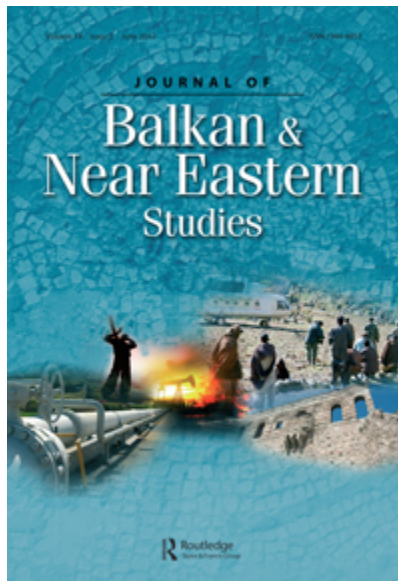


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Conference theme:

EUROPE AND THE BALKANS: OLD AND NEW FORMS OF AUTHORITARIAN RULE

Soon after the collapse of "really existing socialism", mainstream pundits, politicians and intellectuals have rushed to draft plans for the transition to political freedom and free market capitalism, whereas castigating the past experience of authoritarian Communism (for the East) and Keynesian, demand-led social economies (for the West). In this system of thought, authoritarianism comes to be replaced by liberal democracy and global markets, signalling the end of history and the advent of consumer paradise.

How accurate is this view? How can this be measured against the recent experience of the Euro-zone crisis? What are the connections between authoritarianism and free market discipline? With Turkey and many European countries under a state of emergency, what are the prospects for democracy in Europe and the Balkans? As well as celebrating its 20th anniversary and discussing how successful journal ventures can be built and ran, this

conference seeks to answer these questions and initiate a new democratic dialogue between society, students, academics and policy-makers.

Programme:

- 9.30 – 10 Tea/Coffee
- 10 – 10.45 “A brief history of the *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*”
Professor Vassilis K. Fouskas, Founding and Managing Editor of the *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, University of East London, UK
- 10.45 – 11.30 “Student memories and Balkan politics at LSE, 1994-98”
Professor Dejan Jovic, Zagreb University and Editor of the *Croatian Political Science Review*, Croatia
- 11.30 – 12.30 Discussion chaired by **Professor Jovo Ateljevic**, University of Banja Luka, BiH
- 12.30 – 1.30 Lunch
- 1.30 – 1.45 Keynote address: “The Balkans, international politics and new authoritarianism today”
Professor William D. Mallinson, Former British Diplomat and Guglielmo Marconi University, Italy
- 1.45 – 2.30 Discussion chaired by **Professor Vassilis K. Fouskas**
- 2.30 – 3.15 “Consolidation of neoliberalism through political Islam and its limits: the case of Turkey”
Dr. Elif Uzgoren, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey
- 3.15 – 3.45 Coffee/Tea
- 3.45 – 5 Round Table Discussion: “How to build and run a successful academic journal”

Dr. Aleksandar Vranjes, Executive Editor of *Politeia* (Faculty of Politics, University of Banja Luka), **Prof Dejan Jovic**, Editor of the *Croatian Political Science Review* (Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb University), **Prof Vassilis K. Fouskas**, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* (Routledge – Taylor & Francis)

Chair: **Prof Jovo Ateljevic**

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