

Round table:

“Revisiting the troubled past, anticipating the future: lessons from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo and impacts on European integration”

Dear Sir or Madam!

This is to invite you to *a roundtable discussion on Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina*, which will take place on **Thursday, 4 April 2019 from 10.30 until 12.00 at the Centre for European Perspective** (Grajska cesta 1, 1234 Mengeš). The roundtable is organised in the framework of a Horizon2020 academic research project entitled “*Revisiting the Past, Anticipating the Future: Strengthening European Integration through the Analysis of Conflict Discourses – RePAST* (www.repast.eu).”

The project aims at investigating how European societies deal with their troubled pasts today through the analysis of conflict discourses rooted in those pasts, with a view on the impact of those discourses on European integration. The project analyses the troubled past(s) in eight European countries (Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Spain, Germany, Poland, Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina). However, *only the preliminary findings on the troubled past(s) in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo will be presented at the round table*, given the fact that the foreign policy of the Republic of Slovenia perceives the two among the Slovenian foreign-policy priorities.

As the project also aims at implementing actions and proposing strategies for reflecting upon the difficult discourses to strengthen European integration – both at the levels of policy-making and civil society – the participation of the Slovenian policy-makers, diplomatic representatives accredited in the Republic of Slovenia, researchers, students and journalists at the round table is strongly encouraged in order to achieve a reflexive discussion.

Prof. Kenneth Andresen (University of Agder, Norway), *Mr Abit Hoxha* (University of Agder, Norway), *Mr Faris Kočan* (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences) and *Dr Rok Zupančič* (the principal investigator of the research team at the University of Ljubljana) will present the project and the preliminary results from their field work in Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina. *Ms Alenka Košir* (Head of Department for Enlargement and South-Eastern Europe, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia) will launch the discussion by providing her thoughts on RePAST, including how this project could be beneficial for the countries of South-Eastern Europe and the EU.

RSVP at faris.kocan@fdv.uni-lj.si by Friday, 29 March 2019.



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