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Institute for Political and International Studies

IPIS’s envisioned future is to become the most influential Balkan think-tank offering sound analysis as well as advice and influencing policy agendas of Macedonia and the Southeast European region in various formats. Also, we envision offering an abundance of research resources (data bases; books; articles; papers; internet based resources and other logistical support) to individual researchers, professionals, journalist, students, civil society organizations and interested parties. No important national or regional policy issues will be discussed without IPIS experts taking part in the debate offering analysis on said issues.

IPIS will be sought out, as a provider of policy advice, by governments, civil society organizations and private companies. We believe that IPIS’s research work, carried out with patience and persistence, will bring new life to public policy; good governance will be advanced, knowledge increased, and human existence improved. We will be respected and admired by our peers and academics. Our analyses and policy solutions will be actively sought by governments and companies.

The best up-and-coming people in the academic world will seek to cooperate with our think-tank. We feel that IPIS will contribute to society in a positive way.

Director
Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela
December 31, 2014
About us

The Institute for political and International Studies (IPIS) is an independent, non-partisan, non-governmental and non-profit, think-tank organization. It has been created by a group of intellectuals and analysts with extensive experience in foreign policy, and policy-making issues, who are gathered around the idea of democracy, solidarity, globalization, European integration, political and international studies and regional cooperation.

The long term objectives of the Institute are to work on balanced socio-economic development, capacity building and trainings, active citizen engagement and participative political culture. In these directions, we focus our activities on rule of law, evidence based policy research, good governance and multiethnic and multicultural co-existence.

We believe that human capital is a key precondition for positive social change. Hence we eagerly undertake capacity building projects based on said skills and knowledge transfer.

Finally, ISPS’s growth is directly linked to availability of resources for self-reflection. In this sense, we advocate policy recommendations and strive to enrich public discourse through promotion of evidence based policy, publishing public events, diligent team work and individual productivity, and working closely with other national and international research institutions.
Conferences

28 June 2014 International Conference – SEE University, Skopje

“THE BALKANS 100 YEARS AFTER THE START OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR”

2014 was a year of commemorations: it marked the 100th anniversary of the First World War, the 200th anniversary of the Congress of Vienna and the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Today the term “Balkans” is the object of numerous discussions and discourses in scientific and political spheres. It is in the center of socio-political achievement towards professional and graduate mobility. Indeed, today we are 100 years after the start of the First World War. During the period after that war international borders, in Europe, have been changed many times; as have the political systems and other issues in the states of southeast Europe. However, these changes are related to international issues and developments which are relevant today.
It has been 100 years since the start of the First World War and still the countries of the Western Balkans are not members of the EU. This is a fact which testifies that this region is not Europeanized yet, but has often Balkanized European politics. After 100 years the Balkans are still the focus of European diplomacy. Today the stability of the region will depend on the solutions that will occur.

During the conference through research and analyses of the different actors in the science of history, politicology and other social sciences we have tried to see the reality of 100 years ago, the reality today and in the forthcoming years.

At the conference participated and gave a speech academic scientists and researchers from Western Balkan and European Union. We guested four ambassadors:

- H.E. Gudrun Steinacker (German Ambassador in Macedonia)
- H.E. Thomas Michael Baier (Austrian Ambassador in Macedonia)
- H.E. Laurence Auer (France Ambassador in Macedonia)
- H.E. Charles Garrett (Great Britain Ambassador in Macedonia)
The conference had a big interest from the participations and the media, also there took place a warm debate with a themes which the participator presented from their working papers from the conference.

The conference was supported by Germany Embassy in Macedonia, Çair Municipality and South East European University. Working papers from the conference will be published in 2015 with a support from Austrian Embassy in Skopje, Tirana and Prishtina.
Stakeholders in society need to work together, proactively, in seeking long-term solutions in terms of governing policies, society, environment and economical growth. The sustainable development connects environmental issues, climate and other components to their effects on society considering them not separately as it has been done so far, but together in all the complexity of causes and consequences. It is a must that the economic feasibility be treated along with social feasibility.

Such an objective may not be achieved without policies, strategies, knowledge transfer, technology transfer and experiences of regional development, that promote the best administration and management of the territory and urban space.
The conference took place in Nehemiah Gateway in Pogradec, Albania. With collaboration of Institute for cooperation for integrity and development.

At the conference participated and gave a speech academic scientists and researchers from Western Balkan and European Union. A successful activity gathered students, lecturers and professionals across the Western Balkan.

Working papers will be published in Germany in 2015 from courtesy of Dictus Publishing.
Summer School

18-24 August 2014 International Summer School in Pogradec

“Regional cooperation along western Balkan”

The Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) and the Institute of Collaboration for Integration and Development (ICID), organized the Summer School on Regional Co-operation in Western Balkans which held place in Pogradec, Albania, 18-24 August 2014.

A successful activity gathered students, lecturers and professionals across the Western Balkan.

In the summer school we had participators form the Western Balkan countries. We also had a participator form Turkey – Sezin İlbasmis.
Themes of the summer school:

- Policies and governance for sustainable development;
- The system of incentives in supporting the models of "Sustainable Development", regional and rural development, EU structural funds, EU project management;
- Confrontation of the Albanian reality with the most advanced experiences and challenges;
- Climate change and energy;
- Pollution prevention and waste minimization;
- Adaptation to climate change;
- Regional planning;
- Innovation for sustainable production and consumption;
- Sustainable urbanization.

After Struga and Pogradec third edition of the integrated program for cooperation in the Western Balkans, will take place in one of the cities symbol of Kosovo, in the first half of September next year.
Adelaide Etong, Lukasz Dejewski and Luisa Stadlmann are EVS Volunteers (European Voluntary Service) at Institute for Political and International Studies – Skopje. The European Voluntary Service (EVS) gives young people the opportunity to express their personal commitment through full-time voluntary work in a foreign country within or outside the EU.

The EVS aims to develop solidarity, mutual understanding and tolerance among young people, while contributing to strengthening social cohesion and promoting active citizenship. Their learning experience is formally recognized through a Youthpass certificate of European Commission. Volunteers are hosted by Institute for Political and International Studies in Skopje and they receive free board and lodging, insurance cover and a grant for the duration of the project.

Thanks to the intercultural dimension and its non-formal approach, European Voluntary Service is a unique opportunity to come into contact with cultures different from your own and to acquire new skills and abilities useful for your personal and professional growth.

European Voluntary Service is based on the following principles:

- increasing your own skills through the practical experience of volunteering abroad;
- encouraging the learning of another language;
- developing the ability to interact with persons of different language and culture;
- spreading tolerance among young people of the European Union;
- promoting active citizenship;
- supporting the development of local communities.
Promotion of the book of Msc. Nazmi Beqiri:

**JOURNEY TO WAR FOR PEACE**

The book promotion took place at South East European University in Skopje on 25 December 2014. Book reviewers were: Prof. dr. Ylber Sela, Doc. dr. Bekim Maksuti and Dr. Sadri Ramabaja.
Promotion of the books of Prof.dr. Shaban Prevalla:

*EDUCATION IN MEDIA* and *INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION*

Promotion of the book of Thomas Meyer:

**EUROPEAN IDENTITY: UNITED SPIRIT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The book promotion took place at the Čaršija Library in Skopje on 27 June 2014. Book reviewers were: Prof.dr. Ylber Sela, Prof.dr. Ali Pajaziti and Prof.dr. Gjergj Sinani.
Promotion of the book of Msc. Talat Xhaferi:


The book promotion took place in Culture and Information Center in Skopje on 9 May 2014. Book reviewers were: Prof.dr. Zoran Nacev, Prof.dr. Bejtush Gashi and Prof.dr. Ylber Sela.

Publication of the Book
PUBLICATIONS

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“ETHIC”

Author: André LALANDE

Pierre André LALANDE (1867-1942)

Philosophe et chercheur, Né à Lyon et Ses cellules à Émile Durkheim, ruit nys un art de la sociologie moderne. Né à Saint-Étienne, il travailla à l'Université de Lyon, puis à l'Université de Paris. Il est connu pour ses travaux sur l'ethique et la philosophie de la science. Il a également écrit des ouvrages sur la sociologie et la psychologie.

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“EUROPEAN IDENTITY: UNITED SPIRIT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION”

Author: Thomas MEYER
Publication of the Book

“IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC COMMITMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA TO THE COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION”

Author: Msc. Talat XHAFERI
Publication of the Book,

**EDUCATION IN MEDIA**

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Shkup, 2014
A productive meeting in December 2014 with H.E. Laurence Auer at the French embassy where the Institute presented their plans for 2015.

Dr. Erhard Busek, Honorable President of European Forum Alpbach and Director of the Institute for Political and International Studies Prof.dr. Ylber Sela attending the conference “Austrian – Macedonian Days” on 17th October 2014.
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