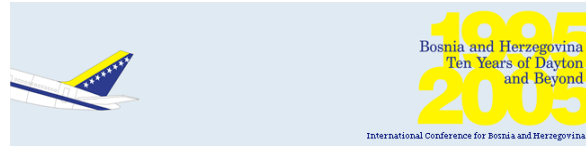


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Framework for the Sarajevo Seminar and the research projects

The Association Bosnia and Herzegovina 2005 was established in the fall of 2003 as a support mechanism to facilitate domestic and international dialogue on the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It provides a framework for analysts, scholars, and professionals to influence the policy process through policy-relevant research and debate.

The Association gathers established figures as well as emerging voices in an internally-driven process that is closely focused on promoting ownership-oriented strategies during a period that will prove critical for the country's future development and its very existence as a viable state. The Association aims to stimulate a debate based on facts, not partisanship. By facilitating informed debate rather than advocating for specific solutions, it intends to act as a catalyst for effective, policy-relevant ideas to emerge and gain influence at a time when the country is in urgent need of a vision to achieve full, sovereign statehood.

- the Sarajevo seminar – May 2004 – will debate propositions concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina's future presented by Association members based on their expertise and past research. These ideas will be validated by the seminar's discussion and dialogue;
- the seminar will decide on complementary research intended to develop the outlined perspectives;
- workshops and semi-informal meetings involving emerging voices from BiH will present and disseminate findings and proposals of the Association to various interested parties in BiH and abroad with the intention to influence the decision-making process currently led by the international community;
- the concluding 2005 conference will present the end result of this process.

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Draft agenda, research seminar, 5-6 May 2004, Sarajevo

The seminar will consist of panels within three consecutive working groups corresponding to the “Dimensions” of OSCE and the “Working Tables” of the Stability Pact. This will allow the seminar to discuss a broad range of topics; topics that cannot be discussed in-depth during the seminar may be addressed through subsequent research and consultation. Each panel will be introduced by one or two summary presentations of the current situation. A number of speakers will then present different aspects of the issue to stimulate debate among participants.

General rule: following a general introduction, each panel will be introduced by two pragmatic and case-oriented presentations. These contributions will be prepared in written form, and their publication (in English) as seminar proceedings (to be published in the Democracy, Security, Peace collection by Nomos, Baden-Baden). Contributors must not, however, read their papers but rather prepare a succinct presentation of the main points they wish to make, not exceeding 15 minutes. The moderator—typically working in local language—will then focus the discussion on the kind of research the Association members will have to produce. At the end of the panel, the moderator should be able to record the agreed recommendations for subsequent research activities. In drafting their research proposals, members should address the issues raised during the seminar.

I. Human dimension: democratization and human rights

Media, education, culture, local democracy, civil society, constitutional issues and rule of law

This working group consists of three panels:

i. Options for effective governance

This panel will assess various options for enhancing effective governance in BiH.

ii. Constitutional issues and rule of law

This panel will assess the current constitutional situation, especially in light of the Mrakovica Sarajevo accord, and discuss scenarios for future developments. The panel will also discuss building the rule of law, promoting and applying European standards, and combating corruption through transparent and effective governance.

iii. Culture and education

This panel debates the role of culture and education in the process of building stable and legitimate institutions and in contributing to regional cooperation.

II. Economic dimension: economics, development, sciences and technology, environment

Private sector development, social cohesion, poverty reduction, technology and environment

This panel will identify existing obstacles to economic growth, job creation, foreign investment, and poverty reduction, especially in light of the constraints of BiH’s complex institutional set-up. A special focus will be on improving the social situation of youth.

III. Politico-military dimension: security issues (security/defense, justice/home affairs)

Defense and police reform, judicial reform, war crimes, migration

The panel will debate regional security and the establishment of a unified army as a precondition for entering NATO’s PfP partnership; police reform; reform of the court system; issues of international justice (ICTY); and issues of migration and trafficking.

Cross-cutting issues: youth, gender, regional cooperation, ownership strategies

These issues are of relevance to all dimensions; moderators and presenters will be encouraged to address them in their contribution to the sectoral panels.

The three working groups will all address a number of cross-cutting themes, the most important being youth, ownership strategies, and regional cooperation (including European integration). While education will be treated in its own panel, it is also a dimension of other topics discussed here. Questions that will be asked include: how can education increase the participation of youth in the policy process and in the creation of accountable institutions? How can education become more market-focused and directly support strategies of economic development? The regional context is an equally underappreciated dimension of peacebuilding. The discussion will identify options for genuine regional cooperation on issues that are of special relevance to BiH, including cultural cooperation and European integration. Questions of the effective transfer of authority from international to national structures, though to some extent discussed in the very first panel, will be addressed throughout the seminar and is an important focus of the Association's work. Moderators will be encouraged to make sure these cross-cutting issues are addressed in their respective panels.

Draft schedule

Time	5 May 2004	Time	6 May 2004
8:00-9:00	Registration, coffee		
9:00-9:45	Welcome and keynote	9:00-12:00	Economic dimension
10:00-12:00	Human dimension: panel (i)		
12:00-13:45	Lunch	12:00-13:45	Lunch
14:00-17:00	Human dimension: panel (ii-iii)	14:00-16:00	Politico-military dimension
		16:15-17:00	Conclusion

Key deliverables

This seminar constitutes the first time that most members of the Association gather in one place and is expected to set the agenda for the Association's activities for 2004 and 2005. Specifically, the seminar is expected to:

- Help define and clarify mutual expectations of Association and members;
- Determine the broad direction of research the Association will support through its sub-grant program;
- Help the formation of research teams by acquainting members with the work and interests of other members;
- Promote networking among members.

Research projects

This seminar will preliminarily agree on research projects that may subsequently be funded (entirely or partly) by the Association. Shortly after the seminar, members will be invited to submit research proposals to the Association's scientific committee, which will recommend specific applications to the executive council. Individuals and research teams will formulate research projects (with budgets) based on the seminar's findings; these applications will be reviewed by the scientific committee of the executive council, which will make recommendations to the executive council for approval. The final validation of research proposals will lie with the executive council. Wherever feasible, the executive council will prefer applications from teams that include both international and Bosnian researchers as well as younger and more senior scholars. A format for project documents will be developed around the time of the seminar and should be used as a template for funding applications by individual researchers and research teams.

Funding decisions will be based on several criteria: the soundness and innovative character of proposed research; the feasibility of research within the time and budget constraints of the Association; the match with the priority topics identified at the New York and Sarajevo seminars; and the composition of the research team. At a later stage, once first drafts are available, the determination will be made whether submissions will be accepted for publication in the 2005 book and/or for presentation at the Geneva conference.

In order to maximize the policy impact of research undertaken in this framework, the Association will arrange a series of informal meetings in the fall of 2004 where younger analysts in particular will be able to present preliminary findings from their research to key decision-makers and to engage them in a direct dialogue. Such consultations will on the one hand enhance the quality of research and on the other expose researchers to the realities of policymaking, resulting in an increased relevance of their work.

Research papers will be presented at the October 2005 conference in Geneva, and selected papers will, in revised form, be included in a concurrent publication. Funding for this sub-grant component of the Association's activities has not been secured yet, but the Association is in negotiations with a number of potential donors.

Approach

The Association provides a forum for a variety of scholarly approaches and viewpoints to be voiced. The Association does not take a specific view on any of the issues under debate but subscribes to a number of general principles.

First, it believes that the main debate on the future of BiH must primarily take place among those that will be directly affected by it, that is, the people of BiH. The principle of ownership will be analyzed in several research projects but also forms an important focus of the Association's overall approach. This internally-driven process will be supported and facilitated by the Association, while Association members are ultimately responsible for the direction and content their research takes.

Second, the Association's founders believe that the debate on a hypothetical "Dayton II" is of purely academic interest and will not contribute to an effective solution of the most pressing problems facing BiH today. In fact, they might divert attention from workable options. Instead, the Association wants to take up the challenge of overcoming Dayton's shortcomings by providing longer-term options for effective political, social, and economic development within the considerable space provided by the GFAP, which would include a debate on constitutional matters.

A third principle the Association hopes to serve through the proposed project is to strengthen the policy relevance of academic research in BiH and to link emerging young scholars with the global academic community. All too often, young researchers lack the means and opportunities to contribute to the development of their communities; often, they also lack an understanding of the mechanisms of influence in the policy process. By partnering with established international scholars and providing access to a network of analysts working on the same issues, the Association hopes to maximize the impact of the research undertaken in the framework of this project. A further element in this strategy is the presentation of interim findings of each thematic panel to international and domestic decision-makers in the second half of 2004. Several key policies will be set during 2004 that will be of momentous importance for BiH's future; it is critical that the Association facilitates dissemination of relevant research to inform such policies.