

CEEISA Conference programme 2026 (PRELIM June 5th)
Contesting Imperialism(s)
June 17 – 19, 2026
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

June 17

14:00 – 16:00	Registration Desk Open at FPN in Entrance Hall
15:45 – 16:10	Welcome Addresses, FPN, AMF Room, Ground Floor
16:15 – 17:45	Opening Plenary, FPN, AMF Room, Ground Floor
18:00 – 20:00	Film Screening and Q&A Where Have You Been, FPN, AMF Room, Ground Floor

June 18

9:00 – 17:00	Registration and Information Desk Open at FPN in Entrance Hall
9:00 – 10:30	Session I
11:00 – 12:30	Session II
14:00 – 15:30	Session III
16:00 – 17:30	Book Presentation “Shared History and Everyday Coexistence Jews and Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina” and Discussion at FPN with Dževada Garić City Tour or National Museum of BiH Tour (please register)
18:45	Conference Family Photo, Vijećnica
19:00 – 21:00	Keynote (Siniša Malešević, University College Dublin, and Jasmina Husanović, University of Tuzla) followed by Reception, Vijećnica

June 19

8:30 – 13:00	Registration and Information Desk Open at IBU in Entrance Hall
8:30 – 9:45	Executive Council Meeting, IBU, 125, American Room, First Floor
10:00 – 11:30	Session IV
10:00 – 11:00	Ex-YU Meeting, 125, American Room, First Floor
12:00 – 13:00	General Assembly, Conference Room, Ground Floor
14:00 – 15:30	Session V
15:45 – 17:15	Closing Plenary, Conference Room, Ground Floor
17:15 – 17:45	Closing Words, Conference Room, Ground Floor

JUNE 17 (WEDNESDAY)

14:00 – 16:00

Registration Desk Open at FPN in Entrance Hall

15:45 – 16:10

Welcome Addresses, FPN, AMF Room, Ground Floor

- Sead Turčalo, Dean, Faculty of Political Science at the University of Sarajevo
- Irfan Djedović, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at International Burch University
- Kateřina Kočí, CEEISA President
- Aida Hozić, Programme Chair 2026
- Dženeta Karabegović, Programme Chair 2026

16:15 – 17:45

Opening Plenary, FPN, AMF Room, Ground Floor

Contesting Imperialism(s)

- Jana Baćević (Durham University)
- Joseph MacKay (Australian National University)
- Birgit Poopuu (Tallinn University)
- Srdjan Vučetić (University of Ottawa)
- Dženeta Karabegović (University of Salzburg) (Chair)

18:00 – 20:00

Film Screening and Q&A Where Have You Been, FPN, AMF Room, Ground Floor

- With Aida Šehović, artist, and Tom Simpson, Board Member of ŠTO TE NEMA

JUNE 18 (THURSDAY)

9:00 – 10:30 Session I

Roundtable: Haunting Remnants or Hopeful Traces? Infra/Structural Temporalities and the Politics of In/Security

Reading Room, Ground Floor

CYSI Panel: Representation, Discourse, and the Politics of Meaning in World Politics

Room N4, Second Floor

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

Thesis Defence Room, First Floor

Expressions, Ethics and Unthinkable in Global Politics

Room N2, Second Floor

EU External Governance

Room 19, Second Floor

Great Power Avarice

Room 28, Second Floor

Feminist Contestations

Room 26, Second Floor

Geopolitics of Genocide Memory: Denial, Victimhood, and Mobilization

Room N1, First Floor

Transnational Aspects of Warfare

Multimedia Room, Lower Ground Floor

11:00 – 12:30 Session II

Roundtable: Aesthetic Politics: Creativity and Repetition in Humanitarian Ruins

Reading Room, Ground Floor

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

Room N4, Second Floor

CYSI Panel: Nationalism, Youth, and Postcolonial Political Subjects

Room 19, First Floor

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

N2, Second Floor

External Actors vs. Local Realities

Thesis Defence Room, 1st Floor

Civilizational Encounters

Room 28, Second Floor

Minority Politics Beyond Minorities

Multimedia Room, Lower Ground Floor

Protests and Solidarities

Room 12, Ground Floor

POTENTIAL AD HOC PANEL

Room N3, Second Floor

14:00 – 15:30 Session III

Roundtable: Teaching IR in post-Yugoslav space

Center for Intl. Politics, Lower Ground Floor

Book Talk: Yugoslavia and the Anticolonial Francophone World

Reading Room, Ground Floor

Legacies of Conflict(s)

Room N4, Second Floor

The World of Care and Loss

Assembly Hall, First Floor

Memory Politics

Room N1, First Floor

Norm Contestation

Thesis Defence Room, First Floor

Imperial Past/Imperial Present

Room 28, Second Floor

CEE at the Crossroads

Room N2, First Floor

Gaza & Solidarity: Faking It?

Room N3, Second Floor

16:00 – 17:30 **Book Presentation “Shared History and Everyday Coexistence Jews and Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina” and Discussion at FPN with Editor Dževada Garić and Rahela Džidić, President of the Jewish community in Sarajevo moderated by Professor Dino Abazović, University of Sarajevo**

**Sarajevo City Tour or National Museum of BiH Tour
(please register, see general conference info)**

18:45 **Conference Family Photo, Vijećnica**

19:00 **Keynote by Siniša Malešević, University College Dublin and Jasmina Husanović, University of Tuzla
Followed by Reception, Vijećnica**

Roundtable: Haunting Remnants or Hopeful Traces? Infra/Structural Temporalities and the Politics of In/Security

Reading Room, Ground Floor

Roundtable Chair: Nora Doukkali (Geneva Graduate Institute)

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)

PANELS**CYSI Panel: Representation, Discourse, and the Politics of Meaning in World Politics**

Room N4, Second Floor

Panel Chair and Discussant: Jessica Auchter (Université Laval)

- **Kosovo and EU discursive Europeanness** — Fjolla Ceku Sylejmani (University of Graz)
- **Tourism blogs and Bosnia as “hidden gem” discourse** — Emily Selby Smith (Syracuse University)
- **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)
- **Political culture and democratic meaning in post-Yugoslav Balkans** — Ema Smolo-Zukan (University of Ljubljana)

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

Thesis Defence Room, First Floor

Panel Chair: Anna Wrobel (Central European University)

Panel Discussant: Barbara Kratiuk (Vistula University)

- **Sovereign Debt Governance in Indo-Pacific in the Time of Global Economic Disorder** — Karina Jedrzejowska (University of Warsaw)
- **The Indo-Pacific Countries' Approach to WTO Reform** — Anna Wrobel (Central European University)
- **The Consequences of the Conflict in Iran on the Indo-Pacific Region: Strategies adopted by Asian economies** — Laszlo Csismann (Corvinus University of Budapest)
- **Contesting Imperial Ties: Flexible Partnerships and the Preservation of Autonomy in the Indo-Pacific** — Barbara Kratiuk (Vistula University)

Expressions, Ethics and Unthinkable in Global Politics

Room N2, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Cornelia Baciú (Saarland University)

Panel Discussant: Rune Saugmann Andersen (Tampere University)

- **The Political Dynamics of Unthinkability** — Jennifer Mitzen (Ohio State University)
- **Ontological Aggression: The Shared Logic of Putin's Rhetoric about Ukraine and Trump's Rhetoric about Canada** — Maria Popova (McGill University); Daniel Béland (McGill University); Srdjan Vučetić (University of Ottawa)
- **Ukraine Was, Is and Will Be: The Expressivist-Aesthetics Nexus as Self Re-Creation in IR** — Cornelia Baciú (Saarland University)
- **'Ni reyes, ni gringos invasores': Security, Identity, and Aesthetics in Colonial Puerto Rico** — Jack Amoureux (Wake Forest University)
- **Numbing the Self: Drone Warfare, Emotional Attenuation, and the Limits of Ontological Security** — DeRaismes Combes (Army War College)

EU External Governance

Room 19, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Damir Kapidžić (University of Sarajevo)

Panel Discussant: Pawel Frankowski (Jagiellonian University)

- **Bridging the Digital Divide: the EU Candidate Countries within the European Union's International Digital Strategy** — Wiktoria Rozbicka (University of Wrocław, 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 (Prague University of Economics and Business)
- **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)

Great Power Avarice

Room 28, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Benedek Kovacs (Queen Mary University of London)

Panel Discussant: Katja Kalkschmied (Vienna School of International Studies)

- **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)
- **Donald Trump and Challenges of Global System** — Marcin Grabowski (Jagiellonian University)
- **Imperial Expansion as Cartelization: Competition and Collusion in European Colonialism** — Joseph MacKay (Australian National University)
- **From Neoliberal to Illiberal Conservatism: International Pressures and Domestic Political Realignment** — Anna Wojciuk (University of Warsaw); Angelos Chrysogelos (London Metropolitan University)

Feminist Contestations

Room 26, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Oksana Potapova (European University Viadrina)

Panel Discussant: Svitlana Hotsuliak (ELTE University)

- **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)

Geopolitics of Genocide Memory: Denial, Victimhood, and Mobilization

Room N1, First Floor

Panel Chair: Carlos Azevedo (CIPES - Centre for Research in Higher Education Policies)

Panel Discussant: Hariz Halilovich (RMIT University)

- **From Mass Violence to Managed Memory: The 1971 Bangladesh Genocide and the Geopolitics of its Denial** — Bayes Ahmed (University College London)
- **Intertwined Victimhood, Vengeful Brotherhood: Understanding Turkish-Azerbaijani Justifications for Violence Against Armenians** — Cagla Demirel (Södertörn University)
- **Preventative Memory Laws: A Case Study from Bosnia and Herzegovina** — Ben Gerstein (University of Sarajevo)
- **Fractured Israel in a New World Only Partly of Its Own Making** — Simon Frankel Pratt (University of Melbourne); Jamie Levin (St. Francis-Xavier University)

Transnational Aspects of Warfare

Multimedia Room, Lower Ground Floor

Panel Chair: Matthew Ellis (Purdue University)

Panel Discussant: Amir Lupovici (Tel Aviv University)

- **Voluntary Pro Defence Organisations in Georgia: Transnational Diffusion of Practices, Norms, and Ideas** — Rusudan Zabakhidze (Swedish Defence University)
- **Irregular Warfare and the Contested Boundaries of Resistance: Imperial Delegation and Proxy Violence in Global Perspective** — Cassius Matyjasek (University of Warsaw)
- **Hybrid Warfare as Imperial Power Projection** — Anisa Hysesani (Academy of Security & Social Sciences Faculty of Tirana)

Roundtable: Aesthetic Politics: Creativity and Repetition in Humanitarian Ruins

Reading Room, Ground Floor

Roundtable Chair: Lucas Perez Florentino (Geneva Graduate Institute)

Ajda Hedžet (University of Ljubljana)

Hana Ćurak (University of Zurich)

Mariana Caldas Pinto Ferreira (University of Erfurt)

Nora Doukkali (Geneva Graduate Institute)

Akos Kopper (ELTE University)

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Kateřina Kočí (Prague University of Economics and Business)

Kyle Reed (University of Amsterdam)

Olga Brusylovska (Odesa I. I. Mechnikov National University)

PANELS**CYSI Panel: Nationalism, Youth, and Postcolonial Political Subjects**

Room 19, First Floor

Panel Chair and Discussant: Tamara Pavasovic Trost (University of Ljubljana)

- **Remembering Apartheid, Forgetting Empire: On the Hierarchies of Coloniality in the Memory Politics of South Africa and Namibia** — Saniah Matengu (European University Institute)
- **National identity and foreign policy in Serbia** — Ana Djordjevic (University of Belgrade)
- **Youth participation and gender transformative change (ZOOM)** — Amani Aruri, (Karama Feminist Network)
- **Multilateralism beyond Eurocentric Contexts: Channel for Racialized Resistance, Site of Racialization** — Yang Han (University of Oxford)

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

Room N2, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Danijel Crnčec (University of Ljubljana)

Panel Discussant: Yuliya Yurchenko (University of Greenwich)

- **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)
- **Civilizational Nationalism: The Imperialist Consensus Underlying the Trump Administration's Foreign Policy** — Benedek Kovacs (Queen Mary University of London)
- **European Port Infrastructure Development under US-China Rivalry: How External Pressures affect EU Core-Periphery Divides at Multiple Scales** — Katja Kalkschmied (Vienna School of International Studies)
- **Performing Development: EU Conditionality, Erdoğan, and the Limits of Dissent** — Onur Tugrul Karabicak

External Actors vs. Local Realities

Thesis Defence Room, First Floor

Panel Chair: Aline Cateux (University of Ottawa)

Panel Discussant: Melika Mahmutović (University of Ljubljana)

- **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 Pačariz (Northeastern University London)
- **Ordering the Western Balkans? EU-Backed Regional Cooperation, Managed Disorder, and the Loss of Credibility** — Nedžma Džananović (University of Sarajevo's Faculty of Political Science)
- **Okinawa in the Information Battlespace: Detecting Foreign Influence Across TikTok's Multilingual Networks** — Jean Christophe Boucher (University of Calgary); David Dubé (McGill University)

Civilizational Encounters

Room 28, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Jacob Grech (European University Institute)

Panel Discussant: Stefano Guzzini (European University Institute)

- **Contesting China in Europe: Bourdieu and Knowledge Production Field of EU** — Fei Vincent MO (Central European University)
- **From Civilization to Reaction: Samuel Huntington's "American Creed"** — Joseph MacKay (Australian National University)
- **What is the West, Anyway? Geopolitical Imaginaries of the Far Right** — Srdjan Vučetić (University of Ottawa); Scott Patterson (University of Montreal)
- **Global Trade and Finance in Times of Polycrisis** — Karina Jedrzejowska (University of Warsaw); Anna Wrobel (University of Warsaw)

Minority Politics Beyond Minorities

Multimedia Room, Lower Ground Floor

Panel Chair: Petra Roter (University of Ljubljana)

Panel Discussant: Ingeborg Birnie (University of Strathclyde)

- **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 (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary); Zoltán Ferencz (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)
- **The Role of Intermediaries in the Settlement of Ukrainian Transnational Refugee Families in Hungary** — Katalin Dancsi (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary); Emőke Török (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)
- **Sport as a Contested Terrain: Negotiating Neo-Ottoman Imperialism “from Below” in the Turkish Minority Context in Bulgaria** — Haydar Eren Akin (Istanbul University)

Protests and Solidarities

Room 12, Ground Floor

Panel Chair: Birgit Poopuu (Tallinn University)

Panel Discussant: Jana Bačević (Durham University)

- **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)
- **Contentious Politics in Serbia: Protests, Authoritarian Drift, and the Erosion of Democracy under Vučić** — Natalia Kujawa (University of Warsaw)
- **Greening Authoritarian Neoliberalism on the Semi-periphery: The case of the EU-supported lithium mining project in Serbia** — Zuzana Šmilňáková (Masaryk University, Czech Republic); Vladimír Vučković (Masaryk University, Czech Republic)

POTENTIAL AD HOC PANEL

Room N3, Second Floor

In line with the continuously evolving political climate in CEE and the world, we will aim for a fishbowl session on developing or ongoing topics. If you would like to be part of organizing such a session, please get in touch with the programme Chairs. These will be announced the morning of.

Roundtable: Teaching IR in post-Yugoslav space

Center for Intl. Politics, Lower Ground Floor

Roundtable Chair: Ana Bojinović Fenko (University of Ljubljana)

Damir Kapidžić (University of Sarajevo)

Julija Brsakoska Bazerkoska (St. Cyril and Methodius University Skopje)

Nedžma Džananović Miraščija (University of Sarajevo)

Petra Roter (University of Ljubljana)

Faris Kočan (University of Ljubljana)

Anastas Vangeli (University of Ljubljana)

Goran Tepsic (University of Belgrade)

Book Talk: Yugoslavia and the Anticolonial Francophone World

Reading Room, Ground Floor

Alexandra Perišić (FMK) (Author)

Hana Ćurak (University of Zurich)

Elif Kalaycioglu (King's College London)

Zaynab El Bernoussi (The Africa Institute)

PANELS**Legacies of Conflict(s)**

Room N4, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Cassius Matyjasek (University of Warsaw)

Panel Discussant: Saniah Matengu (European University Institute)

- **Nationalism, Imperial Legacies, and the Politics of International Recognition in Post-Conflict Contexts** — Džana Skopljak (IBU)
- **Norms of Transitional Injustice** — Keru Sun (LSE)
- **When do Defeated Aggressors Initiate Revanchist Wars? Towards a Revanchism Theory** — Mateusz Ambrożek (University of Łódź)
- **From Atrocities to Agreements: Impact of Rebel Human Rights Violations on Peace Negotiations** — Deniz Özdemir (Binghamton University)

The World of Care and Loss

Assembly Hall, First Floor

Panel Chair: Rahel Turai (ELTE University)

Panel Discussant: Carlos Azevedo (CIPES - Centre for Research in Higher Education Policies)

- **Care as a site of exploitation, resistance and political imaginaries: „We are not a manufacturing company“** — Mária Mokrá (Comenius University)
- **Sanitary Legislation, Pandemics, and the Politics of Resistance: Law as a Field of Power** — Svitlana Hotsuliak (ELTE University)
- **Heroic and Stigmatized Absence: Post-Conflict Disappearance from Bosnia to Iraq** — Ali Sahib (AlWeyam Org. for human rights defending)
- **Grassroots practices of collective care as forms of prefigurative politics beyond crisis** — Oksana Potapova (European University Viadrina)

Memory Politics

Room N1, First Floor

Panel Chair: Rune Saugmann Andersen (Tampere University)

Panel Discussant: Hariz Halilovich (RMIT University)

- **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)
- **From Sacred Places to Deserted Spaces - Sociological Perspectives on Partisan Graves in Bosnia and Herzegovina** — Sarina Bakić (University of Sarajevo)

Norm Contestation

Thesis Defence Room, First Floor

Panel Chair: Kateřina Kočí (Prague University of Economics and Business)

Panel Discussant: Simon Frankel Pratt (University of Melbourne)

- **Authority or Colonizer? Shifting Power Relations Between Discourses Promoting Gender Equality and Opposing "Gender"** — Zuzana Maďarová (Comenius University); Kristína Rankovová (Comenius 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)
- **Beyond Norm-Makers and Norm-Takers: A Relational Theoretical Framework for Analysing EU Climate Norm Diffusion under Liberal International Order Transformation** — Jakub Hrdina (Prague University of Economics and Business)

Imperial Past/Imperial Present

Room 28, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Irem Cihan (SOAS University of London)

Panel Discussant: Atay Demirel (Eastern Mediterranean University)

- **"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 University)
- **Contesting the Imperial Gaze: The Case of Jelena J. Dimitrijević** — Sara Lević (University of Belgrade)
- **Dismembering the Past: The Partitioning of Post-Imperial Memories in the Habsburg-Ottoman Borderlands of Zemun** — Kevin Kenjar (University of Rijeka)

CEE at the Crossroads

Room N2, First Floor

Panel Chair: Stefano Guzzini (European University Institute)

Panel Discussant: Mariusz Antonowicz (Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas)

- **With or Without You? Strategic Uncertainty and Central Europe's Debate on the United States** — Barbora Tallová (University of Oxford, Comenius University); Srdjan Vučetić (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)
- **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)
- **Between Dependency and Autonomy: Nuclear Energy and Power Relations in the Czech Republic** — Karolína Janatková (Prague University of Economics and Business)

Gaza & Solidarity: Faking It?

Room N3, Second Floor

Panel Chair: Itziar Mujika Chao (University of the Basque Country)

Panel Discussant: Birgit Poopuu (Tallinn University)

- **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)

JUNE 18 (THURSDAY) 18:45 – 21:00 KEYNOTE AND RECEPTION

18:45 PLEASE MEET AT VIJEĆNICA FOR A CONFERENCE 'FAMILY' PHOTO

19:00 - 20:00 Conference Keynote and Response

- Siniša Malešević (University College Dublin)
- Jasmina Husanović (University of Tuzla)

20:00 – 21:00 Reception, Vijećnica

JUNE 19 (FRIDAY)

10:00 – 11:30 Session IV

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

Library

CYSI Panel: Technopower and the Changing International Dynamics

First Floor, British Room, 124

CYSI Panel: International Order, Foreign Policy, and the Politics of Global Governance

First Floor, American Room, 125

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

Third Floor, 320

Small States and Middle Powers in the New World Order I

Third Floor, IRES, 327

Space, Place, and New Materialism

Third Floor, SASE 324

Authoritarianism and its Varied Iterations

Third Floor, Management, 322

The Politics of Witnessing, Recognizing, and Denying Genocide

Third Floor, English, 323

POTENTIAL AD HOC PANEL

First Floor, Motif Room, 129

14:00 - 15:30 Session V

Roundtable: Insights and Tips for Publishing

Library

CYSI Panel: Memory, Silence, and Memorialization

First Floor, British Room, 124

Ontological Security and Order

First Floor, Motif Room, 129

Small States and Middle Powers in the New World Order II

Third Floor, IRES, 327

Borders, Buying in, and Belonging beyond

First Floor, Laptop Room, 123

Economic Imperialisms

Third Floor, SASE, 324

Diplomacy and its Facades

First Floor, American Room, 125

Feminist Contestations II

Third Floor, 320

EU as an Actor

Third Floor, Management, 321

Building Refugees' Futures

Third Floor, English 323

16:00 - 17:45 Closing Plenary and Closing Words

Conference Room, Ground Floor

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

Library

Armina Galijaš (University of Graz) - Author
 Dženeta Karabegović (University of Salzburg)
 Sead Turčalo (University of Sarajevo)
 Liliia Sablina (Vienna School of International Studies)
 Siniša Malešević (University College Dublin)

PANELS

CYSI Panel: Technopower and the Changing International Dynamics

First Floor, British Room, 124

Panel Chair and Discussant: Artur Gruszczak (Jagiellonian University)

- **WhatsApp/Facebook informational networks for Syrian women** — Rime Hanani Abdalli (Gaziantep University)
- **US alliance authority in Asia-Pacific** — Asaf Alibegović (Heidelberg University)
- **Conceptions of the international among populist actors** — Bénédicte Anthony (Bilkent University)
- **Reforming Diplomatic Immunity: Striking a Balance between Privilege and Accountability in Modern Diplomacy** — Lama Allan Abusamra (University of Zurich)

CYSI Panel: International Order, Foreign Policy, and the Politics of Global Governance

First Floor, American Room, 125

Panel Chair and Discussant: Joseph MacKay (Australian National University)

- **GATT and socialist countries** — Marco Cokic (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- **Authoritarian legitimization in foreign policy (Turkey)** — Pijus Domantas Petrošius (Vilnius University)
- **Reconceptualising ESG: Norm Contestation and Sustainability Governance in the EU** — Jakub Hrdina (Prague University of Economics and Business)
- **Domestic Resettlement Services Policy as a Tool of LIO Norm Contestation** — Robert Montgomery (Prague University of Economics and Business)

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

Third Floor, 320

Panel Chair: Petra Roter (University of Ljubljana)

Panel Discussant: Petra Roter (University of Ljubljana)

- **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)

Small States and Middle Powers in the New World Order I

Third Floor, IRES, 327

Panel Chair: Bertalan Bordas (ELTE University)

Panel Discussant: Dovile Jakniunaite (Vilnius University)

- **Neither West nor East: Ontological Security and the Misconceptions About Africa's Middle Powers** — John Danboyi (Old Dominion University)
- **A middle power's attempts to change the international order: Poland's eastern policy since 2004** — Mariusz Antonowicz (Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas)
- **THE AVOIDANT ALLY. The sources and effects of a peculiar Hungarian foreign policy tradition** — Andras Schweitzer (ELTE University)
- **The Difference That 'Strategic' Makes: Separating Hedging from Strategic Hedging** — Mateusz Ambrozek (University of Lodz)

Space, Place, and New Materialism

Third Floor, SASE 324

Panel Chair and Discussant: Daniel Levine (University of Alabama)

- **Beyond Closure: Re-thinking the Nationalism-Imperialism Nexus through Jean-Luc Nancy's Political Ontology** — Ali Fuat Birol (Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University)
- **Tree as Method: Unpacking the Ecological Dimension of International Relations through Three Trees** — Yang Han (non-presenting author) (University of Oxford); Yutong Li (non-presenting author) (University of Cambridge); Asaf Alibegovic (presenting author) (Heidelberg University)
- **Rally around the Symbol: Deadly Wars over Peaceful Flags** — Matthew Ellis (Purdue University)
- **Between Alert and Alarm: The Ritual of Ontological (In)Security and Emergency Routines during the Israel-Iran War** — Amir Lupovici (Tel Aviv University)

Authoritarianism and its Varied Iterations

Third Floor, Management, 322

Panel Chair: Pijus Domantas Petrošius (Vilnius University)

Panel Discussant: Štěpánka Zemanová (Prague University of Economics and Business)

- **VULGARITY AS A POLITICAL TOOL FOR POPULISTS – STYLE AS THE MEANS OF DOMINATION AND THE TERRAIN OF CONTESTATION** — Akos KOPPER (ELTE University)
- **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)
- **Victimhood and Temporality in Securitization: Memory, Threat, and the Legitimization of Fratelli d'Italia** — Fausto Matteo Cereti (Sapienza University of Rome)

- **Authoritarianism, regime economy, and neocolonialism in Putin's Russia: failing towards fascism or path-dependency rashism?** — Yuliya Yurchenko (University of Greenwich)

The Politics of Witnessing, Recognizing, and Denying Genocide

Third Floor, English, 323

Panel Chair: Azra Dizdarević (University of Graz)

Panel Discussant: Cagla Demirel (Södertörn University)

- **Politics of Denial and Recognition of Genocide: A Discursive Analysis** — Md. Touhidul Islam (University College London); Bayes Ahmed (University College London)
- **Operationalizing (Un)Grievability - A Case Study of UNSC Debates on the Question of Palestine** — Alexander Köhler (Scuola Sant'Anna)
- **The Limits of Systemic Interpretation: State Responsibility and the Depoliticization of Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro** — Yasmin Fagundes (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul)
- **What Does a Massacre Look Like? Proxy Images, Visual Referents, and the Absent Dead** — Jessica Auchter (Université Laval)
- **Witnessing in the shadow of denial: memory politics and hierarchies of suffering after Srebrenica** — Hariz Halilovich (RMIT University)
- **Mosaical epistemologies: use of open-source images in investigations of MH17** — Rune Saugmann Andersen (Tampere University)

POTENTIAL AD HOC PANEL

First Floor, Motif Room, 129

In line with the continuously evolving political climate in CEE and the world, we will aim for a fishbowl session on developing or ongoing topics. If you would like to be part of organizing such a session, please get in touch with the programme Chairs. These will be announced the morning of.

Roundtable: Insights and Tips for Publishing

Library

Anna Leander (Geneva Graduate Institute)
Ajda Hedžet (University of Ljubljana)
Isobel Cowper Coles (Palgrave Macmillan)
Jessica Auchter (Université Laval)
Stefano Guzzini (European University Institute)

PANELS**CYSI Panel: Memory, Silence, and Memorialization**

First Floor, British Room, 124

Panel Chair and Discussant: Anitta Kynsilehto (Tampere University)

- **Joining the Fight? Memory and Historical Violence in Wartime Mobilization** — Ajla Henic-Sarajlic (University of Hamburg)
- **Governing Memory: Municipal Practices and the Production of Silence in Post-War Prijedor** — Azra Dizdarević (University of Graz)
- **Oral Storytelling as Feminist Public Practice: The Case of the PeachPreach Festival in North Macedonia** — Sanja Vasić (The European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe)
- **Post-War Narratives Online: Memes and the Youth of the Western Balkans** — Maura Madeddu (University of Graz)

Ontological Security and Order

First Floor, Motif Room, 129

Panel Chair: Cornelia Baciú (Saarland University)*Panel Discussant:* Jennifer Mitzen (Ohio State University)

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

Small States and Middle Powers in the New World Order II

Third Floor, IRES, 327

Panel Chair: Simon Frankel Pratt (University of Melbourne)

Panel Discussant: Mateusz Ambrozek (University of Lodz)

- **The Liberal International Order Decline Narratives and positionality of the Eastern Central European space** — Dovile Jakniunaite (Vilnius University)
- **Ethno-Nationalism as Transactional Diplomacy: Israel's Pivot in the Western Balkan** — Reuf Bajrović (SSST); Tanya Domi (Columbia University)
- **Small-State Reactions to the Russian-Ukrainian War: Comparative National Responses from the EU's Eastern Flank** — Péter Kacziba (University of Pécs); Zoltán Lechner (University of Pécs)
- **Small States, Strategic Dependency, and the New Imperial Question in Europe** — Lejla Ramić-Mesihović (International Burch University); Adem Olovčić (International Burch University)

Borders, Buying in, and Belonging beyond

First Floor, Laptop Room, 123

Panel Chair: Stevan Gajić (Institute of European Studies Belgrade)

Panel Discussant: Faris Kočan (University of Ljubljana)

- **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)
- **The European Union (EU) and its Expansion. The Case Study of Visa Liberalization Between the EU and Kosovo** — Paulina Szelag (University of Krakow)

Economic Imperialisms

Third Floor, SASE, 324

Panel Chair: Jean Christophe Boucher (University of Calgary)

Panel Discussant: Aida Hozic (University of Florida)

- **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)

Diplomacy and its Facades

First Floor, American Room, 125

Panel Chair: Tanya Domi (Columbia University)

Panel Discussant: Natalia Kujawa (University of Warsaw)

- **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)
- **Governing Bosnia and Herzegovina Through Diplomatic Discourse: OHR Reports to the UN Security Council** — Nedžma Džananović (University of Sarajevo)
- **The Path Dependent Erosion of the Peace Dividend** — Devrim Şahin (Cyprus Aydın University); Ahmet Sözen (Eastern Mediterranean University)

Feminist Contestations II

Third Floor, 320

Panel Chair: Míla O'Sullivan (Institute of International Relations Prague)

Panel Discussant: Zuzana Šmilňáková (Masaryk University, Czech Republic)

- **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)

EU as an Actor

Third Floor, Management, 321

Panel Chair: Milan Brglez (University of Ljubljana)

Panel Discussant: Kateřina Kočí (Prague University of Economics and Business)

- **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** — Paweł Frankowski (Jagiellonian University)

- **The European Union as Empire: Stability, Dependency, and the Turn to Militarized Order** — Piotr Uhma (University of the National Education Commission)

Building Refugees' Futures

Third Floor, English 323

Panel Chair: Ema Smolo-Zukan (University of Ljubljana)

Panel Discussant: Anđela Đorđević (University of Ljubljana)

- **Fostering Resilience for Future Generations: Integrating Intergenerational Justice to Promote Refugee Rights** — Laura Kromják (ELTE University); Ajlina Karamehic-Muratovic (Saint Louis University)
- **Integration as Cultural Adaptation: the Settlement Practices of Ukrainian Roma Mothers in Hungary** — Andrea Miklósné Zakar (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary); Katalin 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 Zakar (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)

JUNE 19 (FRIDAY)

16:00 – 17:45

CLOSING, IBU

16:00 – 17:30

Closing Plenary, Conference Room, Ground Floor

Affective (and aesthetic) dimensions of loss, war, lives in the aftermaths and continuums of violence

- Elif Kalaycioglu (King's College London)
- Anna Leander (Geneva Graduate Institute)
- Ajnura Akbaš (War Childhood Museum)
- Hariz Halilovich (RMIT University)
- Aida Hozic (University of Florida) (Chair)

17:30 – 17:45

Closing Words, Conference Room, Ground Floor

- Kateřina Kočí, CEEISA President
- Aida Hozic, Programme Chair 2026
- Dženeta Karabegović, Programme Chair 2026