

“Understanding the Foreign Policy Behavior of the Balkans from a Small State’s Perspective” Academic Workshop

Agenda

Location: New Destil Creative Hub, Blvd. Zog I, 1001 Tirana

Date: 1 December 2022

Time: 09:00 – 16:00, Reception 18:30 – 20:00

Day 1

09:00 - 09:30 Registration, Welcome and Exchange

09:30 - 09:45 Opening Remarks: Dr. Gökhan Tuncer and Prof. Özlem Tür

1st Session: Debating the Small States and Small State Foreign Policy Behavior

09:45 - 10:30 Prof. Baldur Thorhallsson - “Shelter-seeking behaviour of small states in the international system”

10:30 - 11:15 Prof. Özlem Tür - “Small states in the international system: insights from power transition theory”

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee Break

2nd Session: Debating the International Relations of Balkan states: Issues of Cooperation and Conflict, Continuity and Change

11:45 - 12:30 Prof. Revecca Pedi - “Small state security strategies in the multiplex order: a view from the Balkans”

12:30 - 13:15 Prof. Marko Kovacevic - “Assessing the viability of small state strategies in the context of the war in Ukraine: a view from the Western Balkans”

13:15 - 14:30 - Lunch/ Networking

3rd Session: A deeper look into the Western Balkans

14:30 - 15:15 Dr. Ana Bojinović Fenko - “Regional practice of the anarchical culture in the Western Balkans: states’ role as enemy, rival, or friend”

15:15 - 16:00 Mr. Naim Rashiti - “Western Balkans: The conglomerate of small states that needs a joint ambition to prevail”

16:30 - 18:30 Cultural activity (optional for guest speakers only)

18:30 - 20:00 Reception

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Day 2

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 10:15 Prof. Stefano Bianchini - *“Between sovereignty wishes, and dependency. The endless challenges of small Balkans states in foreign policy”*

10:15 - 10:30 Short Break

4th Session: Foreign Policies of Western Balkan States - Case Studies

10:30 - 11:15 Prof. Ilir Kalemaj - *“Albanian foreign policy in the aftermath of communism”*

11:15 - 12:00 Prof. Dilaver Arkan Açar - *“Albania: A pragmatic small state playing on asymmetric relations in the international arena”*

12:00 - 12:45 Mr. Adri Nurellari - *“A small state with a big problem: Kosovo’s foreign policy deadlocked in between peacemakers and spoilers”*

12:45 - 14:00 - Lunch/ Networking

14:00 - 14:45 Prof. Lejla Ramic Mesihovic - *“Key challenges of foreign policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina”*

14:45 - 15:30 Interactive Plenary Discussion: Patterns of Alliances and Conflict in the Western Balkans

15:30 - 16:00 Closing Remarks: Dr. Gökhan Tuncer and Prof. Özlem Tür