



SKOPJE FORUM



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Skopje, Macedonia**



SKOPJE FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, EUROPE AND THE BALKANS



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The Skopje Forum is designed to bring together leading intellectuals, academics and opinion makers from the Balkan region with their counterparts from Europe, to discuss the state of affairs and the future of the development of liberal democracy, capitalism and Europe as a whole. Four panels will be organized, "The future of EU, democracy and Europe"; "The future of liberalism and market economy"; "The future of the Balkans"; and "Europe and the rising regional and global powers, Turkey and China." Some of the issues that will be examined at the Skopje Forum will focus on the debate around the recent economic and financial crisis a predicament, which touches the very democratic foundations of the European project and which cuts deep into its social and political dimensions. We will also discuss one of the key features of the 21st century global politics landscape the growing role of emerging powers - both on a global and regional level. China is soon to be the number one global economy, India is projected to rise to the very top in the coming decades; Brazil, Mexico, Turkey, South Korea, Indonesia, Iran, Nigeria among others - are expected to follow this trend. These developments, both unprecedented and unpredictable, are going to reflect on the way Europe thinks about the world, and about itself as a global actor. They pose issues of strategic nature, but more even so, issues that touch upon different aspects of global affairs: international trade and finance; aid and development; acting on climate change and developing renewable energy; and last but not the least, attempting to reconcile different political models that are grounded on a wide array of values.

Working language of Skopje Forum is English.

6th June 2014

At Porta Macedonia

- 18:00 - 18:30** Registration
- 18:30 - 18:45** **Welcome and introduction** prof. Marija Risteska, Director, Center for Research and Policy Making;
- Ceremony of awarding CRPM certificate of appreciation to European Stability Initiative
- 18:45 - 19:30** Keynote speech by Gerald Knaus, chairman of European Stability Initiative
The future of liberal democracy, Europe and the Balkans
- 19:30 - 20:00** Q&A moderated by prof. Marija Risteska

7th June 2014

Hotel Continental

- 09:30 - 10:00** Registration
- 10:00 - 12:30** **Panel 1:** The future of EU, democracy and Europe.
- The failure of Europe to give clear, effective and socially acceptable answers to the crisis is having a deep political impact, feeding rising populism, Euro-scepticism and political extremism. The popularity of the EU today across Europe is at an all-time low. EU citizens become more disenchanted, and the elite in Brussels become more aloof. The decision-making processes are viewed as undemocratic and distant. The people of Europe feel ignored by the Brussels elite. EU laws are increasingly viewed as unnecessary and intrusive. How to move forward? What about the 'other' Europe? What role could Russia play in European politics? Would Western Balkans countries become part of the European debate or will they remain on the periphery?
- Chair:** **Goran Buldioski**,
director of the Open Society Think Tank Fund
- Speakers:** Dr. **Dušan Reljić**,
Head of Office, SWP Brussels
- Dr. **Vladimir Gligorov**,
staff Economist at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies
- Dr. **Hans Jurgen Zahorka**,
chief editor of European Union Foreign Affairs Journal
- Dr. **Piotr Switalski**,
Director for Policy Planning at the Council of Europe.

- 12:30 - 14:30** Lunch Break

14:30 - 17:00 **Panel 2:** The future of Balkans.

If one looks at the geographical map of Europe, all Western Balkan countries are surrounded by EU member states. However, they are handicapped by the slow process of catching up with the more developed parts of Europe. Some argue that Europe will not be complete until the region, is safely anchored within the European Union. Indeed, the stability and security of the region and of the EU would be much better fostered through a reliable accession process than a return to crisis management. Yet, following the Croatian accession the enlargement agenda has not been at the focus of the EU. On the other hand, the Western Balkan countries still have outstanding governance issues while their economies are facing a number of structural problems, including very high unemployment rates and severe external imbalances. Some of the issues that will be examined at this panel at the Skopje Forum will include: How to shape the development strategies of the Western Balkans for a new Europe and a new world due to emerge from the current turbulent challenges? How will the EU continue to be driver of reforms? What is the significance of the Balkan experience for other regions in the world?

Chair: Prof. **Marija Risteska** Director,
Center for Research and Policy Making

Speakers: Prof. **Dejan Jovic**,
Chief Analyst and Special Coordinator at Office of the President of Croatia

Prof. **Biljana Vankovska**,
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, Macedonia.

Leon Malazogu, Director,
Democracy for Development, Pristina, Kosovo

Prof. **Spyros Sofos**,
Center for Middle Eastern Studies, of Lund University, Sweden

17:00 - 17:45 Coffee Break

17:45 - 18:00 Ceremony of awarding CRPM certificates of appreciation to Mr. **Goran Buldioski**,
Director of Open Society Think Tank Fund

18:00 - 18:30 Showing of the documentary Ten years of CRPM- Ten years of Policy Impact

18:30 End of program

8th June 2014

Hotel Continental

09:30 - 11:30 **Panel 3:** The future of market economy and liberalism.

The issues that will be examined at this panel of the Skopje Forum will focus on the debate around the recent economic and financial crisis and the emergence of many protest movements around the world which have put back on the agenda questions about how to build a 'better world.' What kind of economic system would this world be built on? Would it be a capitalist one? If so, what kind of capitalism? If not, what are the alternatives? How to regain a balance between profit and liability, efficiency and equity and between growth and social-ecological justice in national economic and social orders? Can the social market economy model be a framework for responsible capitalism? What is the significance of the Balkan experience for other regions in the world?

Chair: **Igor Jovanovski**,
philosopher and activist from Macedonia

Speakers: **Srecko Horvat**,
philosopher and activist from Croatia

Prof. **Renata Salecl**,
senior researcher at the Institute of Criminology, Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Prof. **Slavisa Tasic**,
University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, USA

Prof. **Ognyan Minchev**,
University of Kliment Ohridski, Sofia

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 - 14:00 **Panel 4:** Europe and the rising regional and global powers, Turkey and China

This panel deals with the relations between EU and two of the emerging powers: China and Turkey. China and EU are strategic partners, and inform the largest bilateral trade relationship in the world. They acknowledge each others role as world powers, and maintain a relationship that is best classified as one of "co-evolution" - trying to increase their mutual cooperation and act jointly where possible, while trying to minimize conflicting and contentious situations. In practice this has meant an ever-increasing economic exchange, followed by cooperation in several other policy areas, i.e. climate change – while carefully navigating the course of the relationship away from trade wars or political crises over sensitive issues. Turkey, on the other hand, is formally an EU candidate country since 1999 has grown to become a regional power, whose presence is felt significantly from the Middle East to Central Asia to the Balkans. However, this newly discovered political and economic influence, coupled with the stalling domestic reforms, seem to have resulted with an ever-growing complexity of the Brussels-Ankara relations. Turkey now pursues its own agenda both at home and abroad, rather than serving as building block for European influence in the region, and Europe is not happy about it. The panel will discuss what are the prospects for the Sino-European and Turco-European relations, and how their future affects the Balkans, and in particular Macedonia as a future EU-member state?

Chair: Prof. **Zhidas Daskalovski**,
Director of the School of Public Policy Mother Teresa

Speakers: Dr. **Misa Djurkovic**,
Institute of European Studies, Belgrade, Serbia.

Metodi Hadzhi Janev,
Vice Dean for Education and Scientific Research, Military Academy
"General Mihailo Apostolski"-Skopje

Prof. **Inan Ruma**,
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences,
Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Anastas Vangeli,
PhD candidate at the Graduate School for Social Research, Warsaw, Poland.

14:00 Closing of the Conference



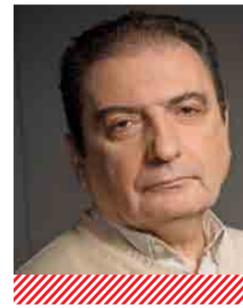
BULDIOSKI Goran is the director of the Think Tank Fund and acting director of the International Higher Education Support program (HESP) at the Open Society Foundations. He has conducted and coordinated policy relevant research on democratization and role of independent research to policy processes, carried out strategic planning and capacity building for NGOs and policy research centers, designed and delivered training on organization and project management in the nonprofit sector. As a grant maker, he has overseen portfolios above \$25M USD in Europe, South East Asia and small portfolios in Latin America and Africa. Buldioski holds graduate degrees in public policy from the Central European University and in organizational behavior from the George Washington University. Before joining the Open Society Foundations, he worked for the Council of Europe, the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation and the National Youth Council of Macedonia. He has consulted Habitat for Humanity International, European Commission, USAID, Search for Common Ground and many other international organizations. His articles and research papers addressing think tanks, policy-relevant research, and democratic transition have appeared in the LSE UNDP Development and Transition Newsletter, the International Journal for Not-for-Profit Law, European Voice, Sharp! Magazine, the Turkish Policy Quarterly, and the Western Balkans Security Observer.



DASKALOVSKI Zhidas holds a PhD from the Political Science Department, Central European University. A professor of political science, and one of the most prominent political scientists in the country, he is Director of the Council of Europe supported School of Public Policy "Mother Teresa". He has published numerous scholarly articles on politics in the Southeast European region, as well as co-edited books including: *Understanding the War in Kosovo* (Frank Cass: London, 2003) and *Ten Years after the Ohrid Framework Agreement: Lessons (to be) Learned from the Macedonian Experience*, (CRPM and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: Skopje 2012). Dr. Daskalovski is the 2008 Young Scientist of the Year of the Macedonian Academy of Science, one of the Distinguished Persons of Bitola of the University of Kliment Ohridski and a recipient of a number of distinguished research fellowships including the Lord Dahrendorf Fellowship at St. Antony's College at the Oxford University, the School of Slavonic and East European Studies Macedonian Studies Fellowship, and the Social Science Research Council/ Ethnobarometer Fellowship at the University of North Carolina. He has written Macedonia country reports for Freedom House/Nations in Transit, Open Budget Index, Global Integrity Report, Bertelsmann Transformation Index, UNDP People Centred Analysis, UN Human Development Report.



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JOVANOSKI Igor was a Volkswagen PhD fellow in transnational relations and political theory at the Bremen University in Germany. He is interested in the critical theory and political sociology of state and sovereignty, the critique of ideology, political violence and ideas of radical democracy, multiculturalism and global governance. Currently, Igor is a lecturer at the South-Eastern European University in Tetovo, and the Institute for Social Science and Humanities in Skopje, Macedonia.



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RELJIĆ Dušan is head of Brussels office of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs /SWP Berlin/. Between 2003 and 2013, he was research associate in the SWP division EU External Relations. In the period between 1996 and 2003 he was senior researcher and subsequently head of the Media and Democracy Programme at the Dusseldorf-based European Institute for the Media (EIM). Previously, he was i.a. senior editor at Radio Free Europe in Munich, the foreign editor of the Belgrade weekly Vreme, and co-founder of the Beta Press Agency in Belgrade during the critical years of 1991-1993. Dušan Reljić works on international relations and security with focus on the EU and southeast Europe; democratisation, nationalism and ethnic strife, as well as political communication and the media performance in situations of tensions and conflict. He is board member of several civil society organisations, including the Centre for Democracy and Reconciliation (CDRSEE) in Thessalonika.



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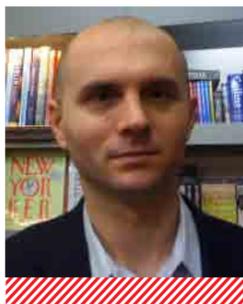
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