Bosnia, from Dayton to Europe

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Context

The 20th anniversary of the Dayton Agreement, which ended the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, will take place in November 2015. The institutional framework set by the Agreement aimed at guaranteeing peace and the collective interests of three ethnic groups – Bosnians, Serbs and Croats; however, the result has been a weak state, with enormous difficulties to apply the reforms that would allow for a stable and prosperous future.

Frustration about social, political and economic stalemate and the lack of perspectives, have led to demonstrations and protests in the last months. Meanwhile, the “promise” of a future within the European Union is still the only common point of the different political and ethnic parties.

Despite the geographical distance and the little historical tradition between Spain and the Balkans, Spain has had a special relationship with Bosnia-Herzegovina for the last two decades, be it in the military, the humanitarian or the diplomatic fields.

The purpose of this seminar is to draw a balance of these last 20 years, and, mostly, to try to make an analysis of the possible paths for the future, including the EU perspective.

09:00  Welcome

Heriberto Cairo, Dean, Facultad de CC Políticas y Sociología

9:15 Presentation

Michael Ehrke, Director, Madrid Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Madrid
Cristina Manzano, Director, esglobal, Madrid
Ruth Ferrero, Academic Coordinator
09:30 Opening remarks

Presentation: Esther del Campo, Director, ICEI, UCM

Speaker: Darko Zelenika, Ambassador Bosnia-Herzegovina, Spain

09:30 - 11:00


Gorana Mlinarevic, Sociology Department, Goldsmiths, University of London.
Carlos Flores Juberías, Professor, Constitutional Law, Universidad de Valencia

Moderator: Sonia Andolz, Universidad Nebrija

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

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Transitional justice

Dino Abazovic, Director of the Human Rights Center, University of Sarajevo
Iavor Rangelov, Global Security Research Fellow - London School of Economics, Co-Chair of the London Transitional Justice Network

Moderator: Francisco de Borja Lasheras, Associate Director, ECFR Madrid, former member OSCE in BH, Madrid

13:00-14:15

Social movements

Miguel Rodríguez Andreu, Editor, Balkania, author Anatomía Serbia
Meliha Bajramovic, Plenum, Zenica

Moderator: Ruth Ferrero, Prof. Political Science, UCM/UC3M and Senior Researcher at ICEI

14:15-15:00 Lunch
15:00-16:30

The European perspective for Bosnia

Othon Anastasakis, Director, South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), St Antony’s College, University of Oxford
Ruth Ferrero, Prof. Political Science, UCM/UC3M and Senior Researcher at ICEI

Moderator: María Pallares, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

16:30- 17:00 Closing remarks

Presentation: Paloma Román Marugán, Head of Political Science and Administration Dpt II., Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología, UCM

Carlos Westendorp, Secretary General Club de Madrid, former High Representative for Bosnia-Herzegovina, UN

*The event will be held in English, under the Chatham House Rule*