

## THE ROLE AND PLACE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

On 12 and 13 October 2010, in cooperation with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) the Institute of International Politics and Economics (IIPE) organized the international conference *The Role and Place of the Republic of Serbia in International Organizations*. The conference was opened by Duško Dimitrijević, Ph.D., Director of the IIPE, Slađana Prica, Deputy Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Dragan Đukanović, Ph.D., Research Fellow at IIPE and coordinator of the conference, and Lutz Kober, Head of Office of the HSF Project in Serbia and Project in Montenegro. The conference was also attended by H.E. Željko Kuprešek, Ambassador of Croatia to Serbia and H.E. Milan Predan, Ambassador of Slovenia to Serbia.

There were four working sessions of the conference.

The first session was entitled *The Contemporary International Organizations: Transformation and Trends*. At the beginning of this session, Aleksandar Fatić, Ph.D., Professorial Fellow, and Mina Zirojević-Fatić M.A., Research Associate at the IIPE, presented the challenges to modern-day sovereignty and examined soft security as well as the social controls developed to address it within the context of the fluid and sometimes unfathomable limits of the sovereign state, which waned away and appeared again depending on the more general structures of power and interest. The next participant, Hasiba Hrustić, Ph.D., Professorial Fellow at the IIPE, presented the role of the World Bank in Serbia's development strategy. The role and place of Serbia in international organizations related to security issues such as confrontation with the Wahhabi movement and the Hypo Bank affair was presented by Darko Trifunović, Ph.D., Professor at the Faculty of Security Studies in Belgrade. Saša Ojdanić, counsellor at the Directorate for the European Union Institutions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, analyzed the methods for profiling Serbia through the UN system. Later in this session, Žaklina Novičić, M.A. and Dejan Gajić, M.A., Research Associates at the IIPE, presented the results of the UN decision on *Responsibility to Protect* – a set of principles based on the idea that sovereignty is not a privilege but a responsibility as well

as the importance of this discussion for Serbia. The next participant, Dragan Živojinović, M.A., Research Associate at the Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade, explained why Serbia's membership in international organizations and active participation in their work was not a matter of choice but a matter of necessity in the world so inter-dependent and globalized as it was at present. The importance of Serbia's cooperation with international organizations in the field of counter-terrorist financing was the issue of the paper presented by Goran Bošković, Ph.D., and Saša Mijalković, Ph.D., Assistant Professors at the Academy for Criminalistic and Police Studies in Belgrade. Zvonimir Ivanović, M.A., Research Associate at the Academy for Criminalistic and Police Studies in Belgrade, and Vladimir Urošević, Ph.D., official in the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia, presented the results of Serbia's participation in the international fight against high technology crime on multilateral and bilateral levels. At the end of the first session, Professor Ljubo Jurčić, Ph.D., Vlatka Bilas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, and Sanja Franc, Research Assistant at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Zagreb, analyzed the importance of the WTO for the trade liberalization on a regional level.

The second working session dealt with Serbia's participation in global international organizations. At the beginning of this session, Željko Nikač, Ph.D., Professor at the Academy for Criminalistic and Police Studies in Belgrade, Miloš Oparnica, Director of the NCB Interpol in Belgrade, and Sergej Uljanov, M.A., official of the NCB Interpol in Belgrade, presented the main results of the national central bureau of Interpol Belgrade in international police cooperation. Nenad Ilić, M.A.B., President of the National Liberal Network in Belgrade, and Olga Krmptić, representative of the Pan-European Union in Serbia, explored the value of the Pan-European Union as an international organization of particular importance for the countries acceding to the European Union using the example of Serbia. The next participant, Miroslav Antevski, Ph.D., Research Fellow at the IIPE, analyzed the impact of international economic organizations on development of the national economy also using the example of Serbia. Igor Janev, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Political Studies in Belgrade, considered the matter of legality of the Tribunal for former Yugoslavia attempting to prove that the UN has made *ultra vires* acts in the process of establishment of the Tribunal. Considering the matter, he proposed an action Serbia should take within this context. The role and place of Serbia in the WTO and its position in international trade was the subject of the paper presented by Sanja Jelisavac-Trošić, M.B.A., Research Associate at the IIPE, and Ivana Popović-Petrović, M.B.A., Research Associate at the Faculty of Economics in Belgrade. The next participant, Stevan Rapaić, Research Assistant at the IIPE, considered a possible impact of the future membership of Serbia in the WTO on the micro economic level, this especially including foreign trade enterprises.

Another paper that dealt with economic matters was presented by Goran Puzić, Ph.D., and Stevica Dedanski, Ph.D., Professors at the Megatrend University in Vršac, who analyzed cooperation between Serbia and OECD member states. Next in this session, Dragan Đukanović, Ph.D., Research Fellow, and Ivona Lađevac, M.A., Research Associate at the IIPE, considered the importance of Serbia's cooperation with the International Organization for Migration and the International Labour Organization that had to do with the problem of working migration. Ana Jović-Lazić M.A. Research Associate, and Marko Nikolić, M.A. Research Associate at the IIPE, explored the necessity for Serbia to integrate in all UNESCO basic programmes and create conditions for their implementation in order to ensure successful development as well as to become part of the contemporary international trends in education, science, culture, and communications. The following participant, Nano Ružin, Ph.D., former Ambassador of Macedonia to NATO in the period from 2001 to 2008, analyzed the significance of the NATO New Strategic Concept, which should be adopted for the Western Balkans in November 2010 at the Lisbon Summit. At the end of the second session, Aleksandar Jazić, M.A., researcher from Belgrade, presented the most important facts about the relations between Serbia and the NATO.

Serbia's cooperation with regional international organizations was the subject of the third working session of this conference. The first participant, Jovan Teokarević, Ph.D., Professor at the Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade, presented the main reasons why Serbia was late in the European integration process. Željko Nikač, Ph.D., Professor at the Academy for Criminalistic and Police Studies in Belgrade, and Boban Simić, M.A., lecturer at the same academy, analyzed the significance of Serbia's cooperation with the European Police Office (EUROPOL). The next participant, Miloš Lutovac, M.A., lecturer at the Higher School of Professional Business Studies in Novi Sad, explored the prospects for development of relations between Serbia and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Political and economic cooperation of Serbia with the African Union and its member states was the subject of the analysis presented by Ratko Vukanić, Research Assistant at the IIPE. Vladimir Urošević, Ph.D., official in the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia, and Sergej Uljanov, M.A., official of the NCB Interpol in Belgrade, analyzed the structure and functions of the *joint centres*, a new model of European international police cooperation. Dragan Mlađan, Ph.D., Professor at the Academy for Criminalistic and Police Studies, and officials in the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia, Predrag Marić and Ivan Baras, explicated the participation of the Emergency Sector of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia in international cooperation and association in the area of emergency situations caused by natural and technological causes. The segment on international police cooperation ended with the analysis of the

relations between the European Gendarmerie Force (EGF) and Serbia, presented by Dalibor Kekić, Ph.D., and Dane Subošić, Ph.D., Professors at the Academy for Criminalistic and Police Studies in Belgrade. Later in this session, Vladimir Trapara, M.A.B., researcher from Belgrade, explicated the relevance of the activities that the OSCE mission in Serbia currently performed in the field of strengthening of democracy and human rights, judicial reform and combat against organized crime. Relations between Serbia and the NATO through the Partnership for Peace Programme was the subject of the paper presented by Milan Lipovac, M.A., and Zoran Kučeković, M.A., researchers from Belgrade. The next participant, Marko Novaković, Research Assistant at the IIPE, summarized the results and perspectives of Serbia's cooperation with the Council of Europe. At the end of this session, Branko Pavlica, Ph.D., Professorial Fellow at the IIPE, analyzed Serbian-German relations in the process of forming the new European architecture.

The fourth working session of this conference discussed the experiences of other countries in international organizations. At the beginning of this session, Miloš Šolaja, Ph.D., Professor at the Faculty of Political Science in Banja Luka, analyzed the impact of the post-Cold War changes in the international institutional framework in South-Eastern Europe on relations among the states in the region. The next participant, Dragan Petrović, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow at the IIPE, examined the interest of Serbia in the integrative processes in the post-Soviet territory, this especially including the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan, the Common Economic Space and the Collective Security Treaty Organization. The role and place of Macedonia in international organizations was the subject of the paper presented by David Veskov, M.A., representative of the International Pan-European Union in Macedonia. Later in this session, Okunola Bukola Adeyemi and Damilare Leye Amoo, researchers from Nigeria, presented Nigeria's experiences in participation in international organizations. At the end of this session, Vlatka Bilas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business in Zagreb, Sanja Franc, Research Assistant at the same faculty and Iva Čondić-Jurkić, Research Assistant at the Institute of Economics in Zagreb, analyzed the role of the IMF in dealing with the global financial crisis in European emerging economies.

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