Way to the European Union

COFFEE BREAK 10.30 – 10.45

STUDENT'S SESSION II (10.45 – 12.15) (room 123)

Chair: Iryna Polets Ph.D.

Paper reviewers: **Prof. Nadia Boyadjieva, Prof. Georgi Dimitrov, Prof. Alexander Nikolov, Prof. Ivo Visković**

Oleksandra Anosova (Lazarski University):

The EU Membership: Magic Potion or Reality Escape

Muamer Hirkić (University of Sarajevo):

The Question of Alternative to the EU Membership of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Fridon Lala (Central European University):

How will China's Involvement in Western Balkans affect the EU's Reform Agenda for the Region?

Naid Makhmudov (University of Pannonia):

Religion and Foreign Influence of the Region: Islam in Western Balkans

LUNCH 12.20 – Charlie Club (Sector F, ground floor)