

## The Conference

One hundred years ago, in October 1912, the outbreak of what was later known as the first Balkan War terminated 500 years of Ottoman rule over much of Southeastern Europe. A new order of nation-states was implemented which aimed at expansion externally and ethnic homogenization internally. Only the nation-state seemed to be a fully accepted member of the European family of states.

More often than not it was wars that served as a means for ethnic transformation. Three decades were especially violent. Between 1912 and 1923, during the 1940s and during the 1990s much of the multi-ethnic fabric of the Balkans was destroyed, with effects that still haunt the present Southeast European states.

On occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of the first Balkan War, this conference aims to explore the policies of ethnic homogenization on the Balkans during the 20<sup>th</sup> century in a comparative perspective. The focus will not only be on links between war and ethnic cleansing, but also on postwar ethnic engineering. It will be analyzed how state building and international migration policy impacted on processes of ethnic homogenisation in a European framework.

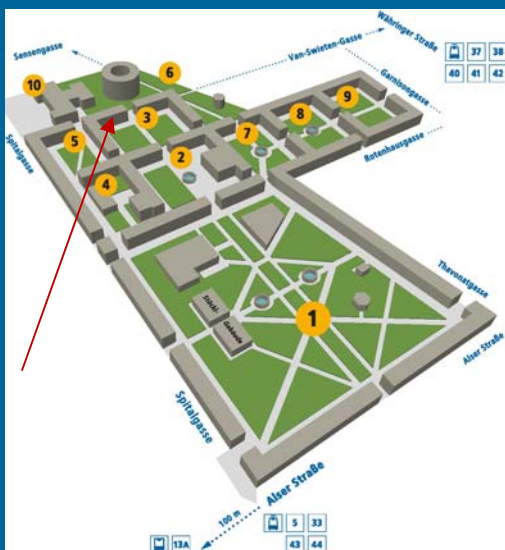
The integrated Young Scholars Forum discusses current PhD and Postdoc projects related to the conference topic, and promotes networks and joint research projects throughout Southeastern Europe and beyond.

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**Homogenizing  
Southeastern Europe**  
**Balkan Wars, Ethnic Cleansing and  
Postwar Ethnic Engineering since  
1912**

**08 – 10 November 2012**



**International Conference**

**Institute for East European History  
University of Vienna**

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# Programme

## Thursday, 08 November 2012

### 13:30-14:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Heinz Faßmann, Vice Rector of the University of Vienna

Alexander Korb (Leicester/Jena)

Philipp Ther (Vienna)

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### 14:00-17:30 Panel 1. Ethnicized Warfare

Chair: Cathie Carmichael (Norwich)

*Tamara Scheer (Vienna)*

Why can the Conflicts in the Balkans (1912-1918) be called an Ethnicized Warfare?

*John Paul Newman (Maynooth)*

Nationalizing wars and Paramilitarism in the Balkans  
1914-1939

*Alexander Korb (Leicester/Jena)*

Peculiarities of the Southeast European Warzone During  
WWII and Beyond (1941-1948)

*Tomislav Dulić (Uppsala)*

Ethnic Violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Control,  
Security and Civilian Deaths in the 1990s

Comment: Philipp Ther (Vienna)

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### 18:00 Key Note Lecture

*Theodora Dragostinova (Ohio State University)*

Politics and Limits of Nationalization: A View from Below

Followed by Wine Reception

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# Programme

## Friday, 09 November 2012

### 9:30-12:00 Panel 2. Unmixing Peoples: National Policies and International Context

Chair: Ulf Brunnbauer (Regensburg)

*Hakem Rustom (Ann Arbor)*

Balkan Wars, Anatolian Echoes: The Lausanne Treaty and the American Population

*Viorel Achim (Bucharest/Jena)*

International Aspects of Romanian Population Policies, 1940-1944

*Cathie Carmichael (Norwich)*

The International Community, Local Actors and Ethnic Homogenization in the Western Balkans in the 1990s

Comment: Constantin Iordachi (Budapest/Jena)

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### 13:30-16:00 Panel 3/1. Postwar Ethnic Engineering

Chair: Carolin Leutloff Grandits (Berlin/Graz)

*Thomas Schad (Berlin)*

Demographic Engineering in Interwar Yugoslavia and Turkey

*Ulf Brunnbauer (Regensburg)*

Excluding 'Alien Elements', including 'our Emigrants': Migration Policies and National Homogenization in Interwar Yugoslavia

*Elisabeth Kontogiorgi (Athens)*

The Policies of Ethnic Homogenization and Settlement of Greek Orthodox Refugees in Northern Greece, 1912-1940

*Nada Boškovska (Zurich)*

Ethnic Homogenization of Yugoslav Macedonia in the 1920s

Comment: Uğur Ümit Üngör (Utrecht)

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# Programme

## 16:30-19:00 Young Scholars Forum: Round table and project presentation

Chair: Alexander Korb (Leicester / Jena)

With Odeta Barbullushi (Tirana), Selim Bezeraj (Prishtina), Dario Brentin (Graz/London), Dragan Cvetković (Belgrade), Eva Frantz (Vienna), Idris Idrizi (Vienna), Marina Ilić (Belgrade/Lille), Hans Lempert (Vienna), Jelena Lilić (Belgrade/Stockholm), Iva Lucić (Sarajevo/Uppsala), Goran Miljan (Zagreb/Budapest), Deniver Vukelić (Zagreb).

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## 19:30 Conference Dinner

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## Saturday, 10 November 2012

### 9:30-11:30 Panel 3/2. Postwar Ethnic Engineering

Chair: Adamantios Skordos (Vienna)

*Vladan Jovanović (Belgrade)*

Comparative Perspectives on Muslim Emigration from Monarchist and Socialist Yugoslavia (1938/1953)

*Michael Portmann (Vienna)*

Flight, Internment, and Colonization: Migrations and Migration Policy in the Yugoslav Vojvodina 1944-1950

*Carolin Leutloff Grandits (Berlin/Graz)*

Post-Dayton Ethnic Engineering

Comment: Josip Glaurdić (Cambridge)

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## 12:00-13:00 Final Discussion

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