

Seminar in memory of Vladimir Gligorov (1945–2022)

**The Balkans in Europe:
Overcoming the geography of animosity
and the economics of backwardness**

21 April 2023

Museum für angewandte Kunst (MAK), Vortragsaal, Weiskirchnerstraße 3, 1010 Vienna

Programme

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome Addresses**

Mario Holzner, Executive Director, wiiw

Michael Landesmann, Senior Research Associate; Economist;
former Scientific Director, wiiw

10:30 – 12:15 **Panel 1: The Balkans in Europe – overcoming the geography of animosity** - Moderator: **Hannes Swoboda**, President, wiiw

Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, and
Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna (IWM)

Radmila Šekerinska, Vice-President of the Party of European Socialists
(PES), former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of North
Macedonia

Loukas Tsoukalis, Professor at the Paris School of International Affairs
(Sciences Po), President of the Hellenic Foundation for European and
Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

12:15 – 13:15 Buffet luncheon

13:15 – 15:00 **Panel 2: The Balkans in Europe – overcoming the economics of backwardness** - Moderator: **Mario Holzner**, Executive Director, wiiw

Branko Milanović, Professor, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Mojmir Mrak, Professor at the Academic Unit for Money and Finance at the
Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana

Pavle Petrović, President of the Fiscal Council of the Republic of Serbia

Hermine Vidovic, Senior Research Associate, wiiw

15:00 – 16:00 Coffee, End of seminar