



Program

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Rethinking the Balkans

Incongruities of State and Nation Building, Regional
Stabilisation and European Integration

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Thursday, June 17, 2004

1:00 pm LUNCHEON

2:00 pm **Welcome and Introduction**

Georg Dick
Head, Policy Planning Staff, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Josef Janning
Member of the Management Committee, Bertelsmann Foundation, Guetersloh; Director,
Bertelsmann Group for Policy Research, Centre for Applied Policy Research, Munich

2:30-4:00 pm **Panel A: Towards a Consolidated Order of States -
Territorialisation of Ethnicity or Multiethnic States?**

Chair: Rita Suessmuth
Professor; Member of the Board of Trustees, Bertelsmann
Foundation, Guetersloh; former President of the Deutsche
Bundestag, Berlin

Opening
Remarks: Florian Bieber
Senior Non-Resident Research Fellow, European Centre for
Minority Issues, Belgrade

Comments: Sladjan Ilic
Mayor of Strpce

Bojan Pajtic
Vice President, Democratic Party, Belgrade

Hashim Thaci
Chairman, Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK), Pristina

Arben Xhaferi
Chairman, Democratic Party of Albanians (PDSH), Skopje

followed by discussion

4:00 pm COFFEE BREAK

4:30-6:30 pm

Panel B: Legacies of the Past and Weak States – Democratic Transformation and the Emergence of Civil Society

Chair: Zarko Korac
Professor; Member of the Serbian Parliament, Democratic Party;
former Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

Opening Remarks: Wim van Meurs
Senior Research Fellow, Bertelsmann Group for Policy Research,
Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich

Comments: Skender Hyseni
Principal Political Advisor to the President of Kosovo, Office of the
President of Kosovo, Pristina

Mladen Ivanic
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Sarajevo

Ranko Krivokapic
President of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro,
Podgorica

Milan Pajevic
Ambassador at Large; Foreign Policy Advisor to the Deputy Prime
Minister of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

followed by discussion

8:15 pm

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9:30-11:30 am

Panel C: The Balkans in Europe – a Strategy of Enlargement?

Chair: Alojz Peterle
Member of the European Parliament, Brussels

Opening Remarks: Franz-Lothar Altmann
Head, Balkans Affairs, German Institute for International and Security
Affairs, Berlin

Comments: Zlatko Lagumdžija
President of the Social Democratic Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Sarajevo

Jelica Minic
Senior Advisor, European Movement in Serbia, Belgrade

Visnja Samardžija
Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs; Head, Department for European
Integration, Institute for International Relations, Zagreb

Dobrinka Taskovska
Professor; Head, Journalism Department, Faculty of Law, Skopje

Vladimir Veres
Ambassador; Director, Division Planning and Analysis, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Montenegro, Belgrade

followed by discussion

11:30 pm COFFEE BREAK

12:00-1:00 pm **Conclusions: Western Balkans – the Next Decade**

Chairs: Lieselore Cyrus
Ambassador; Special Envoy for Southeast Europe,
Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Josef Janning

1:00 pm LUNCHEON