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Organisers

The School is organized by the Centre for the Study of Democracy of the University of Westminster, London and the Anglo-Serbian Society, Belgrade.

The co Directors of the School are:

1. Prof. Vukasin Pavlovic, Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade and
2. Prof. Margaret Blunden, Professor Emeritus of the University of Westminster.

The School's Council is composed of two co-directors and additional four members:

1. Prof. Vojislav Stanovcic, Corresponding member of the Serbian Academy;
2. Dr. Simon Joss, Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy;
3. Prof. Christopher Coker, London School of Economics and Political Science and
4. Dr. Slobodan G. Markovich, Executive Director of the Summer School.

The Background of the Idea

The School was originally organised by the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Belgrade and the University of Westminster. This annual summer school has been held since 1998. A group of professors from the Faculty of Political Science (FPS), University of Belgrade led by Prof. Vukasin Pavlovic, and The Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster, London (CSD), led by Prof. John Keane, established the International Summer School for Democracy, to be organised every year. The School was originally called *The Yugoslav-British Summer School for Democracy*, but was later re-named *The International Summer School for Democracy*. Due to the repressive Bill on Education enacted during the reign of former Yugoslav dictator Slobodan Milosevic, the School was placed under organisational control of the Anglo-Yugoslav Society and the Centre for the Study of Democracy, who have directed it since 1999. In 2004 the Anglo-Yugoslav Society changed its name to the Anglo-Serbian Society.

This School was established after several years of successful academic co-operation between scholars from CSD and FPS. Results of the joint research project "The Suppressed Civil Society" (during 1994 and 1995), as well as joint meetings on Civil Society, War and Peace (London, February 1996), and University, Society and Democracy (Budva, March 1997) confirmed that interest, willingness and capacities for joint efforts do exist to improve and develop co-operation in teaching and research processes in the field of political science with a

special stress on problems of democracy and political and social changes. The International Summer School for Democracy is the most important form of this co-operation. In subsequent years the ISSD developed very good relations with lecturers from other British universities in particular with the London School of Economics and Political Science.

- The 1998 course was: *Democracy and Social Change*
- The 1999 course was: *Modernity and the State – East, West (Civil Society and Good Governance)*
- The 2000 course was: *The Democratic Reconstruction of South-Eastern Europe*
- The 2001 course was: *Good Governance – Globalism and Localism*
- The 2002 course was: *Consolidation of New Democracies*
- The 2003 course was: *Democracy, Globalisation and Security*
- The 2004 course was: *Globalisation, the European Union and the Western Balkans*
- The 2005 course was: *Cultural Identities and Democracy in Europe and in the Balkans*
- The 2006 course was: *Nationalism and Democracy*
- **The 2007 course will be: TRANSITION, ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY**

Ten years of the International Summer School for Democracy – Reminiscences

1998 was not a happy time in South Eastern Europe. The signs of economic depression were everywhere, ethnic tensions were still acute, and in Belgrade Slobodan Milosevic's power seemed unassailable. But on the streets and beaches of Budva – not the entrepreneurial, ever-expanding resort of today and then still dominated by state-run communist era hotels – nothing could dampen the characteristic Balkan hedonism.

The Faculty of Political Science at the University of Belgrade and the Centre for the Study of Democracy at the University of Westminster had already managed to maintain academic collaboration during the difficult period of the early 1990s. We were now elated to have brought together students from countries across the region, where the memories of recent bloody conflicts were still fresh, and in some cases where, as it later emerged, the potential for murderous conflict still remained. Getting our Albanian participants across the tense border with Yugoslavia could only be accomplished with the utmost efforts. We were particularly pleased to have both Serbian and Albanian Kosovans who, we later learnt, helped each other when the two communities of the province were sucked into a violent confrontation shortly afterwards.

For the British postgraduates from the University of Westminster it was an unusual introduction to an area at once so completely European and so completely unfamiliar, and where every experience worked to undermine the “Balkan” stereotypes still perpetuated in the western press. It was a challenging task for the academics, largely drawn from the Universities of Westminster and Belgrade who, it was apparent, came from entirely contrasting pedagogic traditions. But from the very beginning it was clear that young adults brought together in an atmosphere of free-minded critical enquiry, could calmly discuss even the most delicate political topics, and form friendships which bridged nationality, ethnicity, religion and political affiliation.

By the second year, the political environment had dramatically worsened, and in May 1999, with NATO bombs dropping nightly on Belgrade and other Serbian cities, the prospects for the summer school looked bleak. But Professor Vukasin Pavlovic performed miracles of last minute funded-raising and organisation, the British participants ignored the formal warnings of the Foreign Office that it was not safe to travel to Yugoslavia, ways were found of circumventing the policy adopted by British and other European universities of non-collaboration with Serbian ones, and the summer school duly took place, in the magical surroundings of the former sailing village of Perast on the Bay of Kotor. The three summer schools at Perast (1999–2001) had a special quality; in the absence of the blandishments of Budva or later Belgrade, participants bonded in a special way. This is epitomised for me by the memories of one particular evening when, as usual, we were sitting on the vine-covered terrace of the Villas Perast, overlooking what to me is the most beautiful bay in the world. One of the Macedonian participants pulled out a whistle pipe and began to play and before long everyone was singing the folk songs of the region, Slovenian, Croat, Bosnian, Serbian, Macedonian and so on, still a living part of a shared cultural heritage, strong enough to survive the most violent political fractures.

Following the separation of Serbia and Montenegro in 2006, the summer school has moved to Belgrade, intellectual hub and, in the eyes of the English writer Rebecca West, the city of those “who speak and laugh and eat and drink a great deal”. A fitting venue for participants from the region, from Britain and elsewhere to celebrate the first ten years and look forward to the future.

Prof. Margaret Blunden

[Dr. Margaret Blunden is professor emeritus of the University of Westminster and Co-Director of the Summer School for Democracy since its inception. In recognition of her scholarly work and her enormous efforts to encourage British-Serbian educational ties, the University of Belgrade awarded her an Honorary Doctorate in 2002]

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- Prof. John Keane, the first director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy, London
- Ms. Zorana Gajic, former Senior Programme Manager at OSI/HESP, Budapest
- Mrs. Sonja Licht, former President of the Fund for an Open Society Yugoslavia/Serbia
- Mr. Ivan Vejvoda, Executive Director of the Balkan Trust for Democracy
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- Dr. Simon Joss, director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy, London

The Mission of the School

- To improve junior faculty skills in modern democratic theory;
- To create networks of young scholars, political and NGO activists in SEE dealing with democratic theory;
- To analyse conditions and possibilities for democratic social changes, especially in so called transition societies;
- To develop and promote academic exchange between Western universities with Serbia and SEE countries;
- To improve regional academic co-operation and to overcome mutual stereotypes and preconceptions.

Participants and Lecturers

The main target group of participants are junior faculty, young political and NGO activists. Every year the ISSD gathers up to 30 participants. Fifteen participants are selected from Serbia and an equal number comes from elsewhere in the region of South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hellenic Republic, /F.Y.R./ Macedonia, Montenegro, and Romania). Participants should have at the very least a BA degree, and preferably an MA degree in the social sciences or humanities. All other nationals are welcome to apply but the organisers can contribute only partially to their transportation costs.

All transportation and accommodation costs for selected participants are covered by the School through donations.

The course lecturers (resource persons) are professors and associates from the Centre for the Study of Democracy and other British universities (London School of Economics and other schools), from the University of Belgrade, as well as professors from SEE, Western Europe, and the United States.

Objectives

- (1) The strengthening of existing networks from previous schools and the creation of new networks of critically oriented, open-minded individuals from the field of social sciences endeavoring to contribute to the process of democratization in SEE both theoretically and practically.

- (2) Dissemination of democratic theory among young political leaders, junior scholars and NGO activists in the region of SEE, thus facilitating the consolidation of democracies in the region.
- (3) Promotion of Euro-Atlantic integrations.

Rationale

The School was initiated during the authoritarian rule of Slobodan Milosevic, and has always endeavoured to foster regional co-operation and keep Serbian political and NGO activists and young scholars open to experiences and practices of Euro-Atlantic community. It was established at a time when Serbia faced xenophobia and ethnic hatred and this was an effort to overcome such attitudes. In the meantime the School has been developed into an active promoter of democratic values and tolerance in the region of SEE and it has become a regional Balkan school open to participants from other European countries.

Time and Place

The School lasts two weeks. It will be held from August 28, till September 7, 2007. The School will take place in Belgrade and participants who come outside of Belgrade will be accommodated in Hotel Majestic.

Lectures will be held at the Leonardo Centre, Kraljice Natalije (Краљице Наталије) 21.



Format

There will be two morning lectures every day from 10.00 till 13.30 with a break till 15.00. In the afternoon there will be one lecture from 15.00 till 16,30 and Afternoon Workshops will be held from 17.00 till 18.00.

All lectures are divided in forty-five minute introductions to the topic and the remaining time is dedicated to debates and questions for the lecturers.

Arrival Day

All the participants should arrive to Belgrade on Monday, August 27, 2007, in afternoon or evening hours or in the early morning hours of August 28.

Rooms in Hotel Majestic in down town Belgrade are double. The hotel is situated in the very heart of down town Belgrade.

Departure Day

All the participants should depart from Belgrade on Friday, September 7, in afternoon hours or evening hours.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All the participants are expected to attend all the lectures. Organisers are not in a position to offer places to participants who will be able to attend only part of lectures or who will not be able to be present at the seminar all the two weeks.

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Monday, August 27, 2007

Arrival Day

Arrival of participants to Hotel Majestic, Belgrade

18.00 – 20.00 Panel Discussion “ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY after September 11” organised by in co-operation with the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence:

Dr. Abdelwahab El-Affendi, The Centre for the Study of Democracy, London

Democracy Promotion as an anti-terrorism Strategy

Prof. Ali Paya, The Centre for the Study of Democracy, London and the University of Tehran

The Relations between Iran and the West after September 11

Aly Abuzaakuk, The Centre for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Washington

Islam and Democracy: the American Muslim Experience

Venue: The National Library of Serbia (main entrance from the plateau of St. Sava Church).

THE FIRST WEEK

General topic: Islam and Democracy

The following topics will be discussed during the first week:

- 1 – Islam’s place in the modern world and general questions relating to Islam and politics, including Islamic revivalism
- 2 – Issues relating to Islam-West relations and Muslims in Europe, including inter-cultural dialogue and conflict
- 3 – Issues relating to gender and ethnicities in Muslim politics
- 4 – Issues relating to obstacles to democratic transition in Muslim countries
- 5 – Issues relating to citizenship and civil society in Muslim societies

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

10.00 – 11.30 Opening of the Summer School

H. E. Rasim Ljajic, Minister of Labour and Social Policy in the Government of Serbia

H. E. Steven Wordsworth, HMA to Serbia
H. E. Cameron Munter, U. S. Ambassador
to Serbia
Prof. Vukasin Pavlovic, Director of ISSD

- 12.00 – 13.30 **Dr. Abdelwahab El-Affendi**, Centre for
the Study of Democracy, London
13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
15.00 – 16.30 **Dr. Aly Abuzaakuk**, Centre for the Study
of Islam and Democracy, Washington
16.45 – 18.00 Afternoon discussions

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Dr. Abdelwahab El-Affendi**, Centre for
the Study of Democracy, London
12.00 – 13.30 **Dr. Aly Abuzaakuk**, Centre for the Study
of Islam and Democracy, Washington
13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
15.00 – 16.30 **Prof. Ali Paya**, Centre for the Study of
Democracy, London
16.45 – 18.00 Afternoon discussion

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Thursday, August 30, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Prof. Ali Paya**, Centre for the Study of
Democracy, London
12.00 – 13.30 **Dr. Maria Holt**, Centre for the Study of
Democracy, London
13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
15.00 – 16.30 **Dr. Maria Holt**, Centre for the Study of
Democracy, London
16.45 – 18.00 Afternoon discussion

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Friday, August 31, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 Panel Discussion:
Islam and Democracy
12.00 – 13.30 An expert from Serbia,
*The position of Islamic community in
Serbia*
13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
15.00 – 16.30 Afternoon discussion

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Saturday, September 1, 2007

- 10.00 Departure from Hotel Majestic
- 14.00 Arrival to the town of Prijepolje
Visit to Town Hall and lunch
- 18.00 Arrival to Novi Pazar, Hotel Taj
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.00 Panel Discussion with local NGOs

Sunday, September 2, 2007

- 10.00 Sightseeing of Novi Pazar
- 11.30 Visit to Local Islamic religious leaders
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.00 Panel discussion with local political leaders
- 17.30 Departure from Novi Pazar

THE SECOND WEEK

General topic: Transition in CE in SEE

Monday, September 3, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Prof. Margaret Blunden**, University of Westminster,
The New Small State: Internal Democratic Issues
- 12.00 – 13.30 **Prof. Margaret Blunden**, University of Westminster,
The New Small State: External Democratic Issues
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00 – 16.30 **Ivan Vejvoda**, Balkan Trust for Democracy
Transition and its Obstacles in Serbia
- 16.45 – 18.00 Afternoon discussions

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Dr. Spyros Economides**, London School of Economics,
The Europeanisation of Greek Foreign Policy
- 12.00 – 13.30 **Dr. Spyros Economides**, London School of Economics,
United Nations Interventionism in the Western Balkans
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00 – 16.30 A visit to the Serbian European Integration Office
- 16.45 – 18.00 Afternoon discussions

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Dr. Dimitar Bechev**, University of Oxford
The Development and Current State of Bulgarian Democracy
- 12.00 – 13.30 **Dr. Dimitar Bechev**, University of Oxford
Bulgaria's Road to the EU and Beyond
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00 – 16.30 Panel discussion:
Prospects of Transition in Serbia
Dr. Ana S. Trbovich, FEFA, Belgrade
Dr. Slobodan G. Markovich, IES, Belgrade
- 16.45 – 18.00 Afternoon discussions

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Thursday, September 6, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Prof. Christopher Coker**, London School of Economics,
The Global Order and the Return of Religion
- 12.00 – 13.30 **Prof. Christopher Coker**, London School of Economics,
Mediterranean in the Western Imagination: 3 dialogues of the modern era
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00 – 16.30 **Prof. Ferencz Mislivetz**, ISES, Szombathely
Hungary eighteen years later: A Consolidated Democracy?
- 16.45 – 18.00 Afternoon discussions

Venue: Leonardo Centre

Friday, September 7, 2007

- 10.00 – 11.30 **Prof. Ferencz Mislivetz**, ISES, Szombathely
Global Civil Society as a way for consolidation of local democracies
- 11.45 – 12.45 Evaluation: Oral and Written
- 13.00 – 14.00 Ceremony of Awarding Certificates

Venue: Leonardo Centre

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Abbreviations: s – student, c – candidate, U – University, UB – University of Belgrade, PS – political science, NS – nationalism studies, TA – teaching assistant, Lec. – lecturer.

Lecturers

A. Lecturers on Islam and democracy, Islam in democracies and dialogue between Islam and Christianity:

Dr. Abdelwahab El-Affendi	Centre for the Study of Democracy, London
Dr. Aly Abuzaakuk	The Centre for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Washington
Prof. Christopher Coker	London School for Economics and Political Science
Dr. Maria Holt	Centre for the Study of Democracy, London
Prof. Ali Paya	Centre for the Study of Democracy, London
Prof. Vojislav Stanovic	Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

B. Lecturers on democratic transition in South-East and Central Europe:

Dr. Dimitar Bechev	University of Oxford
Prof. Margaret Blunden	University of Westminster, London
Dr. Spyros Economides	London School of Economics and Political Science
Dr. Slobodan G. Markovich	Institute for European Studies, Belgrade
Dr. Ferenc Mislivetz	Institute for Social and European Studies, Szombathely
Prof. Vukasin Pavlovic	Vice-Dean at the Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade
Dr. Ana S. Trbovich	Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration, Belgrade
Ivan Vejvoda	Balkan Trust for Democracy

Special addresses will be given by:

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H.E. Cameron Munter	Ambassador of the United States to Serbia

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The Centre for the Study of Democracy



The Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) is a leading postgraduate teaching and research centre at the University of Westminster. Founded in 1989 and situated in the heart of London, CSD has become a major player, both nationally and globally, in the fields of international relations, political theory and cultural studies. It is led by team of internationally renowned scholars, whose multidisciplinary teaching, research and consultancy concentrate on the interplay of states, cultures and civil society.

CSD hosts several high-quality and intellectually challenging Masters Degree Programmes in a stimulating and supportive study environment, including its well-known MA International Relations & Contemporary Political Theory, MA International Studies (East Asia/European Union) and MA Contemporary Chinese Studies. These taught courses, which attract students from all over the world, are offered on a one-year, full-time, or two-year, part-time basis (with enrolment possible in either October or February). CSD's Masters Programmes have a strong track record of teaching excellence: the most recent external audit by the UK government's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) rated CSD as 'excellent' (23 out of 24 possible points).

CSD also hosts a large MPhil/PhD Programme, attracting high-quality research students from a variety of countries, including Brazil, China, Italy, Iran, Spain, Sudan, the United States and the United Kingdom. The full-time MPhil/PhD courses of study are normally by dissertation only, with successful applicants enjoying access to CSD's rich programme of activities and to postgraduate courses elsewhere in the University. PhD students, who are supported by a team of Directors of Studies, are expected to complete their theses within a maximum of four years. Several students have received prestigious scholarships, reflecting the high quality of research undertaken at CSD.

The more than 60 postgraduate and research students, as well as the Visiting Research Associates, form an integral part of the teaching and research culture at CSD, and actively take part in our research seminars, conferences and various social activities. They are encouraged to interact with the academic staff, thus enabling them to profit from the vibrant research culture found at the Centre.

CSD is widely known for its leading research activities in the fields of political theory, international relations, US politics, European Union studies, Chinese visual culture and environmental and technological politics. CSD's research was rated of national and international importance in the most recent external Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2001), gaining 4 (out of 5) in the Politics subject area, and 5 in the Asian Studies subject area. In recent years, CSD has secured several major externally-funded research programmes, such as the Civil Society Network project, the US Congressional party leadership project, the EU multi-level governance project, the Chinese Poster project, and the Public Accountability of Science and Technology project. CSD actively collaborates with many research organisations in Britain, Europe and overseas, such as the Policy Studies Institute (London), the Berlin Science Centre (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, WZB), and the Smithsonian Institution (Washington DC).

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The Anglo-Serbian Society



The Anglo-Serbian Society was founded in 1998 as the Anglo-Yugoslav Society. It is a non-partisan, non-governmental and non-profit organisation aiming at educational co-operation and research in the social sciences, especially in the field of parliamentary tradition and democracy. In 2004 the Society changed its name to the Anglo-Serbian Society.

The society endeavours to improve the education of young experts in the field of social sciences, as well as to carry out research on the history of Anglo-Serbian relations

The most important activity of the Society is the International Summer School for Democracy which has been organised annually since 1998. This two-week school is organised for young experts from the field of social sciences and humanities, as well as for young political and NGO leaders. The School is organised in co-operation with domestic and foreign partners, especially with the Centre for the Study of Democracy of the University of Westminster, and with other British universities, particularly LSE.

The Society organises scholarly and research projects in the field of social, and especially political sciences, as well as conferences in the same fields.

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