

***Round Table
University of Fribourg
Bd. de Pérolles 90, Room G120
26 April 2012, 15h-17.30h***

***Kosovo, Serbia and the EU:
Discussing the Challenges and Perspectives of a Conflict Region***

Audience

Students and teaching staff from different Swiss universities interested in the region, politicians, experts or media representatives. RSVP at delia.imboden@unifr.ch

Objective

The focus of this round table will be on the discussion of current challenges and perspectives related to the complex relationship and disputes between Serbia and Kosovo. With this regard, the role of the EU is of crucial importance. How effective is the EU in managing and regulating the conflict between Kosovo and Serbia? To what extent is the conflict an obstacle for the integration of Serbia in the EU? What are the implications for Kosovo and its Europeanization? We will take a look at the issues at stake from an internal, domestic, as well as external, international, perspective. Domestic and international experts will discuss the current situation and possible implications stemming from the negotiation's results. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions or simply share their opinions.

The round table will be hosted by the University of Fribourg's Interfaculty Institute for Eastern and Central Europe (IICEE). The discussion will be moderated by long-term Balkans expert and NZZ journalist, Mr Andreas Ernst.

Programme

15:00 – 15:30

Welcome

Prof. Dr. Nicolas Hayoz,
University of Fribourg

5 minutes

Introduction "Main Issues and
Current Status"

Andreas Ernst, NZZ
Journalist (confirmed)

10 minutes

"Swiss Contribution to
Development in Kosovo and
Serbia"

Kurt Kunz, SDC

15 minutes

15:30 – 16:25

EU as a Key Actor in Conflict

Dr. Claire Gordon. London

15 minutes

Management and Europeanization–
Approaches to Kosovo and Serbia

School of Economics

Conflict Between Kosovo and
Serbia–The Role and Effectiveness
of the EU Policies

Ilir Deda, Prishtina, political
analyst and former advisor to
the President of Kosovo

**10 minutes
each**

Vladimir Todoric, Director of
the New Policy Center in
Belgrade

Internal Power Struggles and Their
Impact on the Conflict
Management Potential and the EU-
Accession Process

Dr. Jovo Bakic, Sociologist,
Faculty of Philosophy,
University of Belgrade

**10 minutes
each**

Prof. Dr. Arben Hajrullahu,
Political Scientist, Faculty of
Philosophy, University of
Prishtina

16:25 – 17:30

**Q&A, Final Discussion, Closing
Remarks**

Andreas Ernst, moderator

17:30 Cocktail