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International conference
The Balkans In, On the Road or Out
of the European Union
April 15-16, 2019, Lazarski University,
Świeradowska str, 43, Warsaw, Poland

Lazarski University
Faculty of Economics and Management
Department of Government Studies
Student's Club of Political Science

Call for proposals

The Department of Government Studies and the Club of Political Science are announcing a call for papers for the international conference **'The Balkans In, On the Road or Out of the European Union'** and encourages scholars and students to submit proposals. The two-day conference will be held at Lazarski University, Warsaw, Poland on April 15-16, 2019.

During the last five years the region was subject to dubious signals from Brussels, beginning with Juncker's 2014 statement claiming no further enlargements would take place during his term, to the renewed enthusiasm for the Western Balkans expressed during the EU Sofia Summit in 2018. Simultaneously, the Balkans has again become a region of geopolitical clash where the interests of the EU, the United States, the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and even Saudi Arabia are colliding. Member states, candidates and potential candidates are the reason the region remains the most diversified in Europe in terms of relations with/within the EU. The Balkan's EU members and non-members are actively involved in most of the burning problems that EU faces including migration, rule of law, enlargement and and economic recovery. Furthermore, Brexit will reshuffle the EU's decision-making process and will have a direct impact on the EU's redistributive functions.

The aim of the conference is to discuss possible scenarios for the future of the Balkans in the context of European integration. How does the EU influence Balkan countries already **in** the EU? What are the challenges ahead for countries **on the road** to the EU? Can some of these countries remain **out** of the process of European integration? Ultimately, what will be the regions' impact on the future of the European Union?

In order to answer these questions we want to focus on the role of values and interests to: analyze the role of the EU at a national and regional level, deliberate on the interaction between national and EU political elites, discuss the compatibility of the Balkan states' political systems with the integration process, discuss the current economic, political, social and security situation in the Balkans and to reflect on the post-Brexit EU approach towards the region.

Authors wishing to participate in the conference should send an abstract of about 250 words along with their contact details. **Proposals should be submitted via e-mail to Tihana.Tokic@lazarski.pl with the subject heading 'The Balkans and EU Conference Proposals' no later than February 15, 2019.**

The participation fee for scholars is €150 excluding accommodation and travel expenses.

The organizers will reimburse partially or fully the accommodation and travel costs of four students.

All applications will be reviewed by the Program Selection Board no later than February 22, 2019. Selected participants will be informed about the decision via e-mail.

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