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International scientific conference
“National interest(s) in World Politics“¹
January 25-26, 2024

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science
Jove Ilića 165, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

AGENDA

Day I, January 25, 2024

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of Participants

Classroom 1, Faculty of Political Science

09:30 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony

Classroom 1, Faculty of Political Science

Dr. Milica Đurić-Jovičić (Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia), Acting Director (*TBC*);
Dr. Dragan R. Simić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Dean;
Dr. Dragan Đukanović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Project Manager and Principal Investigator;

10:00 – 11:30 Panel 1: Historical Studies of the National Interest in International Relations
Classroom 1, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Dragan Đukanović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Dragan R. Simić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), The Monroe doctrine and conception of American national interest: from annual message of President James Monroe to the Foreign Policy doctrine of the United States of America;

Dr. Hristo Berov (Sofia University “St. Climent Ohridski”, Bulgaria), Historical argumentation of national interests: Balkan examples of dysfunctionality;

Dr. Saša Mišić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), **Dragan Živojinović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)**, Yugoslav Perception of Henry Kissinger Role in American Foreign Policy toward Yugoslavia during Ford Administration: between national interest and national prejudice.

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

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12:00 – 13:30 Panel 2: Theoretical Underpinnings of the National Interest

Classroom 13, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Stevan Nedeljković (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Nikola Jović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Dr. Milan Krstić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), From objectivist ontology to sovereigntist practice: How Serbian citizens' perception of national interest shapes their desired prioritization of foreign policy goals;

Mounir Zahran (Otto Suhr Institut, Free University of Berlin, Germany), Making national interests explicit (*Zoom*);

Aleksandar Ivković (Center for Contemporary Politics, Belgrade), Boris Kaličanin (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Exploring the Interplay of the Public and Decision-Makers in Defining National Interest in the Western Balkans;

Marko Mandić (Institute for Social Sciences, Belgrade), (Sub)national interest(s) of Montenegro – The shift from ethno-political interests to national-level politics.

12:00 – 13:30 Panel 3: International law and the National Interest

Classroom 5, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Marko Dašić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Vesna Knežević Predić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Protecting and promoting national interests through domestic implementation measures;

Dr. Janja Simentić Popović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Dr. Miloš Hrnjaz (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), The Legal Nature of Agreements Concluded During Belgrade-Priština Negotiations: Pursuing National Interests Through International Law Mechanisms;

Goran Sandić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), U.S. National Interest and International Law: Shaping the Norms for Cyberspace;

Nikola Banićević (University Donja Gorica, Podgorica, Montenegro) International Relations Between the Balance Politics and Interventionism. (*Zoom*)

13:30 – 15:30 Lunch break



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15:30 – 17:00 Panel 4: National Interest and Foreign Policy of European States
Classroom 5, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Christina Eva Griessler (Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary)

Dr. Marjan Gjurovski (SS. Cyril and Methodius – University in Skopje, Faculty of Philosophy, North Macedonia), Sibela Alimovska (SS. Cyril and Methodius – University in Skopje, Faculty of Philosophy, North Macedonia), The Impact of Social Security on the Security Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia; (*Zoom*)

Dr. Spasimir Domaradzki (University of Warsaw, Poland), Fading Shatterbelt. The Geopolitics of Eastern Europe and national interest (*Zoom*);

Sava Mitrović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Neutrality as a Foreign Policy Strategy of Small States: A Case Study of the Republic of Moldova;

Mihai Christopher Marian Radovici (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Faculty of International Economic Relations, Romania), The Piast and Jagiellonian dichotomy – Poland's foreign policy balancing in the neighborhood (*Zoom*).

15:30 – 17:00 Panel 5: National Interest and Foreign Policy of Middle East and South Asian States

Classroom 13, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Nikola Jović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Rajeesh Kumar (Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, India), Strategic Autonomy and Multi-alignment: An Analysis of India's balancing strategies (*Zoom*);

Mustafa Burak Sener (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary), National Interest of Türkiye in the Eastern Mediterranean: Exclusive Economic Zone or Continental Shelf?;

Mohd Amirul Asraf Bin Othman (Australian National University, Canberra, Australia), Evolving Hegemony: Examining Iran's Pursuit of Regional Dominance and its Alignment with National Interests (*Zoom*);

Aditi Basu (Independent Researcher, India), Viewing India's G-20 Presidency through EU's Lense: Significance for Europe's Clean Energy Transition Goals (*Zoom*).

20:00 Dinner (Location TBA)



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Day II, January 26, 2024

09:30 – 11:00 Panel 6: European Union, Western Balkan and Conflict Resolution

Classroom 13, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Ivana Radić Milosavljević (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Christina Eva Griessler (Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary), Overcoming conflict in the Context of the EU accession process: Western Balkan vs. Eastern Partnership;

Dr. Adam Bence Balazs (Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts, Slovakia), The Western Balkans, Europe, and the 'power of weakness' in the multipolar world

Dr. Stevan Nedeljković (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), **Dr. Marko Dašić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)**, Strategic environment and national interest: the impact of the War in Ukraine on Serbia's national interests;

Brian Finch (The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA), The Temporal Politics of Peace Agreements: Lessons from Bosnia and the Dayton Accords.

11:15 – 12:45 Panel 7: European Integration and Serbia's National Interest

Classroom 5, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Janja Simentić Popović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Maja Kovačević (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Paradoxes of European Integration of Serbia;

Dr. Ivana Radić Milosavljević (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Legitimacy and Instrumentalization: Assessing Serbia's EU Membership Goal;

Dr. Miloš Petrović (Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade), Unveiling the Impact of the Absence of Foreign Policy Strategy on Serbia's European Integration and International Position;

Ivana Milićević (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), **Branimir Đurović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)**, National interest and the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy: case study of the Republic of Serbia.

11:15 – 12:45 Panel 8: Belgrade – Pristina Dialogue, War in Ukraine and Serbia's National Interest

Classroom 13, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Miloš Hrnjaz (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Aleksandra Krstić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), National interests of Serbia through televised presidential addresses 2017-2023;

Dr. Stefan Surlić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Divergent National Interests in Contested Statehood: Serbian Perspective on Kosovo;

Frauke Seebass (Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary), Ethno-territorial ordering in the Belgrade-Prishtina Dialogue;

Božidar Denda (University of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro), Kosovo crisis and Serbian national interests in the light of global power dispersion. (*Zoom*)

12:45 – 13:15 Coffee Break

13:15 – 14:45 Panel 9: National Interest of the Republic of Serbia in the Regional Context

Classroom 13, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Saša Mišić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Dragan Đukanović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Serbia and the Western Balkans Confronted with Wars on the Edges of Europe and the Mediterranean;

Dr. Marina Kostić Šuluejić (Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade),
Dr. Marian Karagyozev (Institute of Balkan Studies – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), National interests of Serbia and Bulgaria after major adverse events: Between continuity and change;

Dr. Aleksandar Jazić (Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade), Serbia's cooperation with the Visegrad Group states after 2000;

Milan Ranković (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), From worsening to detente: Serbo – Croatian relations in the context of foreign policy decision making.



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13:15 – 14:45 Panel 10: National Interest of the Republic of Serbia – Internal and External Aspects

Classroom 5, Faculty of Political Science

Moderator: Dr. Milan Krstić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science)

Dr. Žaklina Novičić (Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade), Legalism, sovereignty and constitutional identities in the European Union;

Dr. Tijana Perić Diligenski (Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade), Establishing the Rule of Law as a National Interest of the Republic of Serbia;

Dr. Miloš Vukelić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Sovereignty in Cyberspace: The Case of Serbia Between 'Digital Authoritarianism' and 'Internet Freedom';

Dr. Marko Dašić (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), Dr. Stevan Nedeljković (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science), A realistic understanding of public diplomacy and lessons for Serbia: more effectiveness, less altruism.

14:45 – 16:30 Lunch