

DISBALANCED WESTERN AND EASTERN BALKANS: RUSSIAN INTERESTS AND INFLUENCES



DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 12 – 2 P.M.

VENUE: ROOM N. 212 (HOLLAR BUILDING – SMETANOVO NÁMĚSTÍ 6)

MODERATED BY: OSZKÁR ROGINER (KRVS IMS)

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PROGRAMME:

14: 00 – LEJLA TURČILO (University of Sarajevo)

INFORMATION CHAOS: WESTERN BALKANS MEDIA REPORTING ON WAR IN UKRAINE

This lecture will present ways in which media in the Western Balkans report on the war in Ukraine. Starting point of the lecture is that the media in the Western Balkans created information chaos when reporting on Ukraine, which is characterized by disinformation campaigns, sensationalism and propaganda.

15:00 – SILVIU MILOIU (University of Târgoviște)

INTERACTIVE STRATEGIC CULTURES: ROMANIA AND MOLDOVA

In contrast to the international arena, the immediate security environment can be perceived as an extended national space, that is situated beyond the actual state boundaries. Since the image of this territory is a central building block of identity substantiating the myth of the nation's rightful homeland, threat perceptions also cover these areas.

16:00 – MIRZA KRŠO (University of Sarajevo)

CURIOUS CASE OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CONNECTION WITH UKRAINE'S EXPERIENCE - MALIGN INFLUENCE, MALIGN NEGLECT, OR SOMETHING ELSE?

The war in Ukraine left hardly anyone completely unaffected on global scale. However, Bosnia-Herzegovina – a developing economy, divided post-war society, located deep in the EU and NATO backyard; has arguably been affected by it more than others, if not the most in the short run. For almost a century, Bosnia and the Balkans have been within Russia's sphere of interest, but in the past two decades, under a very specific set of circumstances, they more strongly transitioned into Russia's sphere of influence.