



## PROGRAM

### INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

#### *Untying the Knot – Bosnia and Herzegovina on the path towards EU and NATO Membership*

**NEUM, 17 MARCH 2022**

*In-person/online*

**Thursday, 17 March 2022**

**Presenter: Sanja Pehar**

**10.00 – 10.30**

**Conference opening, introductory remarks**

- **prof. Zoran Tomić, PhD**, Rector of the University of Mostar
- **prof. Damir Boras, PhD**, Vice President of the Rector's Assembly, Rector of the University of Zagreb
- **Michael Murphy**, The Ambassador of the USA to BiH
- **Gordan Grlić Radman, PhD**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
- **mr. Andrej Plenković**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia
- **Dragan Čović, PhD**, Chairman of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**10.30 – 11.00**

**Introductory lecture**

**prof. Rupak Chattopadhyay**, president and CEO „Forum of Federations“  
„The Federal Idea and the Accommodation of Diversity“

**11.00 – 11.30**

**Coffee break / media statements**

**11.30 – 12.45**

**Panel I – European Power-Sharing Models – Useful Examples for BiH?**

**MODERATOR: Sanja Vlaisavljević**

*10 minutes of introduction by the moderator - presentation of the panellists,  
a short introduction to the topic of the panel;  
Duration of panellists' presentation - max. 10 minutes*



1. **prof. Sumantra Bose**  
„Bosnia and Herzegovina as a Multinational State: Comparative Reflections“
2. **prof. Ugo Vlaisavljević, PhD**  
„Is 'Bosnia (still) a deeply divided society? Comments on a largely shared assumption“
3. **prof. Duško Vejnović, PhD, Predrag Obrenović, PhD**, European Defendology Center, Banja Luka  
"Sovereignty as a threat to the geopolitical future and global security"
4. **Dejan Vanjek, PhD**  
„Federal purpose beyond Power-Sharing“
5. **Karine Millaire, PhD**, postdoctoral fellow at Queen's University and lecturer at the University of Montreal  
„Untying the knot: Federalism, shared sovereignty, and Canadian constitutional architecture“

12.45 – 13.45

**Panel II – Power-Sharing vs. outvoting: What Concept Would Foster Bosnia and Herzegovina’s EU Integration?**

**MODERATOR: Martin Mikulić**

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1. **Mate Arlović, PhD**, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia  
"Constitutional Arrangement and Political Options of the Electoral Model for Elections to the Representative Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina"
2. **prof. Tado Jurić, PhD**, Catholic University of Croatia  
"Models of Political Reorganization of Bosnia and Herzegovina"
3. **prof. Nermin Salkić, PhD**  
„Nietzsche's perspectivism as the epistemological basis for the dialog between different/opposed political perspectives“
4. **prof. Jure Zovko, PhD**, president of the International Institute of Philosophy "Deconstruction of the term 'civic' in current Bosnian politics"
5. **prof. Nevenko Vranješ, PhD**, Faculty of Political Science, University of Banja Luka  
"Political Capacities of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Euro-Atlantic Integration"

13.45 – 15.20

**Lunch break**

15.20– 16.30

**Panel III - The Policy Options and Choices of the International Community with reference to Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Introductory lecture:



- **Johann Sattler**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina and is the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**MODERATOR: Josip Brkić**

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1. **Jakov Žižić, PhD**, Catholic University of Croatia  
„Consociational Elements of the European Union“
2. **Darko Mršić**, Slovenia  
„Legal frameworks and constitutional solutions for functional BiH in practice“
3. **Aleksandar Janković, PhD, Dalibor Savić, PhD**, Faculty of Political Science, University of Banja Luka  
"Attitudes of the citizens of Republika Srpska on Bosnia and Herzegovina's accession to NATO and the EU"
4. **Review and comment - prof. Sumantra Bose**

**16.30 – 17.00**

**Conclusions and closing of the conference**  
**Academician Mladen Bevanda, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in BiH**