



## Balkan SAYS 2022 programme

### Thursday, 15 September, 2022

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Morning –

Early Arrival of participants

Afternoon

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09:00 Seminar registration opens

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13:00 **Opening address** – Prof. Dr. Iztok Prezelj, President of the Euro Atlantic Council of Slovenia

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13:10 **Keynote Speech** – *Looking back on a decade of Euro-Atlantic integration of the Western Balkans* - Vojko Volk, State Secretary for International Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia.

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13:40 **Panel I - NATO's new strategic concept – forging a secure future**  
- H.E. Dr. Erik Kopač, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to NATO Brussels (via Zoom)  
- Ana Dukić, Policy Advisor, Policy Planning Unit, NATO HQ (via Zoom)  
Moderator: Ana Krenker (Euro-Atlantic Council of Slovenia)

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15.10 Coffee Break

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15:20 **Panel II - Future Security – How will new and emerging technologies affect European security in the next decade?**  
- Dr. David Modic – Faculty of Computer and Information Science, University of Ljubljana  
- Kaja Ciglič – Senior Director, Digital Diplomacy, Microsoft  
- Paul King, Programme Director, NATO HQ (via Zoom)  
Moderator: Luka Zalokar (Euro-Atlantic Council of Slovenia)

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17.00 Workshop I

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19.00 Dinner

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### Friday, 16 September 2022

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09:30 **Panel III - Euro-Atlantic integration of the Western Balkans – what progress has been made over the last decade?**  
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Julija Bazerkoska, Ss.Cyril and Methodius University, Law Faculty, Skopje (via Zoom)  
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boštjan Udovič, Chair of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana  
- Assist. Prof. Dr. Jure Požgan, Chair of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana  
Moderator: Teodora-Tea Ristevska (Euro-Atlantic Council of Slovenia)

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11:00 Coffee Break

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11:15 Workshop II

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12:30 LUNCH BREAK

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13:30 Panel IV - **(Dis)Information – Existential crisis or everyday annoyance?**

- Tomass Pildegovičs, Senior Expert, NATO STRATCOM CoE
- Prof. Dr. Marko Milosavljević, Chair of Journalism, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
- Matthew Jacobs, Senior Digital Coordinator, US Department of State (via Zoom)

Moderator: Igor Zidarič (Euro-Atlantic Council of Slovenia)

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15:00 Coffee Break

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15:15 Workshop III

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16:30 Lecture - **Great power competition in Europe – Can NATO and its partners deter outside competitors?** – Dr. Brin Najžer, Strategic Analyst, President of the Youth Section of the Euro-Atlantic Council of Slovenia.  
Moderator: Rok Kovač (Euro-Atlantic Council of Slovenia)

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18:00 Dinner

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20:30 Night Owl Discussion – **Voices of the Balkan Youth – What do future leaders think the security of the Western Balkans will look like?**

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### Saturday, 16 September, 2022

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09:30 Lecture – **Frozen conflicts in Europe as security challenges**  
Prof. Em. Dr. Anton Bebler, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana  
Moderator: Brin Najžer (Euro-Atlantic Council of Slovenia)

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10:30 Coffee Break

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10:45 Presentation of Workshops conclusions

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11:30 Closing session and presentation of seminar certificates

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