

# Institute of European Studies

## Belgrade - Serbia



# Brief History

- The Institute was founded in 1957 as the Institute for Studying the Labor Movement.
- It became the Institute of European Studies in 1990.
- During the 1970s the institute held one of the five largest Marxist libraries in the world.
- Notable Associates:
  - Laslo Sekelj
  - Đuro Kovačević
  - Slobodan Samardžić
  - Miroslav Prokopijević
  - Ivan Vejvoda
  - Čedomir Štrbac



# Our Profile

- We are a dynamic, cooperative, agile, competent interdisciplinary institution capable of efficiently organizing research projects and other research related activities in all fields of social science.
- Our researchers come from diverse research backgrounds as we employ political scientists, economists, legal scholars, philosophers, historians and theologians.
- We concentrate on European affairs and global events that concern the European continent. Main focus is dedicated to the study of the European Union, the Balkan Peninsula and Eurasia, including Russia and Turkey.
- Our researchers rely on literature written not only in Serbian, but also in English, German, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Turkish.
- Our scholars have published their research findings with publishers such as Routledge and Springer. Dutch, Mexican, Russian and Italian publishers have also published works written by our researchers.
- Each July we organize a summer school in cooperation with the Hispanic Association of Serbia which deals with Latin American studies. Lecturers have included prominent names such as Raúl Fornet-Betancourt and Alexis Dantas.

# Our Activities

- The main project that the Institute is currently working on is called “Serbia within the Process of European Integrations: Global Context, Institutions and Identity”
- We have also participated in numerous short-term projects either independently or in cooperation with other partners:
  - Election Year (2016 – 2017) in cooperation with NIN Weekly Journal.
  - Election to the European Parliament (2019) in cooperation with the European Movement of Serbia.
  - The Crisis Maze (1997 – 1998) in cooperation with the Swiss Institute of Federalism from the University of Fribourg
- The Institute is accustomed to cooperating with various sectors of state administration such as the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia, the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government and the Ministry of Agriculture.

# Bioethical Issues Group

- The Bioethical Issues Group of the Institute of European studies gathers leading philosophers, legal scholars, doctors and theologians from Serbia and the region with the aim of approaching issues such as transhumanism, euthanasia, organ transplantation and surrogacy.
- The Group conducted a one year long project called “The Challenges of Contemporary bioethics” as a part of which ten lectures were organized.
- The project also produced a publication called “Between Cyborg and Chimera: Man and Contemporary Bioethics”, in which all the lecturers participated as authors.
- An international conference regarding bioethical issues will be held at the Institute in early October.
- The Bioethical Issues Group cooperates with the Biomedicine Board of the Ministry of Health.

# Conferences

- 2001. How to accelerate the accession of Yugoslavia to the European Union? (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung)
- 2012. Turkey, a regional power?
- 2013. The crisis of the European Union
- 2013. Russia-Serbia relations (Gorchakov Fund)
- 2017. Western Balkans and the EU after Brexit (Hanns Seidel)
- 2017. India and the European Union
- 2017. Economic challenges within the European Union
- 2018. Illiberal Democracies at the Balkans
- 2018. Sanctions: EU – Russia (Hanns Seidel Stiftung)
- 2019. European elections and the future of the European Union
- 2019. Freemasonry today (International conference, October 13)

# Eminent Guests

- The institute of European Studies has had the honor of hosting multiple prominent social scientists, academics and public figures such as Zbigniew Brzezinski, Michael Freedman, Wolfram Kaiser, Mikhail Delyagin, Claus Offe, Noel O'Sullivan, Philip Schmitter, Misha Glenny, Dušan Reljić, Efraim Zuroff, Luca Volontè, Allan Carlson and many others.
- The Institute also had capacity to welcome even provocative and somewhat controversial theorists and guests such as Russian thinker Aleksandr Dugin, or Marc Jongen and Götz Kubitschek.



# Our Partners

- Some of our partners include the Serbian Academy of Arts and Sciences, The Serbian Foundation (Matica Srpska), University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb's Faculty of Philosophy and Religion, the Swiss Institute of Federalism from the University of Fribourg.
- Publishers: Clio, Catena Mundi, Službeni glasnik, Albatros Plus.
- NGOs: European Movement in Serbia, Balkankult Foundation.
- Leading Serbian Media: Radio Television of Serbia, Politika, Večernje novosti, NIN, Pečat, Geopolitika.
- Our cooperation with prominent broadcasters, weekly journals and daily newspapers makes our Institute, its researchers and their work very visible in Serbian and regional media, giving us adequate space within important public debates and the public sphere in general.
- The Institute has hosted intern-researchers and PhD students from the United States, Russia, Italy, France, Finland and Mexico.
- We have developed friendly relations with multiple foundations such as Hanns Seidel, Konrad Adenauer, Friedrich Ebert, the Open Society Foundation, the Gorchakov Fund and Yunus Emre Institute, which operates within the Turkish Cultural Center in Belgrade.

# Future Priorities

- Expanding our international network, connecting with other European research institutes which deal with similar subjects of interest and raising our capacity for conducting large scale international projects.
- We are open to suggestions, new partners and project collaboration.
- We are efficient at successfully organizing and completing projects within the research fields covered by our Institute.



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