

# PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 8 2025

THE  
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**STUDENT  
CONFERENCE  
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**REGISTRATION, FDV-20, 8:30 – 9:00**

**OPENING CEREMONY, FDV-20, 9:00 – 9:30**

**Foreign policy 1, FDV-20, 9:30 – 11:00**

*(Prof. Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Assist. Prof Dr Marko Kovačević, University of Belgrade, Serbia)*

**Bilić, Sanin, International Burch University: Neutrality in Foreign Policy: Effects of Geopolitical Dynamics on it's feasibility and conception in a multipolar International System**

**Mihajilović, Maša, University of Belgrade: Reassessing power dynamics: The U.S. and Russia's strategic engagement in the Middle East since the onset of the Gaza War**

**Nurgazinova, Dana, Erasmus Mundus International Master Student in Central and East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies: Estonia's Finno-Ugric Identity and its National Roles in the Finno-Ugric World**

**The Western Balkans 1, FDV-21, 9:30 – 11:00**

*(Assist. Prof Dr Faris Kočan, University of Ljubljana & Melika Mahmutović, teaching assistant, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Assoc. Prof Dr Soeren Keil, University of Passau, Germany)*

**Dobrin, Ajša & Bevk Peternej, Anej, University of Ljubljana: From Unity to Division: National Identity and Conflict Narratives in Slovenian Textbooks After Yugoslavia**

**Dobrin, Ajša & Grozde, Eva & Lavrin, Ana, University of Ljubljana: Strategic Compliance: The Accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Union through the lens of Game Theory**

**Sali, Sabina, University of Belgrade: National Identity Construction and Interstate Relations in the Western Balkans: The Impact of the Past on Contemporary Policies**

**Hadji Vasilev, Gjorgji, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje: Hungary's Strategic Influence in North Macedonia Post-Prespa Agreement**

**COFFEE BREAK, FDV-20, 11:00 – 11:30**

**International Peace and Security, FDV-20, 11:30 – 13:00**

*(Assoc. Prof Dr Ljupcho Stojkovski, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje, Macedonia & Assoc. Prof Dr Marko Lovec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)*

**Knežević Mužić, Leona, University of Zagreb: Is liberal internationalism waning? R2P and the case of Libya**

**Malalan, Filip, University of Ljubljana: Resource Dynamics and Tactical Adaptation: The Impact of UN Arms Embargoes on Armed Groups In Civil Wars**

**Susin, Ana, University of Groningen: Syria's Security Threat to Israeli Irredentist Claims over the "Biblical Land of Israel"**

**International Political Economy, FDV-21, 11:30 – 13:00**

*(Assoc. Prof Dr Josip Lučev, University of Zagreb, Croatia & Assoc. Prof Dr Brian Schmitt, CY Cergy Paris University, France)*

**Atalić, Goran, University of Zagreb: East-Central and Southeast European Growth Models and Crises: Between Continuity and Change**

**Jakovljević, Aleksandar & Jovanović, Aleksa, University of Belgrade: Saving the Planet, Dividing the Economies: How the Fight Against Climate Change Slows Down Globalization**

**Maglio, Giorgio Gino Antonio, University of Salento: The World Trade Organisation and its role in international commerce**

**Heath, Stella Alexandra, Leiden University: Climate Finance Justice – Evaluating China's Status Within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**

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**LUNCH**, *Bistro Slovely*, 13:00 – 14:00

**Foreign policy 2**, *FDV-20*, 14:00 – 15:30

(*Prof. Dr Ana Bojinović Fenko, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Slovenia & Assist. Prof Dr Marko Kovačević, University of Belgrade, Serbia*)

**Ostojić, Mak**, *University of Zagreb*: **Diplomacy of the Brave New Multipolar World**

**Tomažič, David & Persyn, Miha & Koširnik, Matic**, *University of Ljubljana*: **Explaining Serbia's Foreign Policy Inconsistencies: juggling between the East and the West**

**Trajkovski, Filip & Trendevski, Stefan**, *University of Ljubljana*: **Capabilities of small, medium, and big states and their strategies of influence**

**COFFEE BREAK**, *FDV-20*, 15:30 – 16:00

**International environmental protection**, *FDV-20*, 16:00 – 17:30

(*Assist. Prof Dr Danijel Crnčec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Prof Dr Julija Brsakoska Bazerkoska, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje, Macedonia & Sara Cosatti, PhD, University of Trieste*)

**Asani, Edona**, *University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje*: **The Emerging Legal Status of Environmental Refugees**

**López, Viera Carolina**, *Jagiellonian University*: **Distributive Justice and the Conceptualization of Environmental Refugees**

**Bizjak, Zarja**, *University of Ljubljana*: **Plastic Pollution: How Global Inequalities and Private Interests Inform Systems of Plastic Waste Management.**

**Hlyudzyk, Adelina & Remškar, Tibor**, *University of Ljubljana*: **Nature reduced to Services: The Logic of Commodification in Carbon Offsetting and Ubuntu's Alternative.**

**Stojanović, Andrej**, *University of Ljubljana*: **Protecting the Right to a Healthy Environment Beyond EU Borders during the EU Green Transition: The case of Rio Tinto's Jadar Project in Serbia.**

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**BREAKFAST AT THE FACULTY, FDV-20, 8:30 - 9:30**

**The Western Balkans 2, FDV-20, 9:30 - 11:00**

*(Assist. Prof Dr Faris Kočan, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Assoc. Prof Dr Soeren Keil, University of Passau, Germany)*

**Hadžić, Amina, University of Tuzla: *The Interplay of Ethnic Tensions and EU Accession in the Western Balkans***  
**Stunja, Petra, University of Zagreb: The struggle between EU requirements and domestic authoritarianism in the Western Balkans: A losing battle?**

**Zucić, Jakov, University of Zagreb: Political discourse towards the Balkans in Croatia**

**COFFEE BREAK, FDV-20, 11:00 - 11:30**

**European Union External Action: legal vs. political considerations, FDV-20, 11:30 - 13:00**

*(Francesco Spera, PhD Candidate, University of Salento, Italy & Assist. Prof Dr Alice Cunha, Nova University Lisbon, Portugal)*

**Persyn, Miha & Božiček, Ajda, University of Ljubljana: The EU's Global Gateway: pushing the EU away from its norms?**

**Sofeska, Ana, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje: The Green Power Struggle: Achieving Strategic Autonomy**

**Political discourse on war 1, FDV-21, 11:30 - 13:00**

*(Polina Zavershinskaia, PhD Candidate, University of Leipzig, Germany & Melika Mahmutović, teaching assistant, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)*

**Agape Simakungwe, Marion, University of Gothenburg: Governing War Through the Mass Media Machine: How State Motives Can Drive the Construction of Media Narratives to Favour National Involvement in Armed Conflict**

**Mladenovska, Mia, University of Cyril and Methodius Skopje: The Media's Impact on International Pressure for Intervention in The Yugoslav Wars**

**Previdi, Maria Vittoria, University of Trieste: The Role of Cultural Resistance in Sarajevo's Siege and Western Narratives**

**LUNCH, Bistro Slovely, 13:00 - 14:00**

**The future of European integration: closing the capability-expectations gap?, FDV-20, 14:00 - 15:30**

*(Assist. Prof Dr Žure Požgan, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia & Prof Dr Susanna Cafaro, University of Salento, Italy)*

**Biro, Peter, University of Gothenburg: Hungary and Slovakia: From Freeriding to Disobedience in the EU – a Post-functionalist View**

**Čibarić, Paola & Virag Kalmar, Kamilla, University of Zagreb: Hungary and Slovakia: From Freeriding to Disobedience in the EU – a Post-functionalist View**

**Duta, Antonia, University of Gothenburg: Călin Georgescu and the EU: Rhetoric and the Pulse of Euroskepticism**

**Milurović, Jovana, University of Belgrade: The future of EU integration: EU Security and Defense: The Role of PESCO and the European Defence Fund**

**Van Elslander, Julie, Research Intern, Center for international relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana: Reclaiming Europe: Marine Le Pen's Alternative Authority in Post-Truth Europe**

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**Political discourse on war 2, FDV-20, 16:00 - 17:30**

*(Polina Zavershinskaia, PhD Candidate, University of Leipzig, Germany & Melika Mahmutović, teaching assistant, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)*

**Sinanović, Samir, University of Tuzla: The Use of Moral Arguments in War Discourse: A Comparative Analysis of Political Speeches**

**Šindik, Milena Maja, University of Zagreb: Framing the Conflict – Competing Narratives in the Israel-Gaza War**

**Škrnički, Selena, University of Zagreb: Shaping the Narrative: The Role of Propaganda and Collective Memory in Political Discourse on War**

**CLOSING CEREMONY, FDV-20, 17:30**