

Opening Remarks and Greetings (Saturday, Nov. 6. 8:30 am MDT)

Dr. Srdja Pavlovic and Dr. Alexander Carpenter (8:30 – 8:45)

Opening Keynote

Dr. Eric Gordy. Professor of Political and Cultural Sociology. School of Slavonic and East European Studies. University College London: *Truth Claims and Orientations: Building Back Balkan Studies* (8:45 – 9:45. Presentation followed by a 20-minute Q&A – moderated)

Part I – Moderated by Dr. Srdja Pavlovic (9:45 – 10:45)

Dr. Christian Axboe Nielsen. Associate Professor of Southeast European Studies. Aarhus University: *Competitive Victimhood as a Barrier to Reconciliation and Progress in the former Yugoslavia* (9:45- 10:05)

Dr. Hariz Halilovich. Social and Global Studies Centre. RMIT University: *Voicing the unspeakable in the age of post-truth: The construction of memory and historical narrative after genocide* (10:05-10:25)

Dr. Mitja Velikonja. Professor. Department of Cultural Studies. University of Ljubljana: *Poetry after Srebrenica? – A cultural reflection on the Yugoslav 1980s* (10:25-10:45)

Discussion and Q&A (10:45 – 11:55)

Part II – Moderated by Dr. Srdja Pavlovic

Dr. Sinisa Malesevic. Chair of Sociology. University College Dublin: *Resurrecting National Greatness: The Golden Age Myths and the Formation of Balkan Nation-States* (12:00-12:20)

Vesko Garcevic. Professor of the Practice of IR at the Pardee School for Global Studies, Boston University. Former Ambassador of Montenegro in Brussels (NATO).: *The EU's enlargement dilemma: Do the EU and the Western Balkans Share the Same Future?* (12:20- 12:40)

Discussion and Q&A (12:40 – 14:00)

Closing Remarks

Dr. Srdja Pavlovic and Dr. Alexander Carpenter (14:00-14:20)
