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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 by debating and offering analysis on the 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.

Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela
President
January 3, 2018
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

4 – 8 May 2017, Skopje

EU Days in Chair Municipality

In the period from 4th to 8th of May in The Municipality of Chair, Skopje took place the “EU Days in Chair Municipality”. This 5 days event was organized by the Institute for Political and International Studies – Skopje in cooperation with the Municipality of Chair.

This event covered vast range of activities and huge number of participants from different profiles such as politicians, professors, municipality representatives, students and citizens of Skopje.

The opening of the event was done by the Major of the Municipality Mr. Izet Mexhit, continuing with a speech by the Director of Institute for Political and International Studies, Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela, and closing the speeches by Dr. Arber Ademi, the Deputy Minister for European Affairs.
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The day was followed by showing a documentary movie about how EU was created and by promotion the best essays prepared by students in Republic of Macedonia in the theme “European Union”. The best essays were awarded with a certificate of appreciation.

In this event participated as well as the Dutch Ambassador in Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Wouter Plomp, who gave a speech about European Union in general as well as concentrated in the role of EU in strengthening Macedonian position in European geopolitical map.

Another interesting activity organized during this event were two debates on “Euro – Atlantic Values” and “Economic Integration of The Western Balkans”. Both debates took place at the premises of The EU Info Center in Skopje.

At the first debate took part Deputy Minister for European Affairs, Dr. Arber Ademi, Deputy Minister of Defense, Dr. Bekim Maksuti, Director of the Institute for Political and International Studies, Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela, representative of FON University, Prof. Dr. Irina Chudoska, and representative from State University of Tetovo, Dr. Qashif Bakiu.
At the second debate took part Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication, Faton Pollozhani, representative of Institute of Science and Art, PhD Candidate Mitko Arnaudov, representative of UBT University, Kosovo Mr. Armend Muja, representative of University AAB, Msc. Arta Tahirh Beqa, and Director of IG Albach Albania, Mr. Edison Frangu.

During the EU Days was promoted the book “European idea from Charles the Great to the European Union” prepared by Prof. Dr. Radovan Vukadinović and Prof. Dr. Lidija Çehulić - Vukadinović in Albanian language, and reviewed by Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela, Prof. Dr. Iva Zajmi and Ass. Prof. Bekim Maksuti.

The EU Days were closed by organizing a Peace March which started from the Municipality of Chair and finished at the Mount of Gazi Baba. The event was attended by over 50 participants.
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In general Institute for Political and International Studies and its team can conclude that the organization of the “EU Days in Municipality of Chair” was concluded successfully.
Conferences

26 - 30 June Island Šipan- Republic of Croatia

International Summer School:

THE NEW ROLE OF NATO AND CHALLENGES IN THE WESTERN BALKAN

The 16th International Summer School, that is traditionally being held in the island of Šipan, with this year’s topic: ‘The new role of NATO and challenges in the Western Balkan’ was held during the last week in June in Hotel Sipan, with the support of NATO PDD and International Institute for Peace from Vienna. After the President of the Atlantic Council of Croatia Prof. Radovan Vukadinovic greeted all the speakers and participants, the opening presentations were held by NATO PDD Program Officer Zsolt Rabai and Assistant of Croatian Minister of European and Foreign Affairs Gordan Bakota. The discussion was focused on the role of NATO and the process of stabilization of the Western Balkan countries.

During the ‘Western Balkan’ session our speakers from Macedonia and Serbia talked about NATO ‘Open Door’ policy and enlargement to the countries in the region. Professors from Macedonia: Prof. Blerim Reka, Prof. Ylber Sela and Prof. Jasmina Trajkoska expressed the need for Macedonia to join the Euroatlantic integrations, a process needed for the security and stability in the region and wider. Prof. Zoran Kekovic from Serbia repeated the will of Serbia to be a partner of NATO and keep the neutrality, expressing that it’s in Serbian interest to maintain stability in the SEE region.
Program on Social Entrepreneurship

“SOLVE IT! WORKSHOP PROGRAM ON SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP, IN SKOPJE”

Institute for Political and International Studies in partnership with Association for Education MLADIINFO INTERNATIONAL, led the program of Social Entrepreneurship. In this program participants gained an understanding of social entrepreneurship and its potential to solve problems in society. Over 6 weeks, we identified problems, discussed ideas, and worked on solutions. Ideas with strong potential were encouraged to take part in the Social Impact Award 2017 or one of the other opportunities offered by Mladiinfo. Each participant also received a course certificate. The program included 6 sessions over 6 weeks. All sessions took place at the University Mother Teresa.
Conferences

27 to 29 of October – Durres, Albania

Conference attended by Institute for Political and International Studies staff

“UBT 6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE”

The 6th International Conference organized from UBT is the premier interdisciplinary forum for social scientists, life scientists, engineers, and practitioners to present their latest research results, ideas, developments, and applications in all areas of Sustainable Development on the areas of Management, Business and Economics, Architecture and Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering, Infrastructure and Environment, Computer Science and Communication Engineering, Information Systems and Security Energy Efficiency Engineering, iMechatronics, System Engineering and Robotics, Law, Political Science & International Relations, Journalism, Media and Communication, Food Science and Technology Medical Pharmaceutical Sciences, Integrated Design.

The aim of the conference was also to facilitate the exchange of knowledge between innovative academics, post-graduate students, doctoral candidates, young researchers, researchers and industrial experts and to share views and experiences in the related above areas.
Conferences

22 November – Zagreb, Croatia

Conference attended by Institute for Political and International Studies staff

“INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ‘NATO ENLARGEMENT AND WESTERN BALKANS’”

The Director of Institute for Political and International Studies, Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela on 22nd of November participated at the International Scientific Conference “NATO Enlargement and Western Balkan” organized by Atlantic Council Croatia.

Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela in cooperation with Ass. Prof. Milaim Fetai presented at the panel named “Expectations of Western Balkan countries in relation with NATO Enlargement”.

The Director of Institute for Political and International Studies presented on the “Role of Macedonia in International Relations”
Book Promotion

Promotion of the book by Radovan Vukadinović and Lidija Ćehulić-Vukadinović

“EUROPEAN IDEA FROM CHARLES THE GREAT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION”

The promotion of the book “European Idea From Charles The Great To The European Union” was promoted by Prof. Dr. Blerim Reka, Prof. Dr. Iva Zajmi and Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela. The promotion took place at the EU Info Center in Skopje.
Book Promotion

Promotion of the book by Bardhyl Mahmuti

“LA GRANDE IMPOSTURE (MASHTRIMI I MADH)”

The book was promoted by the Director of Institute for Political and International Studies, Prof. Dr. Yiber Sela, and the Director of Institute of Spiritual and Cultural Heritage of the Albanians, Prof. Dr. Skender Hasani.
Book Promotion

Promotion of the book by Subhi Jakupi:

“RREGULLATIVA DHE PARREGULLSITË ZGJEDHORE NË REPUBLIKËN E MAQEDONISË”

The book was promoted by the Director of Institute for Political and International Studies, Prof. Dr. Ylber Sela, Prof. Dr. Jusuf Zejneli and Ass. Prof. Dr. Milaim Fetai. The promotion took place at the EU Info Center in Skopje.
Editor of the Book:
Ali Pajaziti, Jonuz Abdullai, Nikoleta Mita, Lulzim Dragidella, Agron Rustemi

“DEMOKRATISCHE WERTE IM BILDUNGSSYSTEM UND DEREN ANWENDUNG IN DER GESELLSCHAFT”

The Book was published by the Institute for Political and International Studies - Skopje.
Scientific Editors: Fehari Ramadani, Bajram Kosumi, Adnan Ismaili, Ylber Sela

“RELATIONS BETWEEN ALBANIANS AND AUSTRO-HUNGARY (AUSTRIA) BY MID XIX CENTURY TO OUR DAYS”

The Book was published by the Institute for Political and International Studies – Skopje, University Kadri Zeka – Gjilan, UBT – Prishtina, Faculty of Philosophy of University “Hasan Prishtina” – Prishtina and Publishing House “LOGOS-A” – Skopje.
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“MARRËVESHTJA E OHRT – BAZË E DEMOKRATIZIMIT DHE E INTEGRIMIT EUROATLANTIK TË MAQEDONISË”

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