

The Dr.-Karl-Renner-Institute and the University of Vienna are pleased to extend the following invitation

Public Debate and International Conference

Democratization and Europeanization in the Western Balkans

Time 25 / 26 November 2010

Venue Renner-Institute, "Europa-Saal"
Entrance: Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf – HOTEL 2, Hoffingergasse 33, 1120 Wien
(public transport: U6, „Am Schöpfwerk“)

25 November 2010, 19:00:

Conference Opening/Public Debate

Ethnic Diversity and Democratization - The Western Balkans on its Way to the European Union

Opening statement

DIETER SEGERT

University of Vienna

Panel

FLORIAN BIEBER

Karl-Franzens-University, Graz

JOSEPH MARKO

Karl-Franzens-University, Graz

ANNA KRASTEVA

New Bulgarian University, Sofia

IGOR ŠTIKS

University of Edinburgh

Chair

VEDRAN DŽIHIĆ

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26 November 2010, 09:00 - 19:15:

Conference Workshop

Ethnic Diversity as a Factor of Democratic Consolidation

Program/ Selected papers

9:00-10:00

Opening

10:15-12:15

Panel 1: **Accommodating Differences in the Western Balkans**

Chair: **JOSEPH MARKO**

EDIN HODŽIĆ: The Promise and Limits of Collective Equality: The Dubious Role of International Human Rights Law in the Construction of Majorities and Minorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

THORSTEN GROMES / BRUNO SCHOCH: Democratization of Post-Civil War Societies – an Impossible Thing To Do) Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Macedonia in Comparison

AISLING LYON: There are No Territorial Solutions to Ethnic Issues. Municipal Decentralisation: Between the Integration and Accommodation of Ethnic Difference in the Republic of Macedonia

Discussant: **DOROTHÉE DE NEVE**

Lunch Break

13:30-15:30

Panel 2: **Europeanization and Interethnic Relations**

Chair: **ANNA KRASTEVA**

EDINA SZŐCSIK: Ethnic Minority Parties in the EU Accession Process: The Case of the Hungarian and the Bosniak Minority Parties in Serbia

SIMONIDA KACARSKA: The Impact of EU Political Conditionality in the Western Balkans – Minority Protection in the Case of the Republic of Macedonia

FRANZISKA BLOMBERG: The 'Do-No-Harm' Debate in External Democracy Promotion: Assessing the Limits of Consociationalism

Discussant: **IGOR ŠTIKS**

Coffee Break

16:00-18:00

Panel 3: **Case Studies from the Western Balkans**

Chair: **FLORIAN BIEBER**

JADRANKA ČAČIĆ-KUMPES / MARGARETA GREGUROVIĆ / JOSIP KUMPES:

Relations between Ethnic Majority and Minorities in Croatia and Realisation of the Rights to Cultural and Ethnic Diversity

SERGEJ FLERE / ANDREJ KIRBIŠ: Ethnic Minorities and Political Participation: A Comparative Study of West Balkan Countries

JELENA DŽANKIĆ: The Curious Case of Montenegro's Minorities: Citizenship, Participation, Access to Cultural and Socio-Economic Rights

Discussant: **CAROLINE LEUTLOFF-GRANDITS**

18:15 - 19:15

Closing note by organizers

Summary and Conclusions: **VEDRAN DŽIHIC / ANGELA WIESER**

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