





THE POLITICS OF EU ENLARGEMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

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Twenty years after the EU declared that the "future of the Western Balkans is in the EU", none of the six countries of the region has joined the Union. This disappointing result has been explained by two factors: a reform fatigue in the region and an enlargement fatigue in the EU. Will the current revived focus on EU enlargement improve the prospects of Western Balkan countries for faster accession? Will last year's granting of official candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova help or further delay future accessions?

This seminar will explain the complicated post-communist and post-conflict transitions of Western Balkan countries that still have an important impact on their EU membership ambitions. Furthermore, it will explore their relations with the European Union and evaluate the new version of "staged" EU enlargement policy, in the context of the weakened "transformative power" of the EU, the low level of preparedness of Western Balkan states for the EU membership, and the increasing influence of EU rivals – Russia, China and Turkey.



The Seminar is taught by a leading expert in this field, **Dr. Jovan Teokarević**, Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Belgrade and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Natolin Campus, Warsaw.

Within the framework of a reflection on the EU's role in the world, the seminar consists of 4 classes (8 hours).

A final certificate will be provided on request.

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