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Research Seminar

The Europeanization of the Western Balkans:

State of the Art



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Wed 26 and Thu 27 March 2014
School of International Studies
Via T. Gar, 14 - Trento – Room 001

The International Commission on the Balkans

Declaration, Rome, 9 May, Europe Day 2006

“The EU must offer a realistic route for membership to the countries and societies from the Balkans. It must develop policies that will guarantee free visas, educational opportunities and freedom of movement for the younger generation, especially students, as well as the business community in the countries of the Western Balkans.

Without such policies, all efforts of the EU to build trust and hope in the European future of the region are doomed to fail.

We expect Europe to live up to its promise.”

Wednesday 26 March

17:00- 18:30 ***From "Brotherhood and Unity" to "United in Diversity"?***

Seminar Opening

Expectations, Foundations and Reality.

The current situation in the Western Balkans

Luisa Chiodi, Director, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso, Rovereto

Reading the Balkan ‘borderscapes’ in the post-1989 political and cultural discourses

Ivana Trkulja, Associated researcher FP7 'Euborderscapes'

Thursday 26 March

09:00-10:30 **Between Europeanization and Conditionality:
The EU Integration of the Western Balkans**

Chair Roberto Belloni, Dept. of Sociology, University of Trento

**Europeanization travels to the Western Balkans:
enlargement, domestic obstacles and diverging reforms**

Arolda Elbasani, Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Center, EUI

**The Politics of EU Enlargement Revisited.
What conditions matter in the EU's South-Eastern enlargement?**

Dorian Jano, Lecturer, Marin Barleti University, Tirana

**Building Member States.
The EU strategies towards contested candidate countries**

Davide Denti, PhD candidate, School of International Studies, Univ. of Trento

11:00-12:30 **Sovereignty, the Rule of Law and the Role of Courts
in the accession process**

Chair Jens Woelk, School of International Studies/Law Faculty, University of Trento

**Viewers should not try this at home:
Constitutional Courts in Bosnia and Kosovo**

Stefan Graziadei, PhD candidate, University of Graz

A Critique of Kosovo's Internationalized Constitutional Court

Andrea Lorenzo Capussela, former Head of Economics Unit, ICO Kosovo

**The unbearable lightness of Europeanization: extradition policies
and the erosion of sovereignty in the post-Yugoslav states**

Jelena Dzankić, EUI Marie-Curie Fellow, EUI

12:30-13:30 **The Western Balkans in the Waiting Room: Perspectives?**
Round Table

Roberto Belloni, Dept. of Sociology, University of Trento

Michele Chiaruzzi, CERPIC FBK Trento, Univ. Of Bologna

Jens Woelk, School of International Studies/Law Faculty, University of Trento

The Seminar

European integration is almost recognized universally as the key strategy for achieving peace, stability and prosperity for the all States in the Western Balkans.

However, the concrete perspective of accession to the EU appears to be far away in the future, due to the consequences of the economic and financial crisis as well as enlargement fatigue on the side of the EU and to slow or no progress in some (potential) candidate States.

Positive developments, such as the Visa-Liberalisation as well as the Belgrade-Pristina-Agreement, and negative ones, such as the recent violent protests in Bosnia and Herzegovina raise the question of the sustainability of a long waiting room-period. Which incentives for change can be used?

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