

# Agenda

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Wölfel**, *Der Standard*
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Making EU Enlargement Work--How to reinvigorate the accession process?**  
  
Panel Chair: **Adelheid Wölfel**, *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  
  
**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:  
  
**Davide 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”*  
  
**Blerim Vela**, 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, *“State*

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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?”*

**Drino Galičić**, EU Delegation/EUSR, Bosnia and Herzegovina, *“Structured Dialogue as an Innovative Tool of EU Engagement”*

10:45 – 11:00      Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:45      **Panel IV: Bilateral Disputes and Regional Cooperation**

Chair: **Andreas Ernst**, Neue Zürcher Zeitung

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”*

12:45 – 14:15      Lunch Break

13.15-14.15      **Film Screening:** "Twilight of Heroes - Croatia, Europe and the International

Tribunal"

Followed by questions and answers with **Kristof Bender**, European Stability Initiative

14:15 – 16:00

**Panel V: The Economic Crisis as a Crisis of Enlargement**

Chair: **Florian Bieber**, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz

Presenters:

**Vladimir Gligorov**, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, *"Effects of the EU and Euro Crisis on the Long-Term Growth Prospects of the Balkans"*

**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 Impact of the Economic Crisis on the Western Balkans and their EU Accession Prospects"*

**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, *"EU Enlargement 2012: doing the same things differently"*

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

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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 Huskić**, 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

13.00-13.15      **Concluding Remarks**

**Hans-Jörg Brey**, Executive Director, Südosteuropa Gesellschaft, Munich

**Igor Bandović**, Senior Programme Manager, European Fund for the Balkans

**Florian Bieber**, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz