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EU as Regional Integration

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European Regional Convergence: Is the Technology that Matters

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The Parallel Process of Bulgaria and Romania’s Integration into the Euro-Atlantic Security System as a Case Study for the Western Balkans

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The EU-led Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue: An Assessment

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The Importance of Montenegrin Membership in NATO in the Context of Regional Stability

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Urbanisation as Europeanisation. Becoming “Modern” in the Balkans at the End of the Nineteenth Century

09:15 – 09:30 **Prof. Roumiana Preshlenova** (Institute of Balkan Studies & Centre of Thracology, BAS)

The Balkans as Europe: Drawing Upon Lessons from the Past

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From a Pre-modern Society to the European Union – The Paths of Romania and Central-Eastern Europe towards Modernization

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Europe as a Hegemonic Concept: The German Idea of a ‘New European Order’ and Southeastern Europe in the 1930s/40s

10:45 – 11:00 **Prof. Veton Latifi** (South East European University, Tetovo)

The Political Discourse of the Balkan Countries and Their EU Integration Process One Century since the First World War

11:00 – 11:15 **Prof. Iskra Baeva, Prof. Evgenia Kalinova** (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)

The European Integration of the Former Socialist Countries of the Balkans after the End of the Cold War – Successes and Problems

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The European Union and the End of Balkan History
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Croatia's "Long Journey" to the EU
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Romania after Its EU Accession: the Trials of the Membership
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(University Kadri Zeka, Gjilan)
Membership of Kosovo in International Organizations
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Assoc. Prof. Ersida Teliti (University of Tirana)
Consumer Protection as a Prerequisite for Economic Integration of Albania
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- 16:30 – 16:45** **Dr. Kaloyan Metodiev** (Institute for Strategies and Analysis, Sofia)
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