

BEYOND THE WALL

Twenty years of Europeanisation as seen from the former Yugoslavia

Conference organized by Notre Europe and Kulturni Front
Belgrade, 13-16 December 2009

Provisional Programme



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OPENING CULTURAL EVENING

Venue: European Centre for Culture and Debate GRAD, Braće Krsmanović 4, Belgrade

Sunday, 13 December

6.30pm: Opening of the photo exhibition “The European Parliament – Future archive”
by **Martin Kollár**, Slovak photographer

9.30pm: Film: Snijeg (Snow) followed by discussion with lead actress **Zana Marjanović**
Moderator: **Milan Rakita**



CONFERENCE

Venue: Palace Serbia, Mihajlo Pupin Boulevard, Belgrade

Monday, 14 December

9.30am: Welcome of guests: Aziliz Gouez (*Notre Europe*); Dejan Ubović (*Kulturni Front*)

10.00am: Introduction

Mirko Cvetković (*Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia*)

10.30am: Keynote speeches

Ivan Vujačić (*former Serbian Ambassador to the United States of America*)

Jacques Rupnik (*Professor, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris*)

11.30am: State and states of the former Yugoslavia: a political overview

Pierre Mirel (*Director, European Commission*)

12.00pm – 1.30pm: LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 1: “MY SAFE EUROPEAN HOME”

1.30pm – 4pm: From Marxism to Marks & Spencer's: promises of prosperity in a re-formed Europe

Introduction and chair: Chris Hann (*Director, Max Planck Institute, Halle/Saale*)

Tristes socialismes – et plus tristes encore post-socialismes ? [Lecture in English]

Grave economy, Good life: notes from the Bosnian market

Larisa Jašarević (*University of Chicago*)

The distinctive features and likely fortunes of the Western Balkan economies

Vladimir Gligorov (*Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies*)

Muddles in the model or what can one learn from the first agricultural twinning project in Serbia?

Slobodan Naumović (*University of Belgrade*)

Discussants: Pierre Mirel (*Director, European Commission*) and Kristof Bender (*Vice Chairman, European Stability Initiative, Vienna*)

4.30pm – 7pm: A new geopolitical order: what's in the pipeline?

Chair: Pierre Hassner (*Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris*)

Strategic visions and shape shifting in the former-Yugoslavia: Uncle Sam, the Russian big brother, and a reserved Europe

Ivan Vejvoda (*Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy, Belgrade*)

Expansion and a sustainable future: will Europe have the energy?

Jérôme Guillet (*Banker*); Milan Simurdić (*Vice-President, Serbian European Movement*)

Turkey-in-Europe: the Balkans as bridge or wall?

Soli Özel (*Bilgi University, Istanbul*)

7.30pm: Cocktail reception hosted by the Serbian Government [Venue to be confirmed]

9pm: Film: Chia e тази pesen? (Whose song is this?), discussion with director Adela Peeva

Moderator: Milan Rakita

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Tuesday, 15 December

SESSION 2: BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY

Welcome of guests: **Vuk Jeremić**, *Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia* (tbc)

9.30am – 11am: Break ups, make ups and new relations

Chair: **Hedvig Morvai-Horvat** (*Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans*)

Internal Balkanisms: the EU allure as both catalyst for convergence and centrifugal magnet

Nicole Lindstrom (*University of York*); **Ildiko Erdei** (*University of Belgrade*)

A way beyond bilateral bickering: trans-border relations and regional cooperation

Tim Judah (*Balkan correspondent, The Economist*); **Milica Delević** (*Director, Serbian Office for European Integration*)

11.15am – 1.15pm: The EU as state-builder: an unprecedented challenge?

Chair: **Veton Surroi** (*President of the Board, Foreign Policy Club*)

Reading off different scripts: can 'Western' and 'Balkan' cognitive categories come to terms?

Dubravka Stojanović (*Belgrade University*); **Nina Caspersen** (*Lancaster University*)

It's a long, long way from Copenhagen: new means for differing situations

Michel Foucher (*Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris*)

The national question, multiculturalism and supranationalism in the Western Balkans

Ivo Banac (*Yale University*)

12.00pm – 1.30pm: LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 3: IDENTITIES AS COMPLEXITY

2.30pm – 4.30pm: Inner and outer Europe: polarities and populisms

Chair: **Aleš Debeljak** (*Director, Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Ljubljana*)

No way out? Radical politics of identity

Ivan Čolović (*University of Belgrade*)

Darkening the door: Muslims, Byzantines, Barbarians

Cengiz Aktar (*Bahçeşehir University*)

European *Bildung* and Eurovision: on the importance of border crossing

Giuliano Amato (*former Prime Minister of Italy*)

5pm – 6.30pm: Narratives for the future: the voices of the Yugoslav émigrés

Chair: **Dragan Velikić** (tbc)

To and fro between wide and narrow categories of belonging: too 'awkward' to fit back in?

Igor Štiks (*writer and researcher, Edinburgh University*); **Igor Latinović** (tbc)

Hope and hybridity: casting lines, bridging space and time

Vesna Goldsworthy (*writer and lecturer at Kingston University, London*)

8.30pm: Public readings by the authors

Muharem Bazdulj: "The Noble School" to be published in *The Wall in My Head*

Igor Štiks: "At the Sarajevo Market" published in *Elijah's Chair*

Vesna Goldsworthy: selection of short extracts from *Chernobyl Strawberries*

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CLOSING CULTURAL EVENING

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Wednesday, 16 December

6pm: Film: Atorzija, discussion with Nevena Daković and Dimitrije Vojnov

8pm: Film: Gypsy Magic, discussion with Vladimir Balževski

10.30pm: Concert “Jazz Future Session”



Additional information:

The languages of the conference will be Serbian, English and French. Translation will be provided.

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