

PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 8 2025

STUDENT
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REGISTRATION, *FDV-20*, 8:30 - 9:00

OPENING CEREMONY, *FDV-20*, 9:00 - 9:30

Foreign policy 1, *FDV-20*, 9:30 - 11:00

(Prof. Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Assist. Prof Dr Marko Kovačević, University of Belgrade, Serbia)

Mihajilović, Maša, *University of Belgrade*: Reassessing Power Dynamics: **The U.S. and Russia's Political Engagement in the Middle East Regional Security Complex Since the Onset of the Gaza War**

Nurgazinova, Dana, *Erasmus Mundus International Master Student in Central and East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies*: **Small State but Great Mission? Estonia's Finno-Ugric Identity in its Foreign Policy Roles**

The Western Balkans 1, *FDV-21*, 9:30 - 11:00

(Assist. Prof Dr Faris Kočan, University of Ljubljana & Melika Mahmutović, teaching assistant, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Assoc. Prof Dr Soeren Keil, University of Passau, Germany)

Dobrin, Ajša & Bevk Peternelj, Anej, *University of Ljubljana*: **From Unity to Division: National Identity and Conflict Narratives in Slovenian Textbooks After Yugoslavia**

Dobrin, Ajša & Grozde, Eva & Lavrin, Ana, *University of Ljubljana*: **Strategic Compliance: The Accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Union through the lens of Game Theory**

Sali, Sabina, *University of Belgrade*: **National Identity Construction and Interstate Relations in the Western Balkans: The Impact of the Past on Contemporary Policies**

Hadji Vasilev, Gjorgji, *University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje*: **The Growing Influence of Hungary in North Macedonia Through the Prism of Constructivism**

COFFEE BREAK, *FDV-20*, 11:00 - 11:30

International Peace and Security, *FDV-20*, 11:30 - 13:00

(Assoc. Prof Dr Ljupcho Stojkovski, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje, Macedonia & Assoc. Prof Dr Marko Lovec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Knežević Mužić, Leona, *University of Zagreb*: **Is liberal internationalism waning? R2P and the case of Libya**

Malalan, Filip, *University of Ljubljana*: **Resource Dynamics and Tactical Adaptation in Civil Wars: The Role of Black Market-Suitable Resources Under UN Arms Embargoes**

Susin, Ana, *University of Groningen*: **Securitization as Irredentism: Development Plans and Military Tourism as "Greater Israel" Legitimization Tools for Israel's 2024 Occupation of Syrian Golan Heights**

International Political Economy, *FDV-21*, 11:30 - 13:00

(Assoc. Prof Dr Josip Lučev, University of Zagreb, Croatia & Assoc. Prof Dr Brian Schmitt, CY Cergy Paris University, France)

Atalić, Goran, *University of Zagreb*: **East-Central and Southeast European Growth Models and Crises: Between Continuity and Change**

Jakovljević, Aleksandar & Jovanović, Aleksa, *University of Belgrade*: **Saving the Planet, Dividing the Economies: How the Fight Against Climate Change Hurts Globalization**

Maglio, Giorgio Gino Antonio, *University of Salento*: **The World Trade Organisation and its role in international commerce**

Heath, Stella Alexandra, *Leiden University*: **Climate Finance Justice – Evaluating China's Status Within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**

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LUNCH, *Bistro Slovely*, 13:00 - 14:00

Foreign policy 2, FDV-20, 14:00 - 15:30

(Prof. Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Slovenia & Assist. Prof Dr Marko Kovačević, University of Belgrade, Serbia)

Ostojić, Mak, University of Zagreb: Contemporary Practice and Theory of Multipolarity

Tomažič, David & Persyn, Miha & Koširnik, Matic, University of Ljubljana: Explaining Serbia's Foreign Policy

Inconsistencies: juggling between the East and the West

Trajkovski, Filip & Trendevski, Stefan, University of Ljubljana: Trade influences of Türkiye, China, and the EU in the Western Balkans

COFFEE BREAK, *FDV-20*, 15:30 - 16:00

International environmental protection, FDV-20, 16:00 - 17:30

(Assist. Prof Dr Danijel Crnčec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Prof Dr Julija Brsakoska Bazerkoska, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje, Macedonia & Sara Cosatti, PhD, University of Trieste)

Asani, Edona, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje: The Evolving International Protection of Climate Refugees

López, Viera Carolina, Jagiellonian University: Drowning in Open Water: Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Major Carbon Emitting Nations Towards the Disappearance of Tuvalu

Bizjak, Zarja, University of Ljubljana: Plastic Pollution: How Global Inequalities and Private Interests Inform Systems of Plastic Waste Management.

Hlyudzyk, Adelina & Remškar, Tibor, University of Ljubljana: Nature reduced to Services: The Logic of Commodification in Carbon Offsetting and Ubuntu's Alternative.

Stojanović, Andrej, University of Ljubljana: Protecting the Right to a Healthy Environment Beyond EU Borders during the EU Green Transition: The case of Rio Tinto's Jadar Project in Serbia.

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BREAKFAST AT THE FACULTY, FDV-20, 8:30 - 9:30

The Western Balkans 2, FDV-20, 9:30 - 11:00

(Assist. Prof Dr Faris Kočan, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Assoc. Prof Dr Soeren Keil, University of Passau, Germany)

Hadžić, Amina, University of Tuzla: Navigating Stability: The Interplay Of Ethnic Tensions And Eu Accession In The Western Balkans

Stunja, Petra, University of Zagreb: The struggle between EU requirements and domestic authoritarianism in the Western Balkans: A losing battle?

Zučić, Jakov, University of Zagreb: Political discourse towards the Balkans in Croatia

COFFEE BREAK, FDV-20, 11:00 - 11:30

European Union External Action: legal vs. political considerations, FDV-20, 11:30 - 13:00

(Francesco Spera, PhD Candidate, University of Salento, Italy & Assist. Prof Dr Alice Cunha, Nova University Lisbon, Portugal)

Persyn, Miha & Božiček, Ajda, University of Ljubljana: The EU's Global Gateway: pushing the EU away from its norms?

Sofeska, Ana, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje: EU Climate Leadership and the Impact of Global Dependencies

Political discourse on war 1, FDV-21, 11:30 - 13:00

(Polina Zavershinskaia, PhD Candidate, University of Leipzig, Germany & Melika Mahmutović, teaching assistant, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Agape Simakungwe, Marion, University of Gothenburg: Counting Down to War: The Use of Time as a Tool to Manufacture Consent for the U.S. led Invasion of Iraq

Mladenovska, Mia, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje: The Media's Impact on International Pressure for Intervention in the Yugoslav Wars

Previdi, Maria Vittoria, University of Trieste: The Role and Representations of Culture in the Siege of Sarajevo (1992-1995)

LUNCH, Bistro Slovely, 13:00 - 14:00

The future of European integration: closing the capability-expectations gap?, FDV-20, 14:00 - 15:30

(Assist. Prof Dr Jure Požgan, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Prof Dr Susanna Cafaro, University of Salento, Italy)

Biro, Peter, University of Gothenburg: Eastern European Periphery: From Freeriding to Disobedience in the EU - a Post-functional View

Čibarić, Paola & Virag Kalmar, Kamilla, University of Zagreb: Bridging Ambition And Reality: Rethinking European Integration For A Pragmatic Future

Milurović, Jovana, University of Belgrade: EU Defence Integration and Readiness 2030: Addressing Strategic Gaps through Reform

Van Elslander, Julie, Research Intern, Center for international relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana: Reclaiming Europe: Marine Le Pen's Alternative Authority in Post-Truth Europe

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(Polina Zavershinskaia, PhD Candidate, University of Padova, Italy & Melika Mahmutović, teaching assistant, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Sinanović, Samir, University of Tuzla: The Use Of Moral Arguments In War Discourse: A Comparative Analysis of Political Speeches

Šindik, Milena Maja, University of Zagreb: Framing the Conflict: Competing Narratives in the Israel-Gaza War

Škrnički, Selena, University of Zagreb: Shaping the Narrative: The Role of Propaganda and Collective Memory in Political Discourse on War

CLOSING CEREMONY, FDV-20, 17:30