



Explaining the Yugoslav Catastrophe: The Quest for a Common Narrative

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9 am – 3 pm

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Nationalist politicians and media fueled Yugoslavia's bloody dissolution. Today the region's peoples remain deeply divided by contradictory accounts of what happened.

- What are the great controversies that divide Bosniaks, Croats, Serbs, Slovenes and Kosovars?
- To what extent can the region's scholars bridge the divide by forging a single, yet multilateral narrative?
- What obstacles and other challenges must they confront?
- What kind of an impact can such an approach have on the peacebuilding process in the Balkans? Elsewhere?

Presentations will be followed by questions from the floor.

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Moderator:

Daniel Serwer

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9:00 AM	<u>Introduction</u>	<i>Judy Barsalou and Rodger Potocki</i>
9:15 AM	The Scholars' Initiative	<i>Charles Ingrao</i>
9:45-11:00 AM	<u>Bosnia & Croatia</u> Moderated by:	<i>Donald Hays</i>
	Independence & Fate of Minorities	<i>Gale Stokes & Drago Roksandic</i>
	Int. Community & the FRY/Belligerents	<i>Matjaz Klemencic</i>
	Safe Areas	<i>Charles Ingrao & Darko Gavrilovic</i>
	The War in Croatia	<i>Mile Bjelajac</i>
11:00-11:15 AM	BREAK	
11:15-1:30 PM	<u>Kosovo & the ICTY</u> Moderated by:	<i>Daniel Serwer</i>
	Kosovo under Autonomy	<i>Dusan Janjic</i>
	Milosevic	<i>Ylber Hysa</i>
	US/NATO Intervention	<i>James Gow</i>
	The ICTY	<i>Julie Mertus</i>
1:30-1:45 PM	LUNCH	
1:45-3:00 PM	<u>Roundtable Discussion - Problems & Prospects</u> Moderated by:	<i>Charles Ingrao</i> <i>Darko Gavrilovic</i> <i>Ylber Hysa</i> <i>Dusan Janjic</i> <i>Mile Bjelajac</i> <i>Matjaz Klemencic</i> <i>Drago Roksandic</i>

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