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Opening Session 9.15-9.25 (ROOM 1)

Dragan Simić, Dean of the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia **Dušan Pavlović,** President of the Serbian Political Science Association

Session 1, 9.30-11.00

PANEL 1: PATRIOTISM AND RELIGION (ROOM 1)

Moderator: Dušan Pavlović

Milan Podunavac, University of Donja Gorica, Faculty of Humanistic Studies, Montenegro War and Order

Nikola Beljinac, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Domovina se brani životom? Moralne granice patriotizma

Vedran Obućina, University of Regensburg, Germany;

Domagoj Krpan, University of Rijeka, Croatia

God wants it! Misuse of religion in populist narratives in the Western Balkans: case studies of Milan Bandić and Bakir Izetbegović

Milan Veselica, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade, Serbia

The Effect of Different Types of Religiosities on European Identity

PANEL 2: EUROPEAN UNION ENLARGEMENT AND THE RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE (ROOM 2)

Moderator: Jelena Pejić Nikić

Marjan Đurovski, Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia

Mitko Arnautov, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade, Serbia

Evropske integracije Severne Makedonije: kandidat-svedok transformacije Evropske unije **Jasminka Simić**, Radio-televizija Srbije, Serbia

Razuđeno proširenje Evropske unije – budući izazovi za Zapadni Balkan

Thomas Bickl, Independent researcher, Belgium

What role for the Western Balkan countries in a geopolitical EU enlargement policy?

Sava Mitrović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Rat u Ukrajini i politika proširenja Evropske unije

PANEL 3: EU FOREIGN AND ENERGY POLICIES (ROOM 3)

Moderator: Goran Tepšić

Jelica Stefanović Štambuk, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Miljana Đurčević Cucić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

A singular or a plural? The European Union's diplomatic practice or diplomatic practices of sustanization in the Western Balkans

Aleksandar Milošević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Inicijativa "Globalna kapija" kao instrument strateške autonomije Evropske unije

Ingmar Versolmann, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Alexander Mesarovich, European University Institute, Italy

Is Demography Energy Destiny? Comparative Study of Southeast European Energy Policies **Damir Dizdarević**, Belgrade Open School, Serbia

Redefining EU's clean energy and energy security – how the war in Ukraine affected the discourse around the future of EU energy policy

PANEL 4: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE WAR IN UKRAINE (ROOM 5)

Moderator: Andrea Matijević

Miloš Hrnjaz, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Srbija i oružani sukob između Ruske Federacije i Ukrajine: inherentna ograničenja legitimizacijske funkcije međunarodnog prava u situacijama krize

Roozbeh B. Baker, Austin Peay State University, USA

Politics by Other Means?: International Criminal Law and the War in Ukraine

Janja Simentić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Goran Sandić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Privremena zaštita raseljenih osoba iz Ukrajine: između pružanja međunarodne zaštite i upravljanja migracijama

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PANEL 5: HYBRID REGIMES AND STATE CAPTURE (ROOM 1)

Moderator: Bojan Vranić

Nebojša Vladisavljević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Origins of Hybrid Regimes in the Balkans after Communism: Prior Regime Type and State

Building

Zoran Krstić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Mehanizmi delegitmizacije i dekonstrukcije hibridnih režima u regionu Zapadnog Balkana: slučaj Srbije

Vujo Ilić, Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, Serbia

Orban i Vučić: od različitih početaka do zajedničkih vrednosti

Dejan Jovanović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Nikola Vujinović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Upotreba koncepta zarobljene države u političkom diskursu Republike Srbije Izborna (ne)stabilnost na Zapadnom Balkanu u fokusu geopolitičkih promena

PANEL 6: PEACEBUILDING, CIVIL SOCIETY AND GENDER (ROOM 2)

Moderator: Janja Simentić

Daniel Bochsler, Central European University, Vienna, Austria

Peacebuilding and democracy promotion with multiple external actors

Zorica Mršević, Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies, Novi Sad, Serbia

The Role of the Ombudsman in the Field of Gender Equality

Svetlana Janković, Faculty of Engineering Management, Belgrade, Serbia

Gender equality in business domain and international organizations

Julianne Funk, Everyday Peace Indicators, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Abida Pehlić, Association Novi put, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Activating spaces in Mostar: from international intervention to everyday peace

PANEL 7: BPSA ROUNDTABLE: (NON)ALIGNMENT OF THE BALKANS (ROOM 3)

Biljana Đorđević, Member of the Serbian Parliament; University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science

Cirila Toplak, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, President of the BPSA

Miloš Hrnjaz, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science

Jasmin Hasanović, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Science

PANEL 8: Public Policies: Responding to the Crisis (Room 5)

Moderator: Sava Mitrović

Suzana Mihajlović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Nataša Milošević, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Philosophy, Serbia

Evropski programi i mere socijalnog blagostanja za imigrante iz Ukrajine – evropska solidarnost u krizi?

Alexander Mesarovich, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Sean Kippin, University of Stirling, United Kingdom

Waste on the Periphery: The Peculiar Similarities in UK and Serbian COVID-19 Responses

Aleksandar Kovačević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Lokalne javne politike u oblasti digitalizacije rada – iskustva iz uporedne prakse i njihova potencijalna primena na grad Beograd

PANEL 9: ROUNDTABLE - BALKAN PEACE INDEX: LOCAL OWNERSHIP IN MEASURING PEACE (V FLOOR)

Nemanja Džuverović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Tijana Rečević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Sanja Vojvodić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Jelena Pejić Nikić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Aleksandar Milošević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Goran Tepšić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Miloš Vukelić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

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10. BOOK PANEL: SLAVIŠA ORLOVIĆ (2023). NADZIRANJE DEMOKRATIJE (ROOM 1)

Moderator: Jelena Lončar

Slaviša Orlović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Dušan Spasojević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Aleksandra Krstić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

COFFEE BREAK, 15.45-16.00

SESSION 4, 16.00-17.30

PANEL 11: MEDIA NARRATIVES ABOUT WAR AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (ROOM 1)

Moderator: Ana Milojević

Aleksandra Krstić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Pictures of YU": how influential US political and editorial cartoonists framed Serbia during the 1990s and why it still matters?

Sanja Domazet, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia,

Maja Vukadinović Business Academy in Novi Sad, Serbia

Road to Europe: Discourse Analysis of European Integration in The Serbian Media

Milica Kulić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Medijsko zarobljavanje u geopolitičkom kontekstu – da li balansirano znači i istinito izveštavanje?

Amina Vatreš, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Sciences,

Jasmin Hasanović, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Sciences, Bosnia and Herzegovina Geopolitika (dez)informacija: Rusko-ukrajinski rat kao sukob medijskih narativa u Bosni i Hercegovini

Nikola Perišić, Insitute for Political Studies, Belgrade, Serbia

Medijski diskurs javnog servica Srbije (RTS) prilikom obrađivanja teme rata u Ukrajini u informativnim emisijama u 2023. godini

PANEL 12: THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND SERBIA'S FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES (ROOM 2)

Moderator: Miloš Vukelić

Jakub Stepaniuk, University of Graz, Austria

Sanctions Pressuring: EU integration challenges in the case of Serbia

Jovana Popova, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia,

Petar Milutinović, Institute for European Studies, Serbia

Pristupanje Srbije Evropskoj uniji u kontekstu revidirane metodologije i Rusko-ukrajinskog rata - zamrznut ili usporen proces

Pavle Nedić, Insitute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade,

Marko Mandić, Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia

Spoljnopolitički ciljevi Republike Srbije – rast uloge unutarpolitičkih činilaca u uslovima smanjene "jasnoće" u međunarodnom sistemu

Kristina Nikolić, Royal Higher Institute for Defence, Brussels, Belgium

Serbia hedging its bets between West and East

PANEL 13: EUROPEAN UNION ENLARGEMENT AND THE WESTERN BALKANS (ROOM 3)

Moderator: Nemanja Purić

Goran Patrick Filic, Franklin University Switzerland, Lugano

EU's, Colonization of former Yugoslavia. Hypocrisies and False Promises of Free Market Economy and Democracy

Nikola Mladenović, Insitute for Political Studies, Belgrade, Serbia

Odnos struktura EU prema čvrstorukaškom vođstvu u državama kandidatima: Ponovno razmatranje stabilitokratske paradigme

Strahinja Subotić, European Policy Center, Belgrade, Serbia

Uloga civilnog društva u procesu redefinisanja i reprioritizacije politike proširenja EU u kontekstu geopolitičkih promena: Model faznog pristupanja kao primer

Miloš Pavković, European Policy Center, Belgrade, Serbia

The EU enlargement policy in the context of new geopolitical reality - What is the future of Kosovo's membership application?

Boris Kaličanin, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

European Integration of the Western Balkans During the War in Ukraine – Illusion or Real Incentive Towards Full Membership?

SUNDAY, October 22, 2023

Session 5, 9.30-11.00

PANEL 14: NORMATIVE OR GEOPOLITICAL: THE NATURE OF THE EU'S FOREIGN POLICY IN THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP AND THE WESTERN BALKAN REGIONS (ROOM 1)

Moderator: Ivana Radić Milosavljević

Spasimir Domaradzki, University of Warsaw, Poland

Wars, politics and enlargement. Geopolitical lessons from the Balkans

Ivana Radić Milosavljević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Miloš Petrović, Insitute of International Politics and Economics, Serbia

Navigating EU Enlargement: Balancing Chronological Precedence and Geopolitical Priorities

Nemanja Purić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

30th Anniversary of Copenhagen – Enlargement 3.0, New Goals of EU Enlargement Policy

Mehlika Özlem Ultan, Kocaeli University, Türkiye

New Geopolitical Initiatives in the European Union's Enlargement Policy: The Case of the

European Political Community

PANEL 15: REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (ROOM 2):

Moderator: Nikola Mladenović

Vujo Ilić, Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, Serbia

The Geopolitics of the Green Energy Transition in the Western Balkans

Andrea Matijević, Insitute for Political Studies, Belgrade

Regional Cooperation in the Western Balkans: Way Forward and the Key Challenges

Mihai Christopher Marian Radovici, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Geoeconomic stabilisation in unstable times: the Western Balkans Common Market and

future of EU adhesion

Petar Ranković, Institute for European Studies, Serbia

Izazovi energetske tranzicije na Zapadnom Balkanu

PANEL 16: CHINA AND FAR EAST IN THE WORLD POLITICS (ROOM 3)

Moderator: Slobodan Popović

Zhidas Daskalovski, University of St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Security, North Macedonia Sino-Russian challenges to American Hegemony- Are we moving towards a Multipolar World Order?

Dragan Pavlićević, Xi'an Jiaotong - Liverpool University, China

Geopolitički aspekti finansiranja i izgradnje infrastrukture na Zapadnom Balkanu

Noela Mahmutaj, University of Tirana, Institute of European Studies, Albania

China's Belt and Road Initiative in the WB6: Economic or Geopolitical project?

Sonja Stojadinović, University of Graz, Center for South East European Studies, Austria

Chinese and EU conditionalities in investments in the Western Balkans: Similarities and

Differences

Giulliano Renato Molinero Junior, Tampere University, Finland

Democratic processes and institutional designs: a comparative study of EU and ASEAN

PANEL 17: GLOBAL DYNAMICS: REFLECTIONS ON THE RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE (ROOM 5)

Moderator: Sanja Vojvodić

Mustafa Yildiz, Kocaeli University, Türkiye

Unveiling Russia's Hybrid Practices: Assessing Power Dynamics and Mutual Threat Perceptions in Eastern and Southeastern Europe

Amer Kurtović, Social Sciences Research Center, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Discourses of Western Balkans States in International
Fora on Russia and the European Union after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Milan Varda, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Fear of Democracy or the Fear of Losing the Self? Liberalism, Ontological Security, and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Muhamed Jashari, Publishing House LOGOS, North Macedonia

Strengthening transatlantic relations during the Ukrainian war

Dajana Lazarević, Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade

Geopolitička misao u naučnim radovima prof. dr Zorana Miloševića

COFFEE BREAK, 11.00-11.15

Session 6, 11.15-12.45

18. BOOK PANEL: MILICA UVALIĆ (ED) (2023). INTEGRATING WESTERN BALKANS INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION – OVERCOMING MUTUAL MISPERCEPTIONS (ROOM 1)

Milica Uvalić, University of Perugia, Italy

Will Bartlett, LSE, London, UK

Srdjan Bogosavljević, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Dejan Jović, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Ivan Vujacić, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Aleksandra Krstić, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Jovan Teokarević, University of Belgrade, Serbia

LUNCH, 12.45-14.15

Session 7, 14.15-15.45

PANEL 19: PARTIES AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS UNDER THE PRESSURE (ROOM 1)

Moderator: Nebojša Vladisavljević

Dušan Spasojević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Uticaj rata u Ukrajini na osnovne linije političkih podela u Srbiji

Despot Kovačević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Izborna (ne)stabilnost na Zapadnom Balkanu u fokusu geopolitičkih promena

Valentina Petrović, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Who supports the Left? Evidence from two Yugoslav successor states

Venelin Bochev, Centre d'Etude de la Vie Politique (Cevipol), Belgium

Implications of parliamentary boycotts on the internal power dynamics and activities of political parties

PANEL 20: UNRESOLVED CHALLENGES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (ROOM 2)

Moderator: Miloš Petrović

Jasmina Trajkovska Naumoska, AUE-FON University, Skopje North Macedonia

Republic of North Macedonia on a difficult path to European Union obviously is moving away from democratic practices

Tijana Perić Diligenski, Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade, Serbia Rešenje kosovskog problema u svetlu novih geopolitičkih prilika

Jasmin Hasanović, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Sciences, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Authoritarianism Between Europeanism and Euroscepticism: The Case Of Bosnia And

Herzegovina

Sveto Toevski, Independent scientific researcher, North Macedonia

The restoration of Macedonia as a state according to the concept of integral Macedoniasm and its integration into the future reformed European union of sovereign nations

PANEL 21: ROUNDTABLE - DEMOKRATSKE INOVACIJE: ALTERNATIVNI ANGAŽMANI GRAĐANA PRI OTPORU AUTORITARIZMU (ROOM 3)

Moderator: Katarina Tadić

Jovana Timotijević, Ministarstvo prostora, Serbia

Ema Džejna Smolo Zukan, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Zorica Velkovska, Center for Social Innovations Blink 42-21, Skopje, North Macedonia

Adi Selman, Karton revolucija, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

PANEL 22: STUDENT PANEL – REPRESENTATION OF ETHNICITY, VIOLENCE AND SADNESS IN MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND POPULAR CULTURE

Moderator: Kristina Milić

- Ana Agatonović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Zastupljenost nasilja u crtanim filmovima
- **Sofija Ljubišić**, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia, Simbolička deanihilacija manjina u američkim filmovima
- **Jovana Jevremović**, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Izveštavanje o samoubistvima mladih na onlajn portalima u Srbiji
- **Lena Nedeljković**, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Izveštavanje o femicidu na onlajn portalima u Srbiji
- **Aleksandra Aničić**, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia Izražavanje tuge na društvenim mrežama: "SAD GIRL" kultura na Tik Toku

COFFEE BREAK, 15.45-16.00

23. BOOK PANEL: DIMITRI A. SOTIROPOULOS (2023). THE IRREGULAR PENDULUM OF DEMOCRACY, POPULISM, CLIENTELISM AND CORRUPTION IN POST-YUGOSLAV SUCCESSOR STATES (ROOM 1)

Moderator: Jovan Teokarević

Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Jovan Teokrarević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia
Nebojša Vladisavljević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia
Dušan Spasojević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia
Marko Žilović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia