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"US POLICY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS"

28 - 29 October 2019

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Mediterranean University of Albania
Tirana, Albania**

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Plenary Session at Hotel Tirana International 10:30 – 13:00

US Foreign Policy in a Changing World

Main Topics:

- US foreign policy in a dynamic international system.
- The Western Balkans region between the impact of history and challenges of modern era.
- Contribution of US foreign policy in the stability and security of Western Balkans.
- US and EU cooperation for the integration process of the Western Balkans toward the EU.

10:00 – 10:30	Registration of the Participants
10:30 – 10:40	Prof. Dr. Anastas Angjeli - President of Mediterranean University of Albania, ALBANIA Conference opening remarks
10:40 – 10:50	Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Leyla Moses-Ones - U.S Embassy in Albania, USA
10:50 – 11:10	H. E. Mr. Edi Rama - Prime Minister of Republic of Albania, ALBANIA
11:10 – 11:25	Prof. Daniel Serwer - Director of Conflict Management and American Foreign Policy Programs at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, USA (Keynote Speaker) "Albania and its context"
11:25 – 11:40	Thomas A. Shannon, Jr. - Career Ambassador, Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, USA (Keynote Speaker) "American Foreign Policy in an Age of Uncertainty: What can Albania Expect?"
11:40 – 11:50	Mr. Luigi Soreca - European Union Ambassador to Albania, EU
11:50 – 12:00	Mr. Bujar Osmani - Deputy Prime Minister of Republic of North Macedonia, NORTH MACEDONIA
12:00 – 12:10	Prof. Dr. Paskal Milo - Mediterranean University of Albania, ALBANIA "US policy in the Western Balkans - Challenges and perspectives"
12:10 – 12:20	Prof. Dr. Miomir Zuzul - Ambassador, Professor, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia, USA "Is the new European Commission bringing anything new to Albania and the region"
12:20 – 12:30	Prof. Dr. Ahmet Shala - Ambassador, Professor, Former Minister of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Kosova, KOSOVA "US role in establishing and consolidating Kosova's statehood"
12:30 – 12:40	Kurt Thormahlen - Security expert, USA "United States Military Technology Opportunities in Albania and the Western Balkan Region"



- 12:40 – 12:50** Prof. Dr. Ksenofon Krisafi - Dean of Faculty of Law and International Relations at Mediterranean University of Albania, ALBANIA
 “Two centuries of Albanian-American relations”
- Closing remarks Prof. Dr. Anastas Angjeli - President of Mediterranean University of Albania
- 13:00 – 13:30 Cocktail

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THEMATIC SESSIONS - MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY OF ALBANIA		
Session I: History of International Relations and Diplomacy - From Orientalism, through Socialism, to Euro-Atlantic Integration: Western Balkan Countries in the XXth and XXIst Century		
Chair Prof. Dr. Paskal MILO; Co-chairs Prof. Asoc. Dr. Përparim KABO & PhD Edon QESARI		
Room 306		
CODE	TOPIC	AUTHOR/S
101	THE ALBANIAN DIASPORA IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DILEMMAS OF NEUTRALITY DURING THE SECOND HALF OF WORLD WAR I	Edon Qesari
102	THE IMPACT OF USA AND ITS POLICIES IN ALBANIA, KOSOVO AND NORTH MACEDONIA AFTER 2001	Guximtar Rushani Senada Laçka
103	US POLICY TOWARD KOSOVO 1988-1999	Hamit Kaba
104	USA CONTRIBUTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALBANIAN EDUCATION	Nikollaq Pano Ira Gjika
105	ALBANIAN PRO-AMERICANISM; THE IMAGE AND ROLE OF THE USA IN ALBANIAN OPTICS	Ina K. Zhupa
106	EFFORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL PROTECTION OF KOSOVO IN ORDER TO SECURE US SUPPORT	Nevila Nika
107	STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND PROMOTING GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THE CASE OF US- GOVERNMENT FOREIGN AID IN ALBANIA	Nevila Xhindi
108	THE ALBANIAN REALITY OF TRANSITION IN THE FOCUS OF AMERICAN THINKERS	Përparim Kabo
109	AMERICAN POLICY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES	Paskal Milo
110	EU (DIS)INTEGRATION THROUGH NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: WESTERN BALKAN CASE	Gilda Hoxha



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Session II: Current State of International Relations - US and European Foreign Policies toward Western Balkan countries		
Chair Prof. Dr. Ksenofon KRISAFI; Co-chairs Dr. Emilio CIKA & Dr. Skënder DEMALIAJ		
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201	TWO-CENTURIES HISTORY OF ALBANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS	Ksenofon Krisafi
202	THE ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY, OF THE US AND THE EU IN WESTERN BALKANS, AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE EUROATLANTIC INTEGRATION.	Emilio Çika Florimona Bici
203	CIA, "POLITICAL BANDITRY" AND ALBANIA 1948-1953	Marenglen Kasmi
204	FOREIGN POLICY STRATEGIES OF THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES	Nevila Rama
205	EUROPEAN UNION MEMBERSHIP, DEEP TRANSFORMATION OF REGIONAL RELATIONS	Esmeralda Hasani
206	US AND EU CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING DEMOCRACY AND THE STATE OF RIGHT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS	Eriola Hoxha
207	ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Gertjan Veshaj Holta Heba
208	ENERGY GAMES IN THE REGION AND THE ROLE OF THE USA	Illir Aliaj Artan Lila
209	NATO AND US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN KOSOVO IN SPRING 1999	Skënder Demaliaj Albana Demaliaj
210	CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY AND OTHER RECEIVED GOODS IN ALBANIAN SOCIETIES	Sejfulla Osmani
211	THE CURRENT ACTION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY IN THE BALKANS, AMID COMPLEX INTERVENTIONS AND CHALLENGES	Dritan Hoti



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Session III: Theoretical Approach of International Relations and Security Studies - Challenges of Trans-Atlantic security in Western Balkans countries		
Chair Prof. Asoc. Dr. Nevila RAMA; Co-chairs PhD c Kriton KUÇI & PhD c Gertjan VESHAI		
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301	THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ON NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES	Alketa Elezi Erisa Kacupi
302	THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN BANKING SECTOR DEVELOPMENTS IN ALBANIA	Elia Botka
303	FLAGGING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP	Kriton Kuci
304	REGIONAL SECURITY, ECONOMIC (DE)STABILITY AND MIGRATION FLOW IN NORTH MACEDONIA - PERIOD 2016-2019	Nazmije Merko Zabzun Genc Merko
305	ECONOMIC CRISIS IN GREECE, CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES	Rezarta Mamudi Semra Bujari
306	THE ROLE OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE LATEST INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. CASES FROM THE BALKANS REGION	Drita Avdyli Rudina Qurku
307	STRATEGIC PARTNER POLICY IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Armelina Lila (Fushekati) Sonila Nikolla Rudina Qurku
308	EDUCATIONAL GOVERNANCE POLICY USA AND ALBANIA	Vebina Resuli Ferjolt Ozuni Erdet Lalaj
309	U.S.: THE ONLY UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORTING PARTNERS FOR ALBANIANS SINCE INDEPENDENCE UNTIL PRESENT	Xhuljeta Krasta
310	REGISTRATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER THE SYSTEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA	Shemsije Demiri Driton Haruni Rudina Kaja