

**Brussels and the Western Balkans:
Next Steps for the EU Integration Process**

**Kellogg Conference Center
International Affairs Building**

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9:30am Coffee

10am—Welcoming Remarks, Timothy Frye, Director, Harriman Institute

10:10am—11:45am

Panel I—Problems for the Western Balkans EU Accession Efforts

Chair: **Tim Judah** (*The Economist*)

Marie-Janine Calic (*Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich*)

“Reconsidering the Stabilization and Association Process”

Venelin Ganev (*Miami University of Ohio*)

“The European Union’s Leverage Retroactively Assessed: What Lessons Can We Learn from the Hazards of Bulgaria and Romania’s Full Membership?”

Gordon N. Bardos (*Harriman Institute, Columbia University*)

“Historical and Structural Obstacles to the Western Balkans EU Accession Efforts”

2pm-3:45pm

Panel II—Regional Perspectives on the Accession Process

Chair: **Martin Sletzinger** (*Wilson Center*)

Milica Delević (*Director, European Union Integration Office, Belgrade*)

“Serbia’s EU Integration: Unfinished Business, But Who is to Finish It?”

Nida Gelazis (*East European Studies Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC*)

“Rebuilding a Mutinous Ship at Sea: Constitution Building in Pre-Accession Bosnia and Herzegovina”

Erion Veliaj (*G-99, Tirana*)

“Why Europe Could Mistakenly Replace Communism as the ‘New Horizon’ in the Western Balkans”

4pm-5:45pm

Panel III: Next Steps: Accelerating the Accession Process

Chair: **Shinasi Rama** (*New York University*)

Ivica Bocevski (*former deputy prime minister, Skopje*)

“Back to the Basics – Why the Copenhagen Criteria Shouldn’t Turn into the Copenhagen Game”

Vladimir Drobnyak (*Chief Negotiator for Accession Negotiations with the EU, Zagreb*)

“EU Accession Negotiations – The Next Generation”

Aristotle Tziampiris (*University of Pireaus*)

“No One Left Behind”--Accelerating the Integration Process of the Western Balkans”

Discussant: **Tim Judah** (*The Economist*)