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FIFTEEN YEARS

CONFERENCE
THE STATE OF DEMOCRACIES IN THE BALKANS
ACHIEVEMENTS AND FAILURES

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Organisers

The coneference is organised by the LSEE of the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the Anglo-Serbian Society, Belgrade.

The co-directors of the coneference are: Prof. Vukasin Pavlovic, Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade, and Dr. Spyros Economides, Hellenic Observatory, LSE, London. Programme Co-ordinator of the conference is Prof. Slobodan G. Markovich, Faculty of Political Science of the Unversity of Belgrade.

The Background of the Idea

The coneference is organised to mark 15th anniversary of the South-East European Summer School for Democracy. The summer school was established in 1998 and was originally organised by the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Belgrade and the University of Westminster. The School was originally called The Yugoslav-British Summer School for Democracy, but was later re-named The International Summer School for Democracy (ISSD). Due to the repressive Bill on Education enacted during the reign of former Yugoslav dictator Slobodan Milosevic, the School was placed under the organisational control of the Anglo-Yugoslav Society and the Centre for the Study of Democracy of the University of Westminster. The AYS and the CSD co-organised the summer school until 2007. In 2004 the Anglo-Yugoslav Society changed its name to the Anglo-Serbian Society. Since 2005 scholars from LSE have lectured at the school, and since 2008 the school has been organised under a new name (South-East European Summer School for Demcoracy – SEESSD) and a modified format by the Hellenic Observatory and also LSEE of the London School of Economics and the Anglo-Serbian Society.

1. The 1998 course was: *Democracy and Social Change*

2. The 1999 course was: *Modernity and the State – East, West (Civil Society and Good Governance)*

3. The 2000 course was: *The Democratic Reconstruction of South-Eastern Europe*

4. The 2001 course was: *Good Governance – Globalism and Localism*

5. The 2002 course was: *Consolidation of New Democracies*

6. The 2003 course was: *Democracy, Globalisation and Security*

7. The 2004 course was: *Globalisation, the European Union and the Western Balkans*

8. The 2005 course was: *Cultural Identities and Democracy in Europe and in the Balkans*
9. The 2006 course was: *Nationalism and Democracy*
10. The 2007 course was: *Transition, Islam and Democracy*
11. The 2008 course was: *Euroatlantic Integration and Democracy in the Balkans*
12. The 2009 course was: *Impact of Global Crisis on Stabilityand Security in the Balkans*
13. The 2010 course is: *Enlargement Fatigue and EU Prospects of the Western Balkans*
14. *The 2011 course was: EU Perspective of the Western Balkans: Challenges and Opportunities*

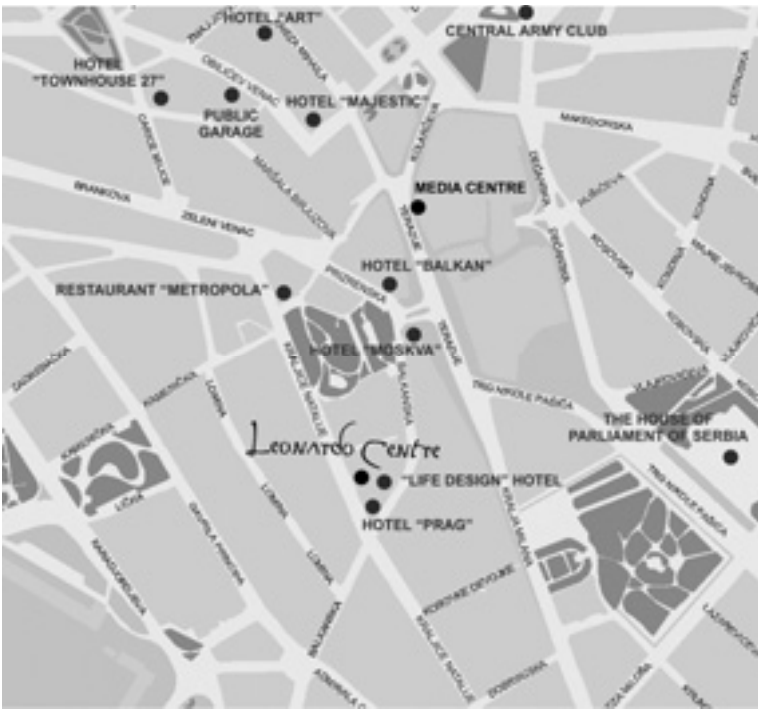
Rationale of the conference

The conference will discuss achievements and failures of democracies in the Balkans and will attempt to identify weak points and threats to those democracies. The question of further democratic consolidation will particularly be discussed as well as relation between democratic consolidation and stability in the region. A special effort will be made to summarise achievements of the democracies and legacies of previous totalitarian and authoritarian polities in the region.

Effects of the global economic crisis on non-consolidated democracies in the Balkans will be assessed as well as relations between economic development and democracy, political instability and democracy and especially between raising social tensions and their impact on the democracies in the region. Other focal points of the conference will be on the ways in which the EU and international community may help stability and security in the Balkans under given circumstances. In this sense, possible scenarios will be identified. Special attention will be given to the role of Euro-Atlantic integration in consolidation of democracies in the Balkans. The conference will gather prominent experts from South-East Europe and United Kingdom who will discuss this issue.

All panellists will be asked to specifically address: 1. Achievements and failures of particular countries in the process of democratic consolidation, 2. Immediate threats for democracies in the region, 3. Main aspects of regional co-operation that may further democratic consolidation.

Lectures will be held at Media Centre,
Terazije (Теразије) 21.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PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE "THE STATE OF DEMOCRACIES IN THE BALKANS"

Monday, December 17, 2012

Venue, Media Centre, Terazije 3

10.30-11.15 **Opening session**

Ms. Sonja Licht, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

Dr. Spyros Economides, LSE/LSEE

Prof. Vukašin Pavlović, University of Belgrade

11.15-11.45 **Coffee Break**

11.45-13.45 **Panel: The State of Democracy of EU members in the region (Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia)**

Chair: Prof. Slobodan Markovich

Dr. Spyros Economides, Dr. James Ker-Lindsay, Prof. Cirila Toplak

14.00-15.30 Lunch at Media Centre

15.30-17.00 **Panel: The State of Democracy in the Western Balkans**

Chair: Dr. Spyros Economides

Prof. Zarko Puhovski, Dr. Ljiljana Mijović, Bernard Zeneli

17.00-17.30 Coffee Break

17.30-19.00 **The State of Democracy in the Western Balkans 2**

Chair: James Ker-Lindsay

Prof. Nebojša Vladisavljević, Prof. Dušan Pavlović and Prof. Slaviša Orlović

Tuesday, December 18, 2012
10.00-11.15 **Panel: The Future of Democracy**

Chair: Prof. Vukašin Pavlović

Prof. Christopher Coker, Prof. Margaret Blunden and Prof. Žarko Puhovski

11.15-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-13.15 **Panel: Future of democracy in the Western Balkans**

Prof. Vojislav Stanovčić, Prof. Slobodan G. Markovich, Prof. Vukašin Pavlović

13.15-13.30 **Closing remarks**

14.00-16.00
Lunch at Restaurant Caruso

18.00-19.30
lecture by Prof. Christopher Coker, entitled

"Philosophising with a Hammer: What the Great Philosophers Have to Tell Us about War"

on the occasion of the publication of the Serbian edition of his book *Barbarous Philosophers: Reflections on the Nature of War from Heraclitus to Heisenberg* published by
Zavod – the Serbian Textbook Company.

Introductory addresses will be given by:

H. E. Michael Davenport, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Serbia, and

Prof. Slobodan G. Markovich, editor-in-chief of special and university editions at Zavod – the Serbian Textbook Company.

Venue: Aero klub
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Co-organisers of the lecture:

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PANELLISTS

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LSEE

LSEE was officially launched at the start of the 2009-10 academic year as a research unit established within LSE's European Institute with the aim of developing the School's expertise on South East Europe. Drawing on the strength of existing and new academic expertise at the LSE, and complementing the work of the Hellenic Observatory and the Contemporary Turkish Studies Programme, LSEE aims to provide a significant platform on which to build high quality, independent research and facilitate public dialogue and dissemination of information on the region.

Research at LSEE is organised along three broad themes covering (a) Social policy, regional policy and labour markets; (b) European integration, macroeconomic policy and institutional reform; and (c) International relations, minorities, security and state-building. LSEE aims to provide a forum for research collaboration across these thematic areas not only within the LSE and the UK, but also with external partners in South East Europe and beyond. Under this aegis, LSEE organises a series of public lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences, both at the LSE and in the region.

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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 one-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 LSEE and the Hellenic Observatory of 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.

It co-operates with universities, scholarly associations and other organisations from Serbia and from abroad (especially from the United Kingdom) dealing with political science and especially parliamentary tradition and democracy, and with the research on the Balkans.

Since 2009 AnSeS has co-published the South Slav Journal, which has been published in London since 1978.

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