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AGENDA

May 7-29, 2021



FRIDAY, 7 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, ENVOY CONFERENCE CENTER, GOSPODAR JEVREMOVA 47

12.00h – 14.00

**Key note
speakers:**

OPENING PANEL: YOUTH IN THE WESTERN BALKANS - AGENTS OF CHANGE

H.E. Mr. Sem Fabrizi, *Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia*

Ms. Liselotte Isaksson, *Head of Sector – Civil Society, Social Inclusion and Human Capital, DG NEAR*

Ms. Snežana Samardžić Marković, *Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe*

Mr. Jan Zlatan Kulenović, *Director of Programs, Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)*

Ms. Antonella Valmorbida, *Secretary General, ALDA - The European Association for Local Democracy*

Prof. Dragoljub Mićunović, *Chair of the Board, Center for Democracy Foundation and former Speaker of the FRY Parliament*

Discussants:

Jasmina Murić, *Head of Human Resources, Ministry for Labour, Employment and Social Affairs*

Jovan Protić, *ILO Office in Serbia*

Djordjo Cvijović, *RYCO*

Marijana Koceku, *WPS Albania*

Emilija Dolovački, *Center for Democracy Foundation*

Moderator:

Nataša Vučković, *Center for Democracy Foundation*

14.30 – 16.00

Facilitator:

WORKSHOP: GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Emilija Dolovački, *RYCE Project Coordinator* & Nataša Vučković, *CDF*

SATURDAY, 8 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

10.00 – 11.30

WORKSHOP IN PLENARY: YOUTH IN THE WESTERN BALKANS – OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES

Presentation
of study:

Nikola Paunović, CRTA, Serbia

Moderator:

Emilija Dolovački, FCD

12.00 – 14.00

WORKSHOP – GROUP WORK: WHY IS EU INTEGRATION IMPORTANT FOR THE YOUTH IN THE WESTERN BALKANS?

Facilitator:

Katica Janeva, ALDA, North Macedonia

TUESDAY, 11 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

16.00 – 17.30

EU AND THE WESTERN BALKANS: PREDICTABLE FUTURE? OTHER ACTORS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS – AN OPPORTUNITY OR AN OBSTACLE TO EU INTEGRATION?

Ivan Vejvoda, *Institute for Human Sciences, Austria*

17.30 – 18.00

DEBRIEF BY THE PARTICIPANTS

Facilitator:

Nataša Vučković, CDF



THURSDAY, 13 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

16.00 – 17.30 **IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO: THE WESTERN BALKANS EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES**
Prof. Gordana Djurović, *Faculty of Economics, University of Podgorica, Montenegro*

17.30 – 18.00 **DEBRIEF BY PARTICIPANTS**
Facilitator: Nataša Vučković, *CDF*

SATURDAY, 15 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

10.00 – 11.30 **DEMOCRACY AND ITS ENEMIES: CAN EU HELP WESTERN BALKANS?**
Dr. Vesna Pusić, *former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Government of the Republic of Croatia*

11.30 – 12.00 **BREAK**

12.00 – 14.00 **THE UNDERDEVELOPED EU-DEMOCRACY REDUCES IT'S INTEGRATIVE CAPACITY**
Prof. Andreas Gross, *former MP and Chair of the PACE Political Committee, Switzerland*

TUESDAY, 18 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

16.00 – 16.30 **WARM UP: WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE EU?**
Facilitator: Emilija Dolovački, *CDF*

16.30 – 18.00 **COMMON CHALLENGE: RULE OF LAW AND FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION**
Prof. Eralda Çani, *Law School, University of Tirana and former deputy Minister of Integration for Albania*

THURSDAY, 20 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, ENVOY CONFERENCE CENTER, GOSPODAR JEVREMOVA 47

16.00 – 18.00

Panelists:

PANEL DEBATE: 3E – ECONOMY, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Kori Udovički, *President of the Governing Board, CEVES, Belgrade and former Minister for Energy and Mining in the Government of the Republic of Serbia*

Aleksandar Kovačević, *expert on energy, Serbia*

Prof. Vladimir Janković, *Manchester University, UK*

Linda Čavdarbasha, *Deputy Minister of Environment of Kosovo**

Ana Marjanović Rudan, *policy consultant, Praxis Development, Serbia*



SATURDAY, 22 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

10.00 – 11.45

WHY ARE WE COMING BACK TO NATIONALISM

Dr. Natalija Mićunović, *Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia*

11.45 – 12.15

BREAK

12.15 – 14.00

GENDER RESPONSIVE POLICIES AND ECONOMY

Aleksandra Vladislavljević, *Gender responsive policies and budgeting consultant, Serbia*

TUESDAY, 25 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

16.00 – 17.30

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF EU INTEGRATION FOR WB YOUTH

Mirna Jusić, *PhD candidate in Public and Social Policy at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University, Czech Republic*

17.30 – 18.00

WORKSHOP: PREPARATION FOR GROUP WORK

Facilitator:

Aleksandra Vladislavljević, *Gender responsive policies and budgeting consultant, Serbia*





THURSDAY, 27 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

16.00 – 18.00

WORKSHOP: DEVELOPING PROJECT IDEAS IN GROUPS

Facilitator:

Aleksandra Vladislavljević, *Gender responsive policies and budgeting consultant, Serbia*

SATURDAY, 29 May 2021

VENUE: POLITEIA STUDIO, CDF, KRALJICE NATALIJE 70

10.00 – 12.00

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS IN PLENARY

Facilitator:

Emilija Dolovački, *CDF*

12.00 – 13.30

EVALUATION AND CLOSING SESSION

Nataša Vučković, *CDF*





KEY NOTE SPEAKERS, LECTURERS, DISCUSSANTS AND MODERATORS

IN ORDER OF THE PARTICIPATION



SNEŽANA SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ is the Director General of Democracy at the Council of Europe since 2012. Under her responsibility, the Directorate General works to help the member states in creating a favourable environment for sustainable democracy and democratic security in Europe.

Three directorates and ten partial agreements under her responsibility are providing guidance, assistance and innovation in the areas of democratic governance, participation and diversity. Her responsibilities include the policy areas of education and youth, local democracy, cultural policies, election assistance, the protection of human dignity, gender equality, children's rights, and the rights of minorities, work against discrimination, democratic citizenship and democratic responses to crisis situations. In addition, Ms Samardžić-Marković is, on voluntary basis, a member of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, of the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture, of the UEFA Foundation for Children board of trustees and of the Governance Task Force of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations.

Previously, Ms Samardžić-Marković has held numerous positions in the Serbian Government including as Deputy Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Neighbouring Countries; Assistant Minister of Defence (2005-2007) and Co-President of the Serbia-NATO Defence Reform Group; member of the Foundation Board of WADA, Minister of Youth and Sports (2007-2012) and President of the Fund for Young Talents.



ANTONELLA VALMORBIDA, Secretary General of ALDA since 1999, has a senior experience in promoting local democracy, empowerment and participation of civil society, and good governance in the whole Europe and beyond. She is a European senior consultant on local development with a focus on the implementation of participatory processes for urban regeneration.

Ms Valmorbida is Secretary General of ALDA (the European Association for Local Democracy) and Chair of the Board of the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) and member of the Steering Committee of the Civil Society Convention on the Future of Europe. She is a key practitioner and expert in local governance, decentralisation and empowerment of citizens participation in Europe, Western Balkans (since 1993) and the Neighbourhood experience. Beside NGO management, she has a consultancy and research profile for international organisation such the UN, the EU and the Council of Europe. She has an academic career at the university of Padova, Italy, and published two books on the involvement of citizens at the local level to promote democracy as well as various articles. But more than everything, she is a true activist engaged in citizens' participation and community empowerment, driving the sustainable and better future for the planet.



LISELOTTE ISAKSSON is an economist by training, Ms Isaksson has spent most of her career in the European Commission's external relations family, where she has covered a broad range of themes and geographical areas. She has worked on mainstreaming environment in EU development cooperation; EU support to commodity dependent countries; and EU aid for trade. In the aftermath of the Arab spring, she worked on regional cooperation in the Southern Neighbourhood, covering topics such as energy, environment, and transport, as well as cooperation with the Union for the Mediterranean. Currently she is Head of Sector for Civil Society, Social Inclusion and Human capital, in DG NEAR's unit for Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes.



PROF. DRAGOLJUB MIĆUNOVIĆ is founder and Chairman of the Board of the Center for Democracy Foundation. He was one of the founders of the Democratic Party (1989) and was its first president (1990-1994). In 1996 he founded the Democratic Center Party and served as its president until 2003 when the party united with the DP. He has been member of parliament in the Serbian and Federal parliaments legislatures for 30 years. At the first multi-party elections in Serbia in 1990, he was first elected MP on behalf of the DP and chaired its parliamentary group. In 1992, Mićunović was elected a Member of the Chamber of Citizens of the Federal Assembly, then reelected in 1996 and in 2000. In 2000 he was elected President of the Chamber of Citizens of the Federal Assembly (2000-2003). Upon the establishment of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro in 2003, Mićunović was elected President of the Union's parliament. From 2004 to 2020 Micunovic was member of the Serbian Parliament where he served as chair of the parliamentary group of the DP and as president of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (2012-2016).

Micunovic was president of the Serbian Standing Delegation in Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2000-2003, 2008-2012) and was member of the PACE Political Committee. He was awarded

He was awarded the Legion d'Honneur in the rank of officer by the President of the French Republic (2014) and was awarded the Italian medal Stella della solidarietà italiana.

Prof. Mićunović was teaching social theory at the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Belgrade and was director of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory in Belgrade (1982-1988).



JAN KULENOVIĆ is Director of the Programs at RYCO. He was CEO of Social Innovation Incubator "MUNJA". He was consultant for more than 30 international organizations (UNDP, WB, UNV, UNFPA, UNICEF, EC, OSCE, CoE, BCYF, SDC, OSF etc.) and companies (Coca-Cola, Telemach, AS Holding, Sparkasse Bank etc.). He holds Master of Art degree on Social Development Practice (London Metropolitan University).



JASMINA MURIĆ is Politeia fellow since its first generation. She has obtained law degree at the Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade. She finished MBA studies at Viadrina University in Frankfurt, Germany. Murić gained her first professional experience in the non-governmental organizations, and later in international organizations and multinational companies. She has worked in public administration for more than ten years in design of public policies and their implementation, particularly in the field of human rights and environmental protection. Murić participated, on behalf of the state bodies, in the international initiatives and in the process of EU integration as a deputy head of the negotiation group for the Chapter 27. At present, Murić is Head of the Department for Human Resources in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Issues.



JOVAN PROTIĆ has been the National Coordinator of the ILO in Serbia since 2008, responsible for the representation of the ILO in Serbia and for implementation of the ILO Decent Work Country Programme for Serbia.

Prior to assuming that role Jovan has worked for the UNDP as the Project Manager in charge of the drafting of the National Sustainable Development Strategy of Serbia on 2005-2008.

Earlier in his career Jovan has worked for the ILO in 2003-2005 as the Coordinator of the Reform of the Labour Inspectorate of Serbia, and for the UNDP as the Project Manager of the Capacity building of the Ministry of Labour and Employment of Serbia in 2002-2003. He started his career at the Agency for Public Administration Development under the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia in 2001.



DJORDJO CVIJOVIĆ works as a LBO Program Assistant at RYCO. He has been engaged in the civil sector since 2016, firstly as a volunteer of the European Movement in Serbia and later as Project Assistant at the EMinS and President of the Youth Forum of EMinS. From 2019 to 2021 he was also a member of the organising team of the Belgrade Security Forum, as coordinator of participants. Mr Cvijović holds a BA degree in International Relations from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade.



MARJANA KOÇEKU is a human rights activist from Albania. With a long experience on civil society and social initiatives, she is passionate about diplomacy, political science, international security and peace. She is a political analyst and had some of her writings published in Albania and abroad. She has her own blog where she writes about different topics <https://marjanakoceku.blogspot.com/?m=1>. She took part on many national and regional conferences, workshops and seminars. Marjana is an alumni of Young Med Voices and momentarily is working as a project coordinator for "Women in Public Service Albania/ Gratë në Shërbim Publik ". Following the path of international relations and her wide activity, her future looks very promising.



NATASA VUČKOVIĆ – In addition of being a practicing attorney at law, Vuckovic has a large experience in both governmental and non-governmental field. Active in Serbian civil society, as a co-founder and Executive Director of the Center for Democracy Foundation, Belgrade based organization, she has managed its work since its establishment in 1994.

As Member of Parliament (2007-2020), she was chairing the Committee on European Integration (2013-2014) and was member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Judiciary and Public Administration. Being a member of the Serbian Standing Delegation in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, she served as Vice President of the Assembly, as well as Chair of the Committee on Rules and Internal Procedures, and as Vice Chair of the Committee on Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights. She was PACE Rapporteur for Turkey on functioning of the democratic institutions on behalf of the PACE Monitoring Committee.

She was awarded with the Assembly Medal by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2017) as well as she was awarded the French medal National Order of Merit ("Ordre National du Mérite") in the class of Knight (2014).



EMILIJA DOŁOVAČKI graduated from the Faculty of Economy of the University of Belgrade at the Department of Economic Analysis and Policy. She started her career as Intern at the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia and continued her internship at Ministry of Youth and Sports. She joined the Center for Democracy Foundation in 2018 where she is currently the Project Manager of the Regional Youth Compact for Europe. Her areas of interest are youth policy, labour market and regional cooperation.



NIKOLA PAUNOVIĆ works for the Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA) since 2019. Nikola is involved in youth projects. Currently, Nikola is the coordinator of CRTA's educational program Democracy Academy. He graduated from the Faculty of Political Sciences, Department of politology.



GORDANA DJUROVIĆ is a full professor on the University of Montenegro, Podgorica, where she teaches on the Faculty of Economics (Economic Development, Environmental economics, Regional economy and Macroeconomics) and on the Faculty of Political Science (EU Enlargement Policy and International Economic Relations). Area of expertise – Sustainable development and European integration. Prof. Djurovic was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for European Integration in Montenegrin Government (2004-2010), when she was chief negotiator for SAA negotiation, as well as for the WTO and CEFTA 2006 negotiations. Author is twenty books and chapters in books related to sustainable economic development and EU integration process and more than 80 scientific papers (<https://www.ucg.ac.me/objava/blog/18163/objava/1>). She is Jean Monnet professor, president of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union (MPEU) and member of the International PEU Presidency. She is member of the Committee for Economy, Anthropology and Demography of the Montenegrin Academy of Science and Arts.



IVAN VEJVODA is a Permanent Fellow and Director Europe's Futures project at the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria.

From 2010 – 2017 he was Senior Vice President at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS) in Washington D.C.

From 2003-2010 he was the Executive Director of the Balkan Trust for Democracy, a project of GMFUS supporting democratic initiatives and civil society.

Vejvoda came to GMF in 2003 from distinguished service in the Serbian government as senior advisor on foreign policy to PM Zoran Djindjić.

He was executive director of the Belgrade-based Fund for an Open Society from 1998 to 2002. During the mid-1990s, Mr. Vejvoda held various academic posts in the United Kingdom (University of Sussex) the US (Macalester and Smith Colleges).

Ivan Vejvoda was involved in the democratic opposition movement in Yugoslavia through the 1980s and 1990s. A political scientist and political theorist he has published extensively on: democracy, totalitarianism, the French Revolution, comparative European politics, Balkans. He was awarded the French National Order of Merit in the rank of Officer (2006) and the Italian Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity rank of commander (2007)



PROF. DR. VESNA PUSIĆ is currently Vice President of the Board at the Institute of Social Sciences in Vienna and Professor of Sociology and Political Theory at the University of Zagreb. She served as Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and the First Deputy Prime Minister in the Government of the Republic of Croatia (2011 – 2016). Ms. Pusić was Member of the Croatian Parliament elected in six terms (2000; 2003; 2007; 2011; 2015; 2016) and Chairwoman of the National Committee for Monitoring the EU Accession Negotiation (2007 – 2011).

From 2007 to 2013, Ms. Pusić was Vice-President of the Party of European Liberals (ALDE Party) in three terms. She is a founding member and for 11 years was the leader of Croatia's People's Party – Liberal Democrats. At present, she serves as Associate member of InterAction Council and is a member of the Center for Democracy and Law "Miko Tripalo", a Croatian think tank focusing on SE Europe.

She was teaching at a number of American and European universities and is author of five books and numerous scientific and professional articles.

Prof. Pusić was awarded Chevalier dans l'Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur, by the President of the French Republic, for outstanding achievement in promoting European goals, both in personal and professional capacity (2016) and was also awarded "Dr. Elemér Hantos Prize", by the Central Europe Foundation, Zurich, for outstanding achievements in promoting Economic Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe (2013).



ANDREAS GROSS was member of the National Council of Switzerland from 1991 to 2015. Gross sat for the Socialist Party in the Swiss National Council, where he primarily took a position on issues relating to democracy and European policy, as well as foreign and security policy. He was a member of the State Political Commission, which he chaired in 2006 and 2007.

He was member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe from 1995 to 2015. In PACE, he chaired the Socialist Group from 2008 to January 2015. Gross was Chair of the Political Committee of PACE and was rapporteur on key issues such as Towards a better European democracy: facing the challenges of a federal Europe, The state of democracy in Europe – Specific challenges facing European democracies: the case of diversity and migration, Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, State of human rights and democracy in Europe, Self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments: procedural guidelines to improve the quality of parliamentary work. Mr. Gross was also co-rapporteur of PACE Monitoring Committee for Serbia. He was made an Honorary Member of the Parliamentary Assembly, recognized for his 44 reports and over 95 election observations across Europe (both record figures); the social democratic group of the Council of Europe declared Gross to be its honorary president.

In March 2016, Gross' most comprehensive work to date, "The Unfinished Direct Democracy. 1984-2015: Texts on Switzerland and Beyond" was published.



PROF. DR. ERALDA (METHASANI) ÇANI is a professor of law of Tirana University (UT) since 2018. She has an experience of 24 years in public law and public policy with a focus on administrative/constitutional law and human rights. She has an extensive experience with public administration in Albania, including working for the Ministry of labour and Social Affairs until 2018, contributing as a Prime Minister's Advisor on Public Law as well as a Deputy Minister of Integration during 2013-2017. European integration related issues include reporting for the European integration process progress of Albania in all chapters of EU acquis, heading related committees and subcommittees, etc. Her knowledge of public sector institutional frameworks and public administration reform is extensive, entailing a wide range of sectors.

She has been an expert in drafting public reform strategies, including public administration reform, anticorruption, justice reform, gender equality, etc. Her contribution in capacity building on ethics in public administration, conflict of interest, anticorruption, justice reform, etc goes back to two decades. She contributed as the expert for the civil society on strengthening rule of law in Albania and continues to be highly active on these issues.



KORI UDOVIČKI heads the Belgrade think-tank Center for Advanced Economic Studies (CEVES), which she founded in 2004. CEVES is an independent think-and-do-tank devoted to advancing Serbia's economic recovery, democratic consolidation, and convergence with the European Union. She is also current member of the United Nations High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs. Previously she was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration and Local Self-Government (2014-2016) in the Government of Serbia. She also served as Minister of Energy and Mines (2002-03), and as the first woman Governor of the National Bank of Serbia (2003-2004). In 2007-2012, she served as Assistant Secretary General of the UN, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Europe and CIS of UNDP. From 1993 to 2001 Mrs. Udovički worked as an Economist at the International Monetary Fund. Ms Udovički holds a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University and a B.A. from the Economics Faculty of the University of Belgrade.

She is married, mother of three children.



LINDA ÇAVDARBASHA is the Deputy Minister of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure of Kosovo. She is an ecologist graduated at the University of Prishtina, Faculty of Biology- Ecology and Environmental Protection. She has continued her Master studies in the same field and has completed a semester at the University of Konstanz in Germany, Department of Biology. Known as a dedicated and experienced activist, based on her research interests, Ms. Çavdarbasha has held positions that support and promote the preservation of sustainable living, the protection of biodiversity, environmental education and the development of the green circular economy. As a result of engaging in various national and international organizations, she has experience in managing EU projects and other foreign donors. Since November 2019 to April 2021, she has been the Delegate of Local Democracy Agency of Kosovo, which is part of ALDA- Europe and the Balkan Network for Local Democracy.



ALEKSANDRA VLADISAVLJEVIĆ is a consultant and trainer in the area of public policies with focus on entrepreneurship development, employment, social and technological innovations, gender responsive policies and gender responsive budgeting. She has long track experience in working with institutions on national, regional and local level as well as with private sector and with civil society organizations.



VLADIMIR JANKOVIĆ's area of research is crisis of natural resources and social changes provoked by the development of the climate capitalism. He teaches on the interdisciplinary program of history, technology and medicine at the Medical School at the University of Manchester. Jankovic has been publishing articles in the field of politics and sociology of scientific knowledge with focus on industrial climatology, climate capitalism, urban ecology, space adaptation to climate change, as well as on digital diplomacy of the USA and Russia in the period of the Cold War. He has completed researches on the projects financed by the NSF, ESRC, AHRC, Wellcome Trust and the Brazilian Ministry of Science. He is author of series of books and articles, including the first study on the Yugoslav Eclipse in 1999. In media space, Janković is present at the Discovery

Channel, New York Times, Conversation, BBC, Spotify, Radio 4, RTS. His TEDx talk on wind and urban design of Tokyo will be available to public in May 2021.



ANA MARJANOVIĆ RUDAN, policy consultant, Praxis Development, Serbia

Ana is a policy consultant with Belgrade-based Praxis Development and a doctoral candidate at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade. Her academic publications focus on regional cooperation, civil society, media literacy, state capture and transitional justice issues in the Balkans. She has been engaged as both consultant and researcher in numerous projects with international and regional development organizations, think tanks and civil society organizations. Ana authored, co-authored and edited over twenty policy publications dealing with the Berlin Process, the rule of law, transitional justice and civil society development. She is a member of the Forum for International Relations of the European Movement in Serbia.



NATALIJA MIĆUNOVIĆ was educated in Belgrade, Sarajevo and at Purdue University in the USA. She has taught at several American universities, worked in publishing, and led the Gender Equality Directorate from 2007 until 2014. This turned her interest towards connections between the scientific community and social development in the context of gender, ethnic, economic and cultural relations. She has published several articles on these subjects and also translated three philosophical books in relation to them. She was an initiator, organizer, coordinator and active participant of several dozen scientific, expert and sociological conferences in the United States, EU, Serbia and the surrounding countries.



MIRNA JUSIĆ is a PhD candidate in Public and Social Policy at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University, Prague, where she is engaged in teaching courses in the realms of social policy, policy analysis and public policy theory. Mirna holds an MA degree in Public Policy from the Department of Public Policy, Central European University, Budapest and an MA Degree in State Management and Humanitarian Affairs from the Sapienza University of Rome, University of Sarajevo and University of Belgrade. As a researcher for the Center for Social Research Analitika from Sarajevo, she has participated in a number of national and regional research projects in the realms of social policy, youth and governance in the Western Balkans. Her research interests include family and long-term care policy, labor market measures and youth policy. Some of her recent publications include the study Enlargement Policy and Social Change, co-authored with Nikolina Obradović, and the regional Youth Study SEE 2018/2019, co-authored with Miran Lavrič and Smiljka Tomanović, both published by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.





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