

CEEISA Conference 2026

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Contesting Imperialism(s)

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Thank you for reviewing this preliminary program overview.

Please note:

- Chairs, discussants, times, and rooms will be assigned after registration is complete.
- The final program will feature an opening and a closing plenary, as well as several fishbowl panels on timely topics not yet included in this preview.
- Below you'll find the roundtables, book talks, and panels currently planned.
- Some papers may be reallocated to other or newly created panels once registration closes.
- If your name or affiliation is misspelled, please contact us so we can correct it for the final program.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you in Sarajevo,

Aida Hozić and Dženeta Karabegović

Roundtables

Teaching IR in post-Yugoslav space

Damir Kapidžić, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Sciences

Josip Lučev, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Sciences

Julija Brsakoska Bazerkoska, St. Cyril and Methodius University Skopje, Faculty of Law

Marko Kovačević, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Sciences

Nedžma Džananović Mirašćija, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Sciences

Nemanja Džuverović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Sciences

Petra Roter, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences

Ruins, Aesthetics, and Arts

Ajda Hedžet, University of Ljubljana

Hana Ćurak, Humboldt University of Berlin

Mariana Caldas Pinto Ferreira, University of Erfurt

Nora Doukkali, Geneva Graduate Institute

Tatjana Milovanovic, Post Conflict Research Center

Remnant Politics

Lucas Perez Florentino, Geneva Graduate Institute

Melika Mahmutović, University of Ljubljana

Renata De Figueiredo Summa, University of Groningen

Yang Han, University of Oxford

Aksel Bagge Hvid, European University Institute

Ukraine, Euro-Atlantic Security and the Transformation of the International System

Amir Lupovici, Tel Aviv University

Iryna Maksymenko, Odesa Mechnikov National University

Jennifer Mitzen, The Ohio State University

Katerina Koci, Prague University of Economics and Business

Kyle Reed, University of Amsterdam

Olga Brusylowska, Odesa I. I. Mechnikov National University

The Kafana Method: Rethinking Knowledge Production from the Margins

Anastas Vangeli, University of Ljubljana

Ana Bojinović Fenko, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences

Goran Tepsic, University of Belgrade

Insights and Tips for Publishing

Anna Leander, Geneva Graduate Institute

Ajda Hedžet, University of Ljubljana

Isobel Cowper Coles, Palgrave Macmillan

Aida Hozic, University of Florida

Book Talks

Contesting “Worlds”: The Russian World and the Serbian World between Imperialism and Nationalism

Armina Galijas, University of Graz (Author)

Dzeneta Karabegovic, University of Salzburg

Sead Turcalo, University of Sarajevo

Lillia Sablina, Vienna School of International Studies

Sinisa Malesevic, University College, Dublin

Yugoslavia and the Anticolonial Francophone World

Alexandra Perisic, FMK (Author)

Elif Kalaycioglu, King's College London

Zaynab El Bernoussi, University, Al Manakh

Conference Panels

21st Century Imperialism: Spheres of Influence, Ethnopluralism and the Post-Liberal World Order

- **The Russkiy Mir Project: Understanding the Kremlin's Campaign to Expand the Russian Sphere of Influence** — Liliia Sablina (written with Erin K. Jenne, Mehmet Yavuz) (Vienna School of International Studies)
- **Rebarbarizing the World: Civilizationism and Sovereignty in the Trump Doctrine** — Adam Pontius (Central European University)
- **Neo-Imperialism in Action: The U.S. and Hungarian Radical Right's Vision of 'Peace' in Ukraine** — Benedek Kovacs (Queen Mary University of London)
- **TBD** — Katja Kalkschmied (Vienna School of International Studies)

Authoritarianism and its Varied Iterations

- **VULGARITY AS A POLITICAL TOOL FOR POPULISTS – STYLE AS THE MEANS OF DOMINATION AND THE TERRAIN OF CONTESTATION** — Akos KOPPER (ELTE University, Budapest)
- **Shared Hierarchies, Rival Nations: Transnational Learning Among Right-Wing Populists in Hungary, Poland, and the United States** — Anna Wojciuk (University of Warsaw); Edit Zgut-Przybylska (Polish Academy of Sciences)
- **Institutional Control and the Production of Truth: Propaganda, Education and Informational Power in Ceaușescu's Dictatorship** — Sorina-Andreea Geran (Babeș-Bolyai University)
- **The House of Orbán: Neo-Royalism, Dependency, and the External Foundations of Autocratic Rule** — Palma Polyak (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies)
- **Digital Ecosystems and the Domestic Production of Genocide Denial in the Western Balkans** — Džana Hodžić (University of Graz); Azra Dizdarević (University of Graz); Maura Madeddu (University of Graz)

Borders, Buying in, and Belonging beyond

- **The European Union (EU) and its Expansion. The Case Study of Visa Liberalization Between the EU and Kosovo** — Paulina Szelag (University of National Education Commission in Krakow, Poland)
- **Shifting Boundaries of Belonging in the Semi-Periphery: New Labour Migration in Central and Eastern Europe** — Tamara Pavasovic Trost (University of Ljubljana)
- **Buying In - Legitimising Investment Migration in Cyprus and Malta** — Jacob Grech (European University Institute)
- **Young Migrants from Serbia and Croatia: Non-financial Transfers of Ideas, Behaviors, and Identities** — Dragana Mrvos (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory)
- **Value Regimes of Migration: Urban Revitalization as Empire-Building** — Ana Ćuković (University of Vienna)

Building Refugees' Futures

- **Domestic Resettlement Services Policy as a Tool of LIO Norm Contestation** — Robert Montgomery (Prague University of Economics and Business)
- **Fostering Resilience for Future Generations: Integrating Intergenerational Justice to Promote Refugee Rights** — Laura Kromják (Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary); Ajlina Karamelic-Muratovic (Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, USA)
- **Integration as Cultural Adaptation: the Settlement Practices of Ukrainian Roma Mothers in Hungary** — Andrea Miklósné Dr. Zakar (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary); Katalin Dr. Dancsi (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)
- **The Role of Churches and Religious Communities in the Integration of Ukrainian Refugees in Hungary** — Zoltán Ferencz (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary); Andrea Miklósné Dr. Zakar (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)

CEE at the Crossroads

- **Beyond Dependency: Security Education and the Architecture of Strategic Resilience at the European Semi-Periphery – the case of Romania** — ANDRADA-IOANA ABRUDAN (Babeş-Bolyai University)
- **With or Without You? Strategic Uncertainty and Central Europe’s Debate on the United States** — Barbora Tallová (University of Oxford, Comenius University); Srdjan Vucetic (University of Ottawa)
- **Central and Eastern Europe in International Relations: An In-Between Space of Knowledge Production** — Štěpánka Zemanová (Prague University of Economics and Business)
- **Flattening Empire? Dialectical Critical Realism and the Ontological Depth of Practice in Theorizing Imperialism(s) in Central and Eastern Europe** — Milan Brglez (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre of Diplomatic, International Economic and Legal Studies,)
- **From Gas Leverage to Nuclear or Green Power? How the War in Ukraine is Reshaping Energy Security in the countries of the former Yugoslavia** — Danijel Crnčec (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences)
- **Between Dependency and Autonomy: Nuclear Energy and Power Relations in the Czech Republic** — Karolína Janatková (Prague University of Economics)

CYSI Panel 1 - Memory, Silence and Memorialization

- **Joining the Fight? Memory and Historical Violence in Wartime Mobilization** — Ajla Henic-Sarajlic
- **Memorial Culture(s) in Hungary about the Muslim and Jewish Existence (1526–1699)** — Faith Ekim
- **Governing Memory: Municipal Practices and the Production of Silence in Post-War Prijedor** — Azra Dizdarević
- **Necropolitics, Institutional Discrimination, and the Gendered Politics of Memory in Balochistan** — Syed Aurangzeb
- **Artistic Evolution of Dilara Begum Jolly: Visualizing Trauma** — Anadiny Mogno

CYSI Panel 2 - Gender, Identity and Feminist Practice

- **Sharia, Sovereignty, and the Global Anti-Gender Turn: Transgender Constitutionalism in Postcolonial Pakistan** — Nayyab Ali
- **Oral Storytelling as Feminist Public Practice: The Case of the PeachPreach Festival in North Macedonia** — Sanja Vasić
- **Between Displacement and Return: WhatsApp and Facebook as Informational Networks for Syrian Women** — Rime Hanani Abdalli
- **Outsourced Service Work, Linguistic Capital, and Core–Periphery Relations in Kosovo** — Lea Hensch
- **Contesting Empire from Within: Women and Nazi Minority Policy among the German Minority in Hungary (1938–1944)** — Tiphaine Spiers
- **Advancing youth participation to achieve gender transformative change** — Amani Aruri

CYSI Panel 3 - Democracy, Civil Society and the Balkans

- **Civil Society and Solidarity in the Security–Humanitarian Assemblage at Europe's Borders** — Marina Lazetic
- **Geopolitical orientation as a cleavage structure: Explaining support for protests in Serbia (2024–2025)** — Sofija Ljubišić
- **Democracy Promotion Beyond Liberalism: Political Culture, Civil Society, and the Future of Democratic Meaning in the Post-Yugoslav Balkans** — Ema Smolo-Zukan
- **Post-War Narratives Online: Memes and the Youth of the Western Balkans** — Maura Madeddu
- **Reclaiming the Balkans: Challenging the outside methodological approaches** — Aleksandra Milinković

CYSI Panel 4 - Nationalism, Foreign Policy and International Order

- **How Does Xi Jinping Frame China's Development: The Narrative of Peaceful Rise** — Karolina Francisciová
- **When the East goes West: The impact of GATT on Socialist countries** — Marco Cokic
- **Instrumentalising International Status Anxiety: Authoritarian Legitimation Through Foreign Policy in Erdoğan's Turkey** — Pijus Domantas Petrošius
- **Reforming Diplomatic Immunity: Striking a Balance between Privilege and Accountability in Modern Diplomacy** — Lama Allan Abusamra
- **U.S. Alliance Authority in Asia-Pacific Since the End of Cold War** — Asaf Alibegović
- **Multilateralism beyond Eurocentric Contexts: Channel for Racialized Resistance, Site of Racialization** — Yang Han
- **National Identity as a Domestic Source of Foreign Policy: A Doctoral Research Project on Serbia after 2012** — Ana Djordjevic

CYSI Panel 5 - Local and Regional Politics, Digital Space and Discourses

- **Digital Literacy or Digital Control? Contesting Technocratic Hegemony in Judiciary Reform and Global Governance** — Mohamed Gomma
- **The Conceptions of the International Among Populist Actors** — Bénédicte Anthony
- **International relations in the post-truth era** — Amadea Omerhodžic
- **EU in the search for strategic autonomy** — Francesco Spera
- **Assessing the Impact of Hungarian Kin-State Funding in Southern Slovakia Delivered through Local Governments** — Martin Hochel
- **Kosovo and the EU: contesting Europeanness and meaning-making through discourse** — Fjolla Ceku Sylejmani
- **The ‘Hidden Gem’: Discursive Constructions of Bosnia and Herzegovina through Tourism Blogs** — Emily Selby Smith

Civilizational Encounters

- **Orientalism, John Locke’s Note on China and the Early Modern’s World-making** — Zhen Han (University of Florida)
- **Contesting China in Europe: Bourdieu and Knowledge Production Field of EU** — Fei Vincent MO (Central European University)
- **Rising Titans? The Dawn of the Non-Western Agency and the Unfinished Project of a World Order** — Emel Akcali (King's College London)
- **The plural theatres of human rights: A postcolonial dramaturgy** — Laura Pantzerhielm (Mälardalen university)
- **From Civilization to Reaction: Samuel Huntington’s “American Creed”** — Joseph MacKay (Australian National University)

Contesting Hegemony and Dependency: Institutional, Economic, and Security Reconfigurations in the Indo-Pacific

- **Sovereign Debt Governance in Indo-Pacific in the Time of Global Economic Disorder** — Karina Jedrzejowska
- **The Indo-Pacific Countries' Approach to WTO Reform** — Anna Wrobel
- **The Consequences of the Conflict in Iran on the Indo-Pacific Region: Strategies adopted by Asian economies** — Laszlo Csismann
- **Maritime institutional order in the Indo-Pacific Region – the US security provider or facilitator?** — Tomasz Lukaszuk
- **Contesting Imperial Ties: Flexible Partnerships and the Preservation of Autonomy in the Indo-Pacific** — Barbara Kratiuk

Diplomacy and its Facades

- **Post-Modern Suprematism as an Obstacle to Peace** — Stevan Gajić (Institute of European Studies (Belgrade)); Novak Gajić (independent scholar)
- **Populist Diplomacy: Hungary's Use and Abuse of Summoning Western Diplomats** — Tamás Peragovics (European University Institute)
- **The contingency of diplomacy** — Seanon Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong / Stanford University)
- **Governing Bosnia and Herzegovina Through Diplomatic Discourse: OHR Reports to the UN Security Council** — Nedzma Džananović (University of Sarajevo's Faculty of Political Science)
- **The Path Dependent Erosion of the Peace Dividend** — Devrim Şahin (Cyprus Aydın University); Ahmet Sözen (Eastern Mediterranean University)

EU External Governance

- **Bridging the Digital Divide: the EU Candidate Countries within the European Union's International Digital Strategy** — Wiktoria Rozbicka (University of Wroclaw, Institute of International and Security Studies)
- **The Pragmatic–Normative Nexus in EU External Energy and Climate Governance: Framing the Green Transition in Israel, Lebanon and Egypt** — Kateřina Kočí (Prague University of Economics and Business); Viera Obeid (American University of Science and Technology in Beirut)
- **EU Climate and Migration Governance in Cross-Policy Perspective: Links Between Just Transition Fund (JTF) and the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) in a Contested Liberal Order** — Robert Montgomery (Prague University of Economics and Business); Jakub Hrdina
- **Government Stability and the Tempo of EU Accession: A Comparative Study of CEE and WB Countries' Accession Processes** — Amer Kurtović (International Burch University)
- **Türkiye-EU Border Crisis: Lessons in State Instrumentalization of Migration and Regional Power** — Zaynab El Bernoussi (The Africa Institute); Augusto Delkáder-Palacios (Complutense University Madrid); Karsten Römling (University of Bonn)

EU as an Actor

- **Endogenous Factors of the European Union's Sanctions Consensus Towards Russia** — Sergei Shein (HSE University)
- **European Sovereignty a Constituent Power** — Vít Beneš (Metropolitan University Prague)
- **Fatal Attraction: Ukraine, EU Soft Power, and the Capability-Expectations Gap** — Kristian Nielsen (Corvinus University of Budapest)
- **Fortress of Caution: The European Union as a Risk-Averse Global Actor** — Pawel Frankowski (Jagiellonian University)
- **The European Union as Empire: Stability, Dependency, and the Turn to Militarized Order** — Piotr Uhma (University of the National Education Commission, Krakow)

Economic Imperialisms

- **Chinese Outward Foreign Direct Investment in the Visegrád Countries and Serbia (2010–2025)** — Balázs Gáspár Miklós (Municipality of Kalocsa (Hungary))
- **Debt, dependency, de-development, and war: historicising Ukraine's financial subordination** — Yuliya Yurchenko (University of Greenwich)
- **Contesting Imperial Industrial Orders: Automotive Statecraft and Semi-Peripheral Imaginaries in the Era of Electric Vehicles** — Anastas Vangeli (University of Ljubljana)
- **Prosperous past, poisonous present : the extraction of consent in Vareš (Bosnia Herzegovina)** — Aline Cateux (University of Ottawa); Majda Ibrakovic
- **Non-recognition or New Imperialism? Structural Subordination of Unrecognized States into the Global Order: The Case of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus** — Atay Demirel (Eastern Mediterranean University)

Expressions, Ethics and Unthinkable in Global Politics

- **The Political Dynamics of Unthinkability** — Jennifer Mitzen
- **Ontological Aggression: The Shared Logic of Putin’s Rhetoric about Ukraine and Trump’s Rhetoric about Canada** — Maria Popova; Daniel Béland; Srdjan Vucetic
- **Ukraine Was, Is and Will Be: The Expressivist-Aesthetics Nexus as Self Re-Creation in IR** — Cornelia Baci
- **‘Ni reyes, ni gringos invasores’: Security, Identity, and Aesthetics in Colonial Puerto Rico** — Jack Amoureux
- **Numbing the Self: Drone Warfare, Emotional Attenuation, and the Limits of Ontological Security** — DeRaismes Combes

External Actors vs. Local Realities

- **The Meeting That Never Was: Alija Izetbegović, Warren Zimmermann, and the Lost Peace Myth** — Alex Cruikshanks (Independent Researcher (Most recently: University of East Anglia))
- **Neo-Ottomanism Reconsidered: Historical Baggage and Analytical Limitations in the Balkan Context** — Sabina Pačariž (Northeastern University London)
- **The AKP-era Turkish foreign policy towards the Western Balkans: an interplay of neo-imperialism and pragmatism** — Jan Niemiec (Jagiellonian University in Kraków)
- **Ordering the Western Balkans? EU-Backed Regional Cooperation, Managed Disorder, and the Loss of Credibility** — Nedzma Džananović (University of Sarajevo's Faculty of Political Science)

Feminist Contestations

- **Contesting Resilience: Latina Leadership, Epistemic Resistance, and the Colonial Afterlives of Liberal Knowledge Institutions** — Dulce Caldino DeNovellis (University of San Diego)
- **Feminist Epistemic Agency in Wartime Ukraine: Anti-imperial Resistance and the Reclaiming of Knowledge** — Míla O'Sullivan (Institute of International Relations Prague)
- **The continuum of resistance: everyday resistance to build everyday reconciliation through feminist lenses.** — Itziar Mujika Chao (University of the Basque Country (EHU))
- **Contested urban memory of socialist women reflected in Budapest street naming practices** — Rahel Turai (ELTE University)

Feminist Contestations II

- **Gender and the National Interest in Security Policy: Discursive Shifts in Sweden's Feminist Foreign Policy Framework** — Maria Fidelus (University of Warsaw)
- **Inside vs outside the matrix of war: contested terrains in the implementation of the WPS agenda** — Itziar Mujika Chao (University of the Basque Country (EHU))
- **Insurgent humanism as a response to a world set on fire by structural violence** — Birgit Poopuu (Tallinn University)
- **Periphery rising: mapping the contours of the Serbian civil movement for eco-social repair** — Gloria Novović (King's College London)

Gaza & Solidarity: Faking It?

- **Selective Solidarities: Russian Anti-War Activism, Israel–Palestine, and the Limits of Universal Human Rights** — Oula Kadhum (SOAS, University of London)
- **Whataboutism, Hierarchies of Suffering, and South Asian Narratives on the Gaza War** — Varun Nambiar (South Asian University); Binita Adhikari (South Asian University)
- **The re-emergence of student solidarity and activism in contexts of extreme violence** — Carlos Azevedo (CIPES - Centre for Research in Higher Education Policies)
- **Mourning for an order that never was: Lessons from the genocide in Gaza** — Anitta Kynsilehto (Tampere Peace Research Institute)
- **International Positioning through Genocide Narratives: Victims, Perpetrators, and Non-Hegemonic Third Parties** — Cagla Demirel (Södertörn University); A. Dirk Moses (City College of New York)

Geopolitical Imaginaries

- **What is the West, Anyway? Geopolitical Imaginaries of the Far Right** — Srdjan Vucetic (University of Ottawa); Scott Patterson (University of Montreal)
- **Ruskiy Mir as Soft Empire: Strategic Narratives, Cultural Imperialism and the Politics of Protection** — Almir Methadzovic (Clackamas community college); Francisco Manuel Villegas Cara (Universität Augsburg)
- **The Vishwaguru in a Multiplex World: India's BRICS policy as a Global South Leader** — Astha Chadha (Ritsumeikan APU)
- **China's Strategic Narratives** — Karolína Francisciová (Prague University of Economics and Business)
- **From Neoliberal to Illiberal Conservatism: International Pressures and Domestic Political Realignment** — Angelos Chryssogelos (London Metropolitan University); Anna Wojciuk (University of Warsaw)

Geopolitics of Genocide Memory: Denial, Victimhood, and Mobilization

- **From Mass Violence to Managed Memory: The 1971 Bangladesh Genocide and the Geopolitics of its Denial** — Bayes Ahmed (University College London (UCL))
- **Intertwined Victimhood, Vengeful Brotherhood: Understanding Turkish-Azerbaijani Justifications for Violence Against Armenians** — Cagla Demirel (Södertörn University)
- **Remembering Differently: the Shoah and the Armenian Genocide in German and Turkish Foreign Policy** — Roberto Belleri (University of Macerata)
- **Fractured Israel in a New World Only Partly of Its Own Making** — Simon Frankell Pratt (University of Melbourne); Jamie Levin (St. Francis-Xavier University)

Great Power Avarice

- **Geopolitical competition in the EaP region after 2014: The case of Ukraine** — Olga Brusylovska (Odesa I. I. Mechnikov National University); Iryna Maksymenko (Odesa I. I. Mechnikov National University)
- **Russia's Attitude Toward Central European Regional Formats: The Cases of the Visegrád Group and the Three Seas Initiative** — Łukasz Lewkowicz (Institute of Political Sciences and Administration, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University)
- **The China-Taiwan Conflict: A Question of Imperialism or Nationalism?** — Grzegorz Gleń (The University College of Applied Sciences in Chełm)
- **Donald Trump and Challenges of Global System** — Marcin Grabowski (Jagiellonian University)
- **The Success Trap: Logic of Long-Term Failure in U.S. Military Interventions, 1950–2026** — Fabio Iguavita Duarte (Charles University / Czech Technical University in Prague)
- **Constructing Russia: Identity and Otherness in Czech and Slovak Public Discourse** — Anna Šillerová (Charles University)

Imperial Past/Imperial Present

- **"This land is sacred to us" - on Bosnian Franciscans, political salvation and postimperiality** — Goran Stanić (University of Rijeka)
- **British Views on Austro–Hungarian Expansion in the Lead Up to the Occupation of Bosnia: national ambitions within imperial foreign policy** — Bertalan Bordas (ELTE-TÁTK)
- **Contesting the Imperial Gaze: The Case of Jelena J. Dimitrijević** — Sara Lević (Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade)
- **Dismembering the Past: The Partitioning of Post-Imperial Memories in the Habsburg-Ottoman Borderlands of Zemun** — Kevin Kenjar (University of Rijeka)

Knowledge and Economic Crises

- **Colonizing the future: Speculative foresight and the task of critique** — Laura Pantzerhielm (Mälardalen university)
- **Global Trade and Finance in Times of Polycrisis** — Karina Jedrzejowska (University of Warsaw); Anna Wrobel (University of Warsaw)
- **No Slack in the System: Catastrophic Convergence in World Politics** — Christopher LaRoche (Central European University)
- **Poverty Alleviation Program: Impact of Implementing the People's Income Initiative (IPR) in Malaysia.** — ishak Abd Rahman (NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA)

Legacies of Conflict(s)

- **Nationalism, Imperial Legacies, and the Politics of International Recognition in Post-Conflict Contexts** — Džana Skopljak (IBU)
- **Norms of Transitional Injustice** — keru sun (LSE)
- **The Attribution–Liability Gradient: A Signaling Game of Agent Orange Reparative Funding and Delivery Channels in the Mekong Delta (Vietnam)** — Dominik Gallenberger (Leopold-Franzens University Innsbruck)
- **Veterans at War Abroad: Colombian Foreign Fighters and the Evolution of War Volunteering in Ukraine** — Marco Bocchese (American University in the Emirates)
- **When do Defeated Aggressors Initiate Revanchist Wars? Towards a Revanchism Theory** — Mateusz Ambrożek (University of Łódź)

Memory Politics

- **Remembering Apartheid, Forgetting Empire: On the Hierarchies of Coloniality in the Memory Politics of South Africa and Namibia** — Saniah Matengu (European University Institute)
- **Rethinking the Comprador Intellectual: Geopolitics in Dark Times** — Daniel Levine (University of Alabama)
- **The Archeological Site of Ani: Between Memory and Heritage** — Elif Kalaycioglu (King's College London)
- **The Nostos as Encounter: Memory, Authenticity, and the "Not-yet-arrivedness" of the Other** — Ali Fuat Birol (Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University)
- **Whose Memory Counts? Digital Testimonies and the Politics of Representation in BiH and Poland** — AUTHOR UNKNOWN
- **From Sacred Places to Deserted Spaces - Sociological Perspectives on Partisan Graves in Bosnia and Herzegovina** — Sarina Bakić (University of Sarajevo)

Minority Politics Beyond Minorities

- **Imperial Peace vs Radical Citizenship in Kosovo** — Sarah Edgcumbe (Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences)
- **Modern European Irredentism: Minority Party Politics and Ethno-Ideological Unification Across State Borders** — Christopher Jackson (Loyola Marymount University)
- **Rethinking civil disobedience: dual resistance among Serbs in the north of Kosovo** — Anđela Đorđević (University of Ljubljana); Faris Kočan; Aleksandar Jekić
- **The Labor Market Integration of Ukrainian Refugees in Hungary** — Emőke Török (Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary); Zoltán Ferencz (Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)
- **The Role of Intermediaries in the Settlement of Ukrainian Transnational Refugee Families in Hungary** — Katalin Dr. Dancsi (Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church In Hungary); Emőke Dr. Török (Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church In Hungary)

National minorities and minority issues in the context of competing -isms

- **International governance of national or ethnic, religious and linguistic diversity in the 20th century: between competing -isms and struggles for (democratic) security and equality** — Petra Roter (University of Ljubljana)
- **The disingenuous decolonization of Greenland and its ramifications for modern day self-determination** — Tove H. Malloy (Europa-Universität Flensburg)
- **Voices at the margins: minority language speakers in an era of competing -isms** — Ingeborg Birnie (University of Strathclyde)
- **Where do we stand 17 years later? The social impact of terrorist attacks against the Roma** — Elisabeth Sándor-Szalay (University of Pécs)

Norm Contestation

- **Transformation of the Liberal International Order: A Case Study of ESG Integration in Germany** — Jakub Hrdina (Prague University of Economics and Business)
- **Authority or Colonizer? Shifting Power Relations Between Discourses Promoting Gender Equality and Opposing “Gender”** — Zuzana Maďarová (Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava); Kristína Rankovová (Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava)
- **Contesting Normative Empire: Postsocialist Polarization, Veto Players, and Bulgaria's Marginalization in EU Governance** — ZHENYU LOU (Beijing International Studies University)
- **The Promise and Challenges of the Turkish–EU Partnership for European Defence Integration** — Devrim Şahin (Cyprus Aydın University); Ahmet Sözen (Eastern Mediterranean University)
- **MAGA as a Neo-Imperialist Security Protocol: Bringing Hegemonic Presumption Back In** — Artur Gruszczak (Jagiellonian University)

Ontological (In) Securities

- **Between Alert and Alarm: The Ritual of Ontological (In)Security and Emergency Routines during the Israel–Iran War** — Amir Lupovici (Tel Aviv University)
- **Okinawa in the Information Battlespace: Detecting Foreign Influence Across TikTok's Multilingual Networks** — David Dubé (McGill University)
- **Passing the State: Disguise, Surveillance, and Power among Jews and Palestinians in Israel** — Liora Sion (university of copenhagen)
- **Victimhood and Temporality in Securitization: Memory, Threat, and the Legitimization of Fratelli d'Italia** — Fausto Matteo Cereti (sapienza University of Rome)
- **Colonizing the Future: Extending Control Beyond Territory** — Amena ElAshkar (Geneva Graduate Institute)

Ontological Security and Order

- **Rebels without a cause? Antagonism and agonism in the ontological security strategies of the New Right's new order** — Jason Ralph
- **The Anthropocene, the Decline of Modernity, and the Pursuit of Existential Security** — Nina Krickel-Choi
- **From Domestic Contestation to Alpha Male Foreign Policy: Masculinist Narratives and the US Self** — Nicolai Gellwitzki; Veronica Barfucci; Deborah Faudoa Rodriguez
- **Accountability as Ontological Security** — Cornelia Baciu

Protests and Solidarities

- **Competing Conservative Discourses on U.S. Foreign Policy in Trump's Second Term: A Comparative Analysis of Political Podcasts** — Julia Bukowiec (University of Warsaw)
- **Trans-Yugoslav Youth Futures in Ljubljana: Agency and Uncertainty on Europe's Semi-Periphery** — Anastas Vangeli (University of Ljubljana)
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