**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL**

**Advancing democracy: empowering democratic practices in the Western Balkans**

**Online, 17 May - 22 May 2021**

**Host**: University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Sciences, Institute for Social Science Research, Skenderija 72, Sarajevo, BiH. <https://fpn.unsa.ba/b/>

**Program**

**Monday 17 May**

10.00 Welcoming address by Sead Turčalo (Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo) and Sanela Bašić (Vice-Dean for International Cooperation, Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo)

10.10 Presentation of the Jean Monnet Network project “**Active citizenship: promoting and advancing innovative democratic practices in the Western Balkans**”; Irena Fiket (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade)

10.20 Presentation of the Summer School program and requirements; Valida Repovac Nikšić (Coordinator, University of Sarajevo)

10.30 Opening lecture: **EU and the Democratic Transformation of the Region;** Nedžma Džananović (University of Sarajevo)

11.30 Lecture + discussion: **Post-Democracy and the (Digital) Commons**;Mario Hibert (University of Sarajevo)

*13.00 Break*

14.00-16.00 Key lecturer + discussion: **On Activism and Foolishness: Political Action in the Aftermath of Catastrophe**; Larisa Kurtović (University of Ottawa)

**Tuesday 18 May**

10.00 Key lecturer + discussion: **When the bodies assemble – 2014 plenums in Bosnia and Herzegovina – afterthoughts”**;Asim Mujkić (University of Sarajevo)

11.30 Lecture + discussion: **Activism, captured state and the transition to new narratives in decision-making processes - the case of North Macedonia**; Ivana Tufegdzik (social activist and former MP in the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia):

*13.00 Break*

14.00-16.00 Seminar with activists and experts: **Active Citizens – Better Society: advocating for cooperation and democratic development”**;Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

**Wednesday 19 May**

10.00 Seminar: **Social movements’ struggles in illiberal regimes: a case of Serbia;** Fiket Irena, Pudar Draško Gazela & Vasiljević Jelena (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade)

11.00 Lecture: **The revolution that ate its own children; consensus and discord in social movements;** Nenad Markovikj (Faculty of Law Iustinianus Primus, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje)

12.00 Discussion

*13.30 Break*

14.30-16.00 Key lecturer + discussion: **Hannah Arendt on Protest and Democracy;** Roger Berkowitz (Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities, Bard College New York)

**Thursday 20 May**

10.00 **Round table** with Lura Pollozhani (**Experience and mobilisation strategies of social movements in North Macedonia**), Marko Kmezic (**Civil society and local grassroots initiatives in the context of political contestation in the Western Balkans**)& Florian Bieber (moderator), Center for South East European Studies, University of Graz

11.30 Lecture + discussion: **Conflict and democracy: law and practice of deliberation on major public works in the Italian context;** Daniela R. Piccio, Stefania Ravazzi **(**Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin)

*13.00 Break*

14.00-16.00 **Seminar with activists and journalists**: Sabina Nikšić (Hastahana, Sarajevo) & Aleksandar Trifunović (Banja Luka)

**Friday 21 May**

10.00 Lecture + discussion: **Deliberative mini publics in illiberal regimes: discussing urban mobility plans and air pollution problems in Serbia**; Fiket Irena, Pudar Draško Gazela & Vasiljević Jelena (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade)

11.30 Lecture + discussion: **Establishing citizenship assemblies in a divided city: the case study of Mostar**; Damir Kapidžić (University of Sarajevo)

*13.00 Break*

14.00-15.30 Lecture + discussion: **Media and information** **literacy as the key competence of active citizens**; Emir Vajzović (University of Sarajevo)

15.30 -16.00 Final conclusions and closing; (Valida Repovac Nikšić)