

International Conference on Minority Integration in Southeast Europe and the Baltics

Zagreb, Hotel Opera, Wednesday 2 July 2003

Programme of the Conference

08:30-09:00	Registration of Participants
09:00-09:20	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Dr. Mladen Stanicic</i>, Director, Croatian Institute of International Relations - <i>Peter Semneby</i>, Ambassador, Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia - <i>Sture Theolin</i>, Ambassador of Sweden to Croatia - <i>Nenad Zakošek</i>, Fredrich Ebert Foundation, Zagreb
09:20-09:40	Welcoming Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Stjepan Mesic</i>, President of the Republic of Croatia
09:40-10:00	Introductory Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Tonino Picula</i>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia
10:00-10:20	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Carl Bildt</i>, Former Prime Minister of Sweden & High Representative in BiH, <i>Unique or universal - is the comparison between the Baltics and Southeast Europe worthwhile?</i>
10:20-11:10	First Panel: Minorities in the Baltics - from Majority in Great Power to Minority in Small State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: <i>Žarko Puhovski</i>, Head of the Croatian Helsinki Committee - <i>Carl Bildt</i> (cf. Above) - <i>Nils Muižnieks</i>, Latvian Minister of Social Integration, <i>To reestablish a nation state with a space for minorities</i> - <i>Toomas Hendrik Ilves</i>, MP and former Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs, <i>Euro-Atlantic integration and minorities - bridge or burden?</i> - <i>Michael Barone</i>, Senior Writer, U.S. News and World Report, and Principal Co-author, Almanac of American Politics, <i>Minority rights and the melting pot – an American perspective</i>
11:10-11:30	Discussion
11:30-11:50	Coffee Break
11:50-12:40	Second Panel: Minorities in Southeast Europe: How to Sustain a New Beginning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: <i>Misha Glenny</i>, Journalist, BBC, and author - <i>Mario Nobile</i>, Deputy Foreign Minister, Croatia (<i>tbc</i>) - <i>Orhan Sahmanovic</i>. Advisor to the Ministry of National Minorities, Montenegro - <i>Milorad Pupovac</i>, Head of Serbian National Council in Croatia, <i>Minority policy in Croatia: Between norms</i>

	<p><i>and facts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thomas Lundén, Professor, Södertörn University, Sweden, <i>The role of minorities in local trans-boundary co-operation – the cases of northern and south-eastern Europe</i>
12:40-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:30	Buffet Lunch
13:00-	Press Conference
14:30-15:20	<p>Third Panel: Bringing the Baltics and Southeast Europe Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Misha Glenny, Journalist, BBC and author. - Gerhard Enver Schrömbgens, Senior Deputy High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, former German Ambassador to Estonia. - Bruce Jackson, President, Project on Transitional Democracies, <i>Security Policy Aspects of Minority Integration</i>. - Nadia Arbatova, Institute of World Economy and International relations, Moscow - Mitja Žagar, Head of the Institute of Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana - Elisabeth Rehn, Chairman of the Stability Pact Working Table on Democratisation and Human Rights and former Minister of Defense of Finland.
15:20-15:40	Discussion
15:40-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:50	<p>Fourth Panel: Minorities Beyond the Nation State: Living Together in a Growing Community of Shared Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Ilze Brands Kehre, Director of Latvian Center for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies - Stefano Sannino, Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the European Commission, <i>Is EU the solution?</i> - John Packer, Director, Office of High Commissioner on National Minorities, <i>Minority standards as a prerequisite for or a result of European integration?</i> - Vlada Djuric, Advisor to the Federal Minister for National Minorities. Belgrade - Ivo Banac, Professor of History, Yale University, and President of Liberal Party of Croatia.
16:50-17:10	Discussion
17:10-17:40	<p>Concluding Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Semneby, Ambassador, and Head of the OSCE Mission to Croatia. - Misha Glenny, Journalist, BBC and author.
17:40-	Reception