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Scientific Conference

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATO
INTERVENTION AND THE LIBERATION OF
KOSOVO: A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF
STATE BUILDING, ACHIEVEMENTS AND
CHALLENGES – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY
APPROACH

PROGRAM

10 JUNE 2024, 9:00 AM
ACADEMY'S HALL
PRISHTINA

PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

9:00 – 10:00 The opening of the Conference

Prof. Gjyljeta Mushkolaj, Secretary of the Social Sciences Section of the Kosova Academy of Sciences and Arts (Opening remarks)

Acad. Mehmet Kraja, President of the Kosova Academy of Sciences and Arts (welcome speech)

H. E. Mr. Albin Kurti, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo (special address)

Acad. Skënder Gjinushi, President of the Academy of Sciences of Albania (welcome speech)

Mr. Fatmir Sejdiu, former President of the Republic of Kosovo

Mr. Alfred Moisiu, former President of the Republic of Albania

10:00 – 11:30 First session

- 1. PASKAL MILO:** THE ROLE OF ALBANIAN DIPLOMACY AT THE RAMBUILLET CONFERENCE AND THE NATO BOMBING IN KOSOVO
- 2. MUHAMEDIN KULLASHI:** CRYSTALLIZATION OF THE POLITICAL DECISION FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE IN THE 1999 NATO INTERVENTION
- 3. SONJA BISERKO:** KOSOVO IN THE NEW GEOSTRATEGIC RELATIONS
- 4. MARK BASKIN:** HISTORICAL CONTEXTS FOR NATO'S INTERVENTION IN KOSOVO
- 5. ARSIM BAJRAMI:** LEGAL AND POLITICAL ARGUMENTS FOR NATO INTERVENTION IN KOSOVO

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 15:30 Second Session

- 6. VALENTINA DUKA:** NATO INTERVENTION FOR THE LIBERATION OF KOSOVO: MEMORIES AND REFLECTIONS OF THE LEADERS OF THE ALLIANCE
- 7. FRASHËR DEMAJ:** THE ROLE OF PEACE POLICY IN THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE KOSOVO ISSUE 1990-1997
- 8. KSENOFON KRISAFI:** LEGAL-INTERNATIONAL ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE NATO BOMBING TO SAVE THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE OF KOSOVO
- 9. HAJREDIN KUÇI:** INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE KOSOVO CRISIS 1991-1999
- 10. IBRAHIM GASHI:** THE LIBERATION WAR OF KOSOVO 1998-1999
- 11. GJYLJETA MUSHKOLAJ:** A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF FREEDOM: THE UNFINISHED ROAD TO PEACE FOR KOSOVO AND SERBIA
- 12. DAVID L. PHILLIPS:** THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATO INTERVENTION AND THE LIBERATION OF KOSOVO
- 13. BEKIM BALIQI:** THE TRANSFORMATION OF SOVEREIGNTY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AFTER NATO INTERVENTION: FROM HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION TO THE 'RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT'
- 14. SALIHE SALIHU:** THE LEGITIMACY OF NATO'S INTERVENTION IN KOSOVO AND THE CLINTON DOCTRINE

15:30 Conclusions

The Aim of the Conference

As we celebrate the historic anniversary of the liberation of Kosovo, with this conference we aim to make a possible review of the past and identify the challenges Kosovo faces in its future, while continuing its journey towards a modern and consolidated state.

This is a special occasion to celebrate the victory of NATO, the largest and most successful military alliance, and the common values of its members: peace, democracy, freedom, and the rule of law.

NATO's military intervention was a response to the mass atrocities committed by the Milosevic regime and its forces, to stop further bloodshed in the Balkans and to stop the genocide against Albanians in the former Yugoslavia. NATO military force was used after exhausting all diplomatic avenues. It was the last, necessary, and legitimate option. After the military intervention, the Security Council authorized NATO troops to restore security in Kosovo, a mission successfully carried out even further in this fragile period.

On this anniversary, we remember the tens of thousands of innocent people who were killed and forcibly disappeared, and the hundreds of thousands forcibly driven from their homes by the Serbian regime's forces.

The conference also aims to reflect on the heroic efforts of the Kosovar people for resistance, liberation, and self-determination and to keep alive the memory of the suffering of the Kosovar people from oppression, extermination, ethnic cleansing, and genocide.

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