



Conference Presenter Guidelines

Western Balkans: An Opportunity or a Challenge for the Future of the EU?
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The Conference

As the enlargement of the EU continues to be a hot topic of discussion in many oval offices in the old continent, the ancient peoples of the Balkans look forward to this unique opportunity. The prospects of the Western Balkans* countries for EU integration, and the role of the EU intuitions in this process will be the theme of the first public policy international conference organized jointly by the *Kosovo Public Policy Center*, the *American University in Kosovo Research Center*, and the *Victory University College*, Prishtina, Kosovo.

Among EU member states, there are those who believe that further enlargement of the Union is necessary and indeed beneficial for the future of the EU as a whole and the Western Balkans countries provide an opportunity for such enlargement. On the other hand, there are also those who see the integration process of the Western Balkans countries as a challenge for the future of the EU.

In light of Kosovo's independence and its recognition by all but five EU members (Cyprus, Greece, Romania, Slovakia, Spain), this divide about the future of the EU and Western Balkans prospects for accession becomes even more important. As to how Western Balkans countries can move closer to becoming members of the EU family and how the EU can help to facilitate this process are some of the key questions that are yet to be fully answered. What are key policies that Western Balkans countries that aspire to join the EU are to undertake and how to do so?

Apart from the above key questions, the conference would like to entertain other questions and papers, falling into one of the following categories and stressing the challenges and opportunities that the Western Balkans countries present for the future of the EU:

- National public policy developments, processes, and practices in Western Balkans
- Comparative studies in public policy within Western Balkans and Europe
- Public policy development in Western Balkans states vis-à-vis the EU integration process
- Public policy interface between economic development and overall development of nation-states
- Influence, activities, and participation of non-state actors in the public policy processes
- Ethnicity, social inclusion, national identity and public policy development and implementation
- Good governance, human rights, and human development and their considerations in public policy debates and processes

Depending on the number of accepted proposals for paper presentations, there will be between four and six panel sessions. Papers will be grouped into sessions based on their topic, theoretical frameworks, and methodologies used.

A select number of papers and abstracts of all papers accepted for presentation at the conference will be published in the first, special edition of the [Western Balkans Policy Review](#), a semi-annual, peer-reviewed scholarly journal. The first edition of the WBP Review is scheduled to come out in time for the conference.

The Papers

The conference attracted a significant number of interesting abstracts from well qualified scholars, graduate students, and policy professionals. While not all of the abstracts could be accepted, the organizers have made every possible effort to accommodate as many presenters as possible.

We encourage all of those selected to present at the conference to follow the following paper guidelines:

- All papers must be in English, typed, and submitted via email on an MS Word .DOC format (not .DOCX), using Times New Roman font, size 12 pt, 1 inch margins, double-spaced.
- The length of the paper should be between 5,000 and 7,000 words (including notes and bibliography).
- All papers must include relevant references in the MLA academic citation style.
- All papers should include a title, a 300-word (max) abstract and full name, affiliation, academic background and contact details of the author(s).
- If the paper or parts of it have been previously published, please include an explanatory note.
- The paper you submit should be the paper you presented in the abstract submitted for the conference.

The deadline to submit complete papers is May 31, 2010. Papers should be submitted electronically to papers@kppcenter.org

Adhering to these guidelines will help us with the publication process. Papers presented at the conference will be published in the *Western Balkans Policy Review*, a public policy scholarly journal. We hope to have the first issue out in time for the conference.

Presentations

While Power Point slides are not mandatory to present your paper at the conference, we will make a computer and projector available for those wishing to use them during their presentation.

If you plan to make use of slides, however, please make sure you submit in advance a copy of your PowerPoint presentation to papers@kppcenter.org.

Each paper presenter will be given between 12 and 15 minutes to make the presentation. There will be no more than five presenters per session. At the end of each session, there will be a Q&A period for some 15 minutes. Each session will be chaired by a faculty member of the American University in Kosovo or Victory University College.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the American University in Kosovo and/or Victory University College in Prishtina, Kosovo.

Local transportation from Hotel Victory and other locations in downtown Prishtina to the conference venue will be provided free of charge for all conference presenters.

Thanks to our sponsors, during the two days of the conference, presenters will be offered free lunch and refreshments. A free formal dinner for all presenters will also be offered on the evening of June 26.

Questions?

If you have any other questions, please email us: conference@kppcenter.org