

**LEAP Postgraduate Conference:**

 “The legitimacy of the new integration dimension at EU – Western Balkans Perspective”

Organized by Jean Monnet Network 'Linking to Europe

at the Periphery (LEAP)'

10-11 FEBRUARY, 2023 Pristina, Kosovo

**Day 1**

**9 February, 2023 Thursday**

Arrival in Pristina

Accommodation of foreign participants in ‘Hotel Sirius’ in Pristina

**Day 2**

**10 February 2023, Friday**

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Venue: University of Prishtina “Hasan Prishtina” (UP), Faculty of Philosophy, Floor 2, Room No. 127.

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Welcome speech

*09:30- 09:35* Prof. Arta Basha-Jakupi - Vice-rector of internationalization and academic exchange of UP

*09:35-09:40* Prof. Dashamir Bërxulli: Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy

 *09:40-09:45* Prof. Basak Alpan: Coordinator of LEAP project

 *09:45-09:50* Prof. Afrim Hoti: PEAP coordinator-UP

09:50-10:10 Keynote Speech: Prof.dr. Enver Hasani: Professor on International Law and Relations; Former President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo

10:10-10:40 Coffee Break

**10:40-11:40 Panel I: Cross border cooperation in Europe in time of Ukrainian war**

Moderator: Prof. Elira Luli - Luarasi University/Albania

*Identity as a Border in Western Balkans. Case of North Macedonia's internal and external identity disputes*

Prof. Mircea Brie - University of Oradea/Romania

*Integration Trends and evolutions in the Romanian-Hungarian cross border cooperation*

Prof. Polgár István - University of Oradea/Romania

*The border issue between Kosovo and Serbia. Analysis and possible solutions*

PhD Student Constantin Plamadeala - University of Debrecen/Hungary

*The possible European future of the Western Balkan’s countries after the Ukrainian’s war*

PhD Cand. Agron Hoti - University of Ljubljana/Slovenia

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

**13:00-14:00 Panel II: Europeanization, rule of Law and traditional justice in Kosovo and Western Balkans**

Moderator: Prof. Ali Onur Ozcelik - Eskisehir Osmangazi University/Turkey

*Constitutional protection of human rights and freedoms in Kosovo and EU requirements*

PhD Student Durim Hoxha - University of Tulon/France & Prof. Sabiha - Shala, University of Haxhi Zeka/Kosovo

*The Europeanisation of Kosovo legislation on criminal matters*

PhD Student Alberita Shala - University of Tulon/France

*Analyzing the multiple facets of corruption that represent a political obstacle in the integration of the Western Balkans in the EU*

PhD Student Radu-Gabriel Goliță - National University of Political Studies and Public Administration - SNSPA/Romania

*Caring about Transitional Justice in Kosovo: A Political Framework on European Integration*

PhD Student Xhenis Shehu - National University of Political Studies and Public Administration - SNSPA/Romania

14:00-14:30 Coffee Break

**14:30-15:45 Panel III The main challenges in the context of the integration of the Western Balkans in the EU**

Moderator: Prof. Sabiha Shala - University of Haxhi Zeka/Kosovo

*EU staged approach in Western Balkans: Albania and Kosovo cases*

Prof. Elira Luli - Luarasi University/Albania; Prof. Afrim Hoti - University of Pristina/Kosovo & MSc. Iva Ohri - Tirana Business University/Albania

*Kosovo's economic challenges in the European Integration Process*

Msc.Fjolla Shala & Dr.sc. Gentiana Gega - University Haxhi Zeka/Kosovo

*Opportunities and Challenges for Youth Entrepreneurship in Kosovo*

PhD Research Student Geena Whiteman - Cardiff University/UK

*The role of Russia in slowing down the Europeanization processes of the Balkans; (Un)recognition of Kosovo and Ukraine*

PhD Dorajet Imeri - University of Prishtina/Kosovo)

*Neo-regionalism in Ukrainian Crisis Milieu*

Dr. Milazim Elshani – Association ‘Besa’, Celje/Slovenia

15:45-16:00 Closure and Certificates

**Day 3**

**11 February 2023, Saturday**

**Network summit: Round table discussion**

**10:00** - Opening of the Summit and welcome speech by the organizers

**10:05-12:00** - Summit Meeting I: Project Progress Assessment

**12:00-12:30** - Coffee break

**12:3-14:00** - Summit Meeting II: Project Progress Assessment

**14:00-15:00** - Lunch Break

**15:00-15:30** - Closing remarks

**16:00**- Tour to Prizren

**19:00** – Dinner

**Day 4**

**12 February, 2023 Sunday**

Check out from the Hotel

Departure of Foreign Participants from Pristina International Airport

**Participants:**

1. Prof. Başak Alpan, METU
2. Prof. Ali Özçelik, ESOGU
3. Prof. Miruna Butnaru Troncotă, SNSPA
4. PhD. Dragoș Ioniță, SNSPA
5. Prof. David Aprasidze, ISU
6. Prof. Giorgi Gvalia, ISU
7. Prof. Afrim Hoti, UP (host)
8. Prof. Bardhok Bashota, UP (host)