

Programme

The *Association Bosnia and Herzegovina 2005* and the *London School of Economics* together with the *Renner-Institute* are pleased to invite you to the Seminar:

AUSTRIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EU

REGIONAL APPROACHES TO THE BALKANS


Time: **Friday, November 18, 2005**
9.00 a.m. – 5.15 p.m.

Venue: **Renner-Institut**

Entrance: Hotel Altmannsdorf
Hoffingergasse 26-28, 1120 Wien

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8.15 – 9.00: Registration

9.00 – 9.20: Opening


Erich Fröschl - Renner-Institut

Hannes Porias - Austrian Foreign Office

9.20 – 9.30: Introduction

Keynotes by Vesna Bojičić- Dželilović (London) & Christophe Solioz (Geneva)

9.30 – 10.45 Panel 1: Border and Politics

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Chair	<i>Hannes Swoboda</i> (Vienna)
Speakers	<i>Tobias K. Vogel</i> (Freiburg in B.)
	<i>Enver Hoxhaj</i> (Prishtina)
	<i>Petar Atanasov</i> (Skopje)
Background papers	<i>Senad Slatina</i> (Sarajevo)
	<i>Tim Judah</i> (London)
Rapporteur	<i>Milica Delević Djilas</i> (Belgrade)

10.45 – 11.00: Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.15: Panel 2: From Reconstruction to Development

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Chair	<i>Vjekoslav Domljan</i> (Mostar)
Speakers	<i>Claudia Grupe</i> (Frankfurt am Main)
	<i>Silvana Mojsavska</i> (Skopje)
Background papers	<i>Vladimir Gligorov</i> (Vienna)
	<i>Vesna Bojičić- Dželilović</i> (London)
Rapporteur	<i>Jasmina Husanović-Pehar</i> (Tuzla)

12.15 – 13.30: Lunch

13.30 – 14.45: Panel 3: Society, Culture, Education



Chair	<i>Denisa Kostovicova</i> (London)
Speakers	<i>Vesna Pusić</i> (Zagreb)
	<i>Sonja Biserko</i> (Belgrade)
	<i>Jasmina Husanović-Pehar</i> (Tuzla)
Background papers	<i>Iavor Rangelov</i> (London)
	<i>Michael Daxner</i> (Vienna)
Rapporteur	<i>Senad Slatina</i> (Sarajevo)

14.45 – 15.00: Coffee Break

15.00 – 17.15: Panel 4 and Summary Session:

EU Working Methods –

Assessments, Potentials and Lessons for the Austrian Presidency of the EU



Chair	<i>Tihomir Loza</i> (London)
Speakers	<i>Milica Delević Djilas</i> (Belgrade)
	<i>Marie Janine Calic</i> (München)
	<i>Vedran Džihic</i> (Vienna)
Background papers	<i>Denisa Kostovicova</i> (London)
	<i>Dimitri Bechev</i> (Oxford)
Rapporteur	<i>Iavor Rangelov</i> (London)

Summary Session:

Lessons for the Austrian Presidency of the EU



Chair	<i>Vesna Bojčić- Dželilović</i> (London)
Speakers	<i>Hannes Swoboda</i> (Vienna)
	<i>Vladimir Gligorov</i> (Vienna)
	<i>Tihomir Loza</i> (Prague)
	<i>Denisa Kostovicova</i> (London)
	<i>Johannes Eigner</i> (Vienna)
Rapporteur	<i>Tobias K. Vogel</i> (Freiburg in B.)

PUBLIC EVENT: 19.00 – 21.00

Venue:

BAWAG FOUNDATION
Seitzergasse 2, 1010 Wien

“The Western Balkans 10 Years after Dayton – from crisis towards EU-integration”

Welcome by Christophe Solioz (Geneva) and Vesna Bojčić- Dželilović (London)

Chair: Norbert Mappes-Niediek (Lieboch)

Speakers: Hannes Swoboda (Vienna)
Enver Hoxhaj (Prishtina)
Denisa Kostovicova (London)
Vladimir Gligorov (Vienna)
Thomas Mayr-Harting (Vienna)
Sonja Biserko (Belgrade)

Austrian Presidency of the EU – Regional Approaches to the Balkans

Immediately prior to Austria's assumption of the EU presidency, the proposed seminar will produce a set of policy proposals that would allow the EU under the Austrian leadership to strengthen its approach towards the Western Balkans. The prospect of association with - and eventual membership in - the EU is today one of the most promising factors for regional stability; these expectations need to be carefully managed by the EU presidency together with the European Commission and the High Commissioner for the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

The seminar will take place in Vienna on 18 November 2005 and aims to initiate a series of meetings on the Balkans that would serve as a forum to review, discuss and advise on policy towards the Balkans prior to the semi-annual EU presidency handovers.

The initiative for this seminar is the result of the process-oriented strategy of the Association Bosnia and Herzegovina 2005 and the London School of Economics which began in October 2005 and which will be followed up by similar seminars in the next EU-presidency countries, e.g. Finland and Germany.

The seminar will employ a regional approach that treats the Western Balkans - Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Albania, and Macedonia - as a region facing similar challenges while also encompassing important differences. Based on that approach, the seminar will:

- highlight the successes and shortcomings of existing EU policies and mechanisms towards the Balkans affecting the region's politics, economics and security;
- suggest ways to refine the EU's policy instruments towards the region to enhance their effectiveness and impact on the ground;
- analyse the EU's future involvement in the Balkans as part of the broader transformation of the EU's external relations;
- identify the best modes of the EU's cooperation with other international actors in and towards the Balkans, especially considering the implications of the EU's growing role in the region.

As a collaborative project between the Centre for the Study of Global Governance and the Association Bosnia and Herzegovina 2005, the seminar will employ a transversal and interdisciplinary approach and gather experts from various backgrounds and countries. With this approach, the seminar will extend and deepen cooperation between involved scholars and practitioners from the EU and the region in thinking about the challenges facing the Balkan countries as they approach the EU at various speeds.