

THE EU AS A GEOPOLITICAL ACTOR IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: AN ASSESSMENT

Place: Professor Zdravko Grebo Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sarajevo

Time: Monday, 12 February 2024, 18:00 – 19.30 h

INVITATION

We hereby warmly invite you to attend a panel discussion titled “**The EU as a Geopolitical Actor in the Western Balkans: An Assessment**”. The event will take place on Monday, February 12, 18:00h at the Professor Zdravko Grebo Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Sarajevo ([location](#)). The event is co-organized by the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Foreign Policy and the Western Balkans, University of the Peloponnese, and the European Regional Master in Democracy and Human Rights in SEE (ERMA), University of Sarajevo and the University of Bologna. The event will be held in the English language.

In 2019, when Ursula von der Leyen outlined the priorities of the incoming European Commission, she claimed an aspiration to be the President of a ‘Geopolitical Commission.’ As we approach the end of the Commission's five-year term, the discussion will take stock of the track record of EU policies towards the Western Balkans. During the event, the participants will discuss the state of geopolitical competition in the region and analyze the debate inside the EU concerning the increase of its influence through the reinvigoration of its enlargement policy. The discussion will be followed by a cocktail.

Moderation: Prof. Nikolaos Tzifakis, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Foreign Policy and the Western Balkans, University of the Peloponnese

Speakers:

- Prof. Nedžma Džananović-Miraščija, Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo
- Kurt Bassuener, PhD, Senior Associate, Democratization Policy Council
- Valery Perry, PhD, Senior Associate, Democratization Policy Council
- Leila Bičakčić, Executive Director, Center for Investigative Reporting

With best regards,

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