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# THE BALKANS: FROM ACADEMIC FIELD TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

## LES BALKANS : ENTRE CHAMP ACADÉMIQUE ET RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES

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### TUESDAY 17TH APRIL (EFA)

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#### Session I: National Elites and Nation-Building: is there a Balkan Unity?

17.00-18.00	<b>Catherine Morgan</b> <i>British School at Athens</i> <b>Maria Couroucli</b> <i>École française d'Athènes</i> <b>Tchavdar Marinov</b> <i>École française d'Athènes</i>	Welcome and introduction by the conference organizers
18.00-18.30	<b>Thanos Veremis</b> <i>University of Athens</i>	Nationalism and its Balkan Incarnations
18.30-19.00	<b>Raymond Detrez</b> <i>University of Ghent</i>	Balkan Cultural Commonality and Ethnic Diversity
19.00-19.30	<b>Vemund Aarbakke</b> <i>Aristotle University, Thessaloniki</i>	Urban Space and Bulgarian-Greek Antagonism in Thrace, 1870-1912
19.30-20.00	Discussion	

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### WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL (BSA UPPER HOUSE)

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#### Session II: The Balkans as an Analytical Category

10.00-10.10	Introduction to the sessions	
10.10-10.40	<b>Diana Mishkova</b> <i>Center for Advanced Study, Sofia</i>	Scholarly Definitions of the Balkans/Southeastern Europe as a Cultural-Historical Region, late 19th-mid 20th Centuries
10.40-11.10	<b>Alexander Vezekov</b> <i>Sofia</i>	Debates about the Spatial Dimensions of the Balkans
11.10-11.30	Discussion	
11.30-12.00	Coffee break	

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#### Session III: Balkan Identities Revisited

12.00-12.30	<b>Tchavdar Marinov</b> <i>École française d'Athènes</i>	'Multiculturalism' as a Political Trope in the Balkans. The Case of the Republic of Macedonia
12.30-13.00	<b>Marc Herzog</b> <i>British Institute at Ankara</i>	Balkan Discourses of the European 'Other': Turkey's Foreign Policy Discourse in South-Eastern Europe under the AKP
13.00-13.20	Discussion	
13.20-16.00	Lunch break	

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**Session IV: Revisiting "Balkan" Society and Culture**

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16.00-16.10	Introduction to the sessions	
16.10-16.40	<b>Aleksandar Bošković</b> <i>University of Belgrade</i>	Escape from the Future: Anthropological Practice and Everyday Life
16.40-17.10	<b>Aliki Angelidou</b> <i>Panteion University, Athens</i> <b>Dimitra Kofti</b> <i>University College London</i>	Greek (Ad)Ventures in Sofia: 'Free Market' Mobility and Performances of National-Economic Hierarchies in Europe's Periphery
17.10-17.40	<b>Fotini Tsibiridou</b> <i>University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki</i>	Myths of the Balkan Islam. Between Religious Tradition and Minority Condition
17.40-18.15	Discussion	

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**THURSDAY 19TH APRIL (EFA)****Session V: Balkans and Europe in a Context of Crisis. What Comes Next?**

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10.00-10.30	<b>Diana Bozhilova</b> <i>King's College London</i>	South-East Europe after the Crisis: Sustainable Energy as a Path to Economic Recovery
10.30-11.00	<b>Theofanis Exadaktylos</b> <i>University of Surrey</i> <i>Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics</i>	Pushing the EU Borders to the East: The Europeanization of Greek Foreign Policy in the Aftermath of the Eastern Enlargement
11.00-12.00	<b>Chair</b> <b>Catherine Morgan</b> <i>British School at Athens</i>	General discussion
	<b>Discussants</b> <b>Maria Couroucli</b> and <b>Tchavdar Marinov</b> <i>École française d'Athènes</i>	

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