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International Conference

»Interethnic Relations in the Western Balkans:

*Problems, Instruments and Prospects for the
Future«*

Berlin, September 12 and 13, 2003

Conference Venue:

German Federal Foreign Office (Europasaal), Werderscher Markt 1,
10117 Berlin, Entrance Unterwasserstrasse 10

Conference languages:

German and English
(with simultaneous translation)

Conference Committee:

Dr Hansjoerg Brey (Director)
Dr Johanna Deimel (Deputy Director)
Gudrun Kuhlmann (Secretary)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2003

entrance to the conference venue: 17:30 hrs

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| 18:00 hrs OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE |
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Gernot Erler, MP, President, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

Das Schwerpunktprojekt der Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft: „Interethnische Koexistenz und Dialog in der Region Westlicher Balkan“

Dr **Michael Schaefer**, Ambassador, Political Director, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Politische Gesamtstrategie der Bundesregierung gegenüber Südosteuropa und die Zukunft der interethnischen Beziehungen in der Region Westlicher Balkan

Stefan Lehne, Director, Directorate General for External and Politico-Military Affairs, Council of the European Union, General Secretariat, Brussels

Die Europäische Union und die USA: Gibt es gemeinsame Visionen für die interethnischen Beziehungen in der Region Westlicher Balkan?

Daniel Serwer, PhD., Director, Peace Operations and Balkans Initiative, United States Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.

The EU and the USA: Common Visions for the Future of Interethnic Relations in the Western Balkans?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

entrance to the conference venue: 08:30 hrs

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| 09:00 hrs PANEL I: THE WESTERN BALKANS AND THE CONCEPT OF MULTI-ETHNIC SOCIETIES: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES |
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- **Marcin Czaplinski**, Senior Adviser, OSCE High Commission on National Minorities, The Hague
The Western Balkans and the Concept of Multi-Ethnic Societies: Progress and Challenges
- Dr **Florian Bieber**, European Centre for Minority Issues / Central European University, Belgrade
Minderheiten und Mehrheiten im westlichen Balkan – eine Analyse der Schwächen internationaler Politik
- Dr **Ivan Krastev**, Director, Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia
Bringing the State Up

Moderator **Lieselore Cyrus**, Ambassador, Representative for Stabilisation Policy of Southeastern Europe, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

10:30 hrs Coffee Break

11:00 hrs **PANEL II: LESSONS FROM KOSOVO**

- **Dr Albert Rohan**, Ambassador, Former Permanent Undersecretary of State, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vienna
[Eine multiethnische Gesellschaft im Kosovo: Vision und Realität](#)
- **Veton Surroi**, Chairman, Koha Media Group, Pristina
- **Suzana Mistic**, Journalist, Mitrovica
[Lessons from Kosovo](#)
- **Minna Jarvenpaa**, UNMIK Municipal Representative and Special Envoy of the SRSG for Mitrovica
[Lessons from Kosovo](#)

Moderator **Dr Franz-Lothar Altmann**, German Institute for International Politics and Security (SWP), Berlin

13:00 hrs Lunch

14:00 hrs **PANEL III: LESSONS FROM FYR MACEDONIA**

- **Helene Holm-Petersen**, Former Head of Cabinet for EUSR Alain le Roy, Skopje; currently EU Council Secretariat, Directorate-General for Politico-Military Affairs, Balkan Task Force, Brussels
- **Saso Ordanoski**, Editor, Skopje

Moderator **Mario-Ingo Soos**, Dept. Southeast Europe, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

15:30 hrs Coffee Break

16:00 hrs **PANEL IV: LESSONS FROM BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA**

- **Werner Wnendt**, Ambassador, Deputy High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo
[Lehren aus Bosnien und Herzegowina](#)
- Attorney **Ahmed Zilic**, Council of Europe / Directorate General of Human Rights Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Member of the Advisory Board, Sarajevo
[The Dayton Agreement: Challenges of Change](#)
- **Dr Christian Schwarz-Schilling**, International Mediator for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Berlin
[Lektionen aus Bosnien und Herzegowina](#)

Moderator **Norbert Mappes-Niediek**, Journalist, Lieboch

17:30 hrs **CONCLUSIONS**

- **Gernot Erler**, MP, President, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin
- **Lieselore Cyrus**, Ambassador, Representative for Stabilisation Policy of Southeastern Europe, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

19:00 hrs **End of Conference**

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