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Introduction

It is once again my pleasure and honor to write this introduction for the second issue of the newly established *Western Balkans Policy Review*, a scholarly journal dedicated to enriching and disseminating academic work related to the many issues that the region of Western Balkans in general and its countries in particular face.

As chair of 2010 international conference on *Western Balkans: An Opportunity or a Challenge for the Future of the EU*, organized by the Kosovo Public Policy Center (KPPC) in cooperation with the American University in Kosovo Research Center and Victory University College, I have been impressed with the level of interest and the quality of papers presented. As guest editor of this volume, I have been privileged to work with so many scholars from many countries during the peer-review and editing process. I must say that I have enjoyed this experience thoroughly and that I have learned a lot from it. And, I am quite confident that the readers of this journal will also learn a lot from its contents.

The current volume (which includes two issues of the WBP Review—the first one that was published in the Summer/Fall 2010 and the second one that is published in the Winter/Spring 2011) consists primarily of articles that were presented at the 2010 Western Balkans and EU conference that was held in Prishtina, Kosovo in June 2010.

The volume includes articles that look at the role of the EU in shaping the future of the Western Balkans, case studies of particular Western Balkans country experiences with EU accession programs, the benefits, advantages and disadvantages of joining the EU, etc. Articles draw from a variety of perspectives in their respective analyses – political, economic, demographic, and social.

As this new issue of the WBP Review goes to print, we just finished our second annual international Western Balkans public policy conference in Prishtina on 24-25 June 2011.

This year's conference was as successful as our last conference and a selected number of papers presented at this year's conference on issues of diversity, multiethnicity, multiculturalism, and europeanisation, will be published in our upcoming second volume of the WBP Review, the first issue of which is scheduled to come out in the fall of 2011.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our contributors, special contributors, as well as our donors (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – Prishtina, Kosovo Foundation for Open Society) and sponsors (ProCredit Bank, Hotel Victory) that helped our conference and the publication of the first volume of this journal.

I would like to also thank our editorial board as well as student assistants of Victory University College and American University in Kosovo who helped with logistics during the conference. Special thanks go to the staff and fellows of the Kosovo Public Policy Center for their tireless work in making both the conference and this journal a reality.

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