

Inter@nic network, the Competence Centre South East Europe at the University of Graz and the European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen are organizing a conference "Ethnic Reconciliation in the Western Balkans: What Role for Academia?".

The conference will be taking place at the Faculty of Law in Graz from 5 to 6 September 2008 in conference room A2 in the RESOWI building.

The conference shall gather academics working on questions of nationalism, human and minority rights, post-conflict reconstruction, inter-ethnic reconciliation and dialogue. In addition to this, the conference is aiming to disseminate research findings of the FP6 funded research project "Human and Minority Rights in the Cycle of Ethnic Conflict".

September 5, 2008

Conference opening

Prof. Dr. Wilibald Posch, Dean of the Faculty of Law
Prof. Dr. Joseph Marko, Head of the Institute of Austrian, European and Comparative Public Law and Political Sciences

Panel 1: Rethinking the Balkan Nationalism of 1990s

Prof. Dr. Florian Bieber, University of Kent
Prof. Dr. Joseph Marko, University of Graz
Prof. Dr. Anna Krasteva, New Bulgarian University (tbc)
Prof. Dr. Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, Hertie School of Governance
Prof. Dr. Duško Sekulić, University of Zagreb
Prof. Dr. Mitja Žagar, University of Ljubljana

Panel 2: Role of History in Ethnic Reconciliation

Dr. Tove Malloy, European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen
Prof. Dr. Tvrtko Jakovina, University of Zagreb
Prof. Dr. Karl Kaser, University of Graz
Dr. Edith Marko-Stöckl, University of Graz

September 6, 2008

Lise Morjé Howard: "Ethnic Civil Wars and the Illiberal Peace"
Strasko Stojanovski: "Multiethnic Coexistence in the Balkans: Conditions for Building Substantial Peace"
Iva Vukušić: "Living with the Legacy of Genocide: Facing the Past in Bosnia and Herzegovina"
Daniela Mehler: "Potentials and Problems of the Serbian Civil Society for inter-ethnic Reconciliation"

Alma Vardari-Kessler: "Civil Society and Democratization: Global Frames and Local Needs in Kosova's Transitional Politics"

Simone Florio: "Towards European Network of University Centers for Peace and Conflict Prevention"

Azra Hromadzic: "Emerging Citizens: Youth, Education and Reconciliation in Post-conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina"

Hariz Halilovich: "Taking Higher Education Beyond the Class Room: Experimental Learning in Higher Education and Reconciliation in Post-Conflict Communities in BiH"

Mark Fowle: "Research for who? Academics, Civil Society and Ethnic Tension in Eastern Croatia"

Stephanie van de Loo: "Reconciliation in Bosnia: What Role for Theology?"

Židas Daskalovski: "Kosovo After Independence: What Implications in Macedonia?"

Movies that will be shown at the conference:

Saidin Salkic: "Karasevdah: Srebrenica Blues"

Sanja Puljar and Vanni D'Alessio: "Around Mostar, the Bridge and Bruce Lee"