



**Canadian Forum on Southeastern Europe (CFSEE)
Carleton University**

An international conference

**Southeastern Europe:
Moving Forward**

23-24 January 2003

Lord Elgin Hotel - 100 Elgin Street, Ottawa

The conference represents a cooperative effort between CFSEE and the Embassies located in Canada of the following countries: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, (FYR) Macedonia, The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Romania and Turkey. CFSEE is part of the Centre for European Studies at Carleton University. Financial has been provided by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada); the European Commission; the Partnerships for Tomorrow Program (the Association of Canadian Community Colleges and the Canadian International Development Agency); and Carleton University.



The objective of the conference is to identify and analyze current political and economic trends with the goal of drawing attention to positive achievements, cooperative efforts and current challenges as Southeastern Europe enters a new phase of development which should bring improved prospects for political and economic development, and a more conducive environment for business activity.

Thursday, January 23, 2003

8:45 a.m. Welcome

- **Joan DeBardeleben** (Director, Centre for European Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa)
- **H. E. Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos**, representing the current Presidency of the European Union.

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

- **Paul Dubois** (Assistant Deputy Minister, Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada)

9:20 a.m. Panel 1. Southeastern Europe: From Stabilization to Integration

Objective: To provide an overview of the current trends in the political development of Southeastern European countries in order to set the basis for an assessment of prospects for regional integration.

Chair: **John Fraser** (Consultant on Balkans Affairs, Privy Council Office, Ottawa)

Discussant: **Piotr Dutkiewicz** (Deputy Director, Institute of European and Russian Studies EURUS, Carleton University)

Speakers:

- **Robert Austin** (Project Coordinator, Centre for Russian and East European Studies CREES, University of Toronto): *Albania Turns a Corner? Ten Years of Economic and Political Transition Evaluated*
- **Jan Kickert** (Minister-Counsellor, Austrian Embassy in Ottawa): *Prospects and Challenges of Development in (FYR) Macedonia and The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*
- **Atanas Gotchev** (Department of International Relations Association, Sofia, Bulgaria): *Prospects and Challenges of Development in Bulgaria*
- **Lavinia Stan** (Director, Centre for Post-Communist Studies, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia): *Fighting the Demons of the Recent Past: Prospects for Reconstruction and Development*
- **Lenard Cohen** (Department of Political Science, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia): *Democratic Governance in the Yugoslav Successor States*

Noon. Lunch

Keynote speaker:

- **Mladen Ivanic** (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia-Herzegovina)

2:00 p.m. Panel 2. Countries in Transition: Building an Economic Infrastructure

Objective: To provide an assessment of steps being undertaken to develop the economic infrastructure required to assure improved economic performance, a rising standard of living and a fertile environment for business development, both within individual countries as well as on a regional level.

Chair: **Carl McMillan** (EURUS, Carleton University)

Discussant: **Bogdan Buduru** (Department of Economics, Carleton University)

Speakers:

- **Boris Begovic** (School of Law, University of Belgrade, The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia): *Privatization – First Step for Successful Economic Reforms. Results and Challenges*
- **Pavlos Olziersky** (Director, Press Office of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece): *The Hellenic Plan for Economic Reconstruction of the Balkans: Implementation and Perspectives*
- **Dimitar Mircev** (School of Philosophy, Cyril and Metodij University, Skopje, FYR Macedonia): *Socio-Economic Discrepancies as a Source of Security and Political Stability: Experience of the Republic of Macedonia*
- **Nicolae Ropotean** (Director, Regional Political Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania): *The Strategic Importance of the Energy Sector in Romania*
- **Dimitar Stoyanov Savov** (Head of the Investment Policy Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Bulgaria): *Concessions in Transport Infrastructure in Bulgaria*
- **David Carment** (Norman Paterson School of International Affairs NPSIA, Carleton University) and **Atanas Gotchev** (Department of International Relations Association, Sofia, Bulgaria): *Critical Overview of Southeastern European Risk Assessment Projects*

Friday, January 24, 2003

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

T.b.a.

9:30 a.m. Panel 3. States in Transition: Building Governance Structures

Objective: *To provide an assessment of the steps being undertaken to develop effective governance structures that will assure realization of principles such as rule of law, public accountability, and an effective regulatory environment.*

Chair: T.B.A.

Discussant: David Law (EURUS, Carleton University)

Speakers:

- **Slobodan Samardzic** (Political Adviser to the President of The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia): *Rule of Law and Constitutional Framework: Base for Stabilization, Reconstruction and Economic Progress*
- **Achilles Skordas** (Faculty of Law, University of Athens, Greece): *The Greek Plan for Economic Reconstruction of SEE and Building of Good Governance Structures in the Region*
- **Geoffrey Dubrow** (Parliamentary Centre, Ottawa): *Strengthening Horizontal Accountability in the Balkans*
- **Reneo Lukic** (Department of Political Science, Laval University, Quebec City): *Constitutional Restructuring of The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*
- **Nebojsa Bjelakovic** (Directorate for Strategic Analysis, Department of National Defence of Canada): *Truth, Justice and Reconciliation in the Former Yugoslavia*
- **Andrei Marga** (Rector, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania): *Governance: Participation and Responsibility*

Noon. Lunch

Lunchtime speaker:

H.E. Eric Hayes (Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Canada, Ottawa)

1:15 p.m. Panel 4. European and North-Atlantic Integration: Implications for Southeastern Europe

Objective: To provide an appraisal of the current and potential effects of the processes of European and North-Atlantic integration on Southeastern Europe and their implications for Canada's foreign policy towards the region.

Chair: T.B.A.

Discussant: David Long (NPSIA, Carleton University)

Speakers:

- **Murat Bilhan** (Ambassador, Chairman of the Centre for Strategic Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara, Turkey): *Integration Schemes in Southern and Eastern Europe and their Implications on Turkish Foreign Policy*
- **Muhamed Halili** (State Counsellor for Non-European Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Skopje, FYR Macedonia): *Regional Cooperation – Precondition for Economic Development and Integration into Euro-Atlantic Structures*
- **Gerasimos Karabelias** (Department of Sociology, Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences, Athens, Greece): *European Integration and Southeastern Europe: Observations and Suggestions*
- **Charles Pentland** (Director, Queen's Centre for International Relations, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario): *EU Integration and Southeastern Europe: A Canadian Perspective*
- **Speaker t.b.a.** *Possible change Implications of NATO Enlargement for Southeastern Europe*

3:30 p.m. Panel 5. Roundtable on Canada's Foreign Policy in Southeastern Europe

Objective: To consolidate all issues discussed during the workshop and draft policy recommendations.

Chair: Steven Lee (Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, Ottawa)

Participants:

- **Robert Austin** (CREES, University of Toronto)
- **Lenard Cohen** (Department of Political Science, Simon Fraser University)
- **John Fraser** (EURUS, Carleton University)
- **Paul Koring** (Correspondent, Washington Bureau, The Globe and Mail)
- **Rob McRae** (Director General, Central, East and South Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada)

5:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks: Rob McRae, Director General, Central, East and South Europe Bureau, DFAIT

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