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## Discussion on the foreign policies and the future of the post-Yugoslav states

(08 September 2015, 16:00 h)

## **Draft time schedule:**

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Start: 16:00 h	
16:00 – 16:15	Welcome address outlining the EU perspectives of the Western Balkans, Ognian Zlatev
16:15 – 16:45	The foreign policies of the post-Yugoslav states (brief book presentation on the topic):
	<ul> <li>General remarks on the foreign policies of the post-Yugoslav states, Prof. Zlatko Šabič</li> <li>Focus on Serbia, Kosovo and Macedonia, Mladen Mladenov</li> </ul>
16:45 – 17:00	The implications of developments in the Western Balkans for Bulgaria and Bulgarian foreign policy, Simeon Popov
17:00 – 17:30	Questions from the audience
17:30 – 18:00	Reception

End: 18:00 h

Conference language: English (no translation provided)

Ognyan Zlatev is the Head of the European Commission Representation in Sofia and has numerous academic publications related to the Western Balkans.

Prof. Zlatko Šabič works as a senior researcher at the department for International Relations at the University of Ljubljana. He is one of the heads of the research group on Comparative Foreign Policy in the Western Balkans.

Mladen Mladenov is a researcher and PhD candidate at the University of Passau. He is a member of the research group on Comparative Foreign Policy in the Western Balkans and works at the Bulgarian Ministry of Defense.

Simeon Popov works as an expert to the political cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria. He has professional and academic experience in the region.