

Invitation

The Antall József Knowledge Centre cordially invites you to the

FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY
CONFERENCE BUDAPEST 2019

ENSURING PEACE IN THE BALKANS — SOLUTIONS AND OPEN QUESTIONS



TIME

26 NOV 2019,
9AM

VENUE

PETŐFI LITERARY MUSEUM,
BUDAPEST, KÁROLYI UTCA 16,
1053

Since the end of the Bosnian War, NATO and the European Union had a more than important role in promoting peace and security in the Western Balkans. In addition to this greater level of stability, the possibility of integrating into the transatlantic structures appeared as a possible alternative element on the agenda of the regional leaders. The successful engagement of NATO had an added value to the regional stability, which moved these countries closer to the values represented by the NATO and the European Union. Due to the geographical proximity and because of the historical ties, Hungary has a strong interest in the successful reconciliation, stabilisation and future transatlantic integration of these countries.

On the other hand, new challenges can easily undermine the fragile results achieved. As the European security cannot be guaranteed without having stability in the Balkans, NATO has to be ready to address properly the next generation of challenges. The conference will address such questions, as the possibility and eventual pace of further NATO enlargement in the Western Balkans. The challenges posed by external powers to NATO's regional presence. And the place of the Western Balkan region in the realities of shifting European foreign policy settings.

The conference is organised in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the British Embassy in Budapest, with the support of the NATO Public Diplomacy Division.

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Registration is open until 12am, 24 November 2019

Draft Programme

9am—9.10am

Welcoming speech

Zsolt CSEPREGI

Deputy Director for
International Affairs,
Antall József Knowledge Centre

9.10am—9.35am

Opening speech

HE Péter SZTÁRAY

Minister of State for Security
Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and Trade, Hungary

9.35am—10.00am

Keynote speech

Jill GALLARD

Deputy Political Director,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,
United Kingdom

10.00am—11.20am

Panel 1

Geopolitics and
vulnerable stability
in the Western Balkans

Moderator: **Péter STEPPER**

Senior Researcher,
Antall József Knowledge Centre

Robert PSZCZEL

Senior Officer for Russia and the Western
Balkans, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO

Gordana DELIĆ

Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy,
GMF Belgrade

Donika EMINI

Executive Director of CiviKos Platform and
Member of BiEPAG

Jasna DRAGOVIC-SOSO

Head of Department of Politics and International
Relations, Goldsmiths University of London

11.20am—11.40am

Break

11.40am—1.00pm

Panel 2

Political realities
of Euro-Atlantic
integration

Moderator: **Péter DOBROWIECKI**

Head of EU-V4 Department,
Antall József Knowledge Centre

Anna OROSZ

Research Fellow, Institute for
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Jovana MAROVIĆ

Executive Director, Politikon Network
and Member of BiEPAG

Tobias RÜTTERSHOFF

Head of Albanian Office,
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Ralph WILDE

Member of the Faculty of Laws,
University College London

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