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Call for Papers International Conference

Democratization and Ethnic Reconciliation: Theoretical challenges and the role of European integration

As part of the Jean Monnet Network on "[Democratization and Reconciliation in the Western Balkans](#)" the University of New York Tirana in partnership with the Institute for Central-Eastern and Balkan Europe, the University of Dubrovnik, the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology and the European Movement in Serbia are pleased to announce the first international conference on "**Democratization and Ethnic Reconciliation: Theoretical challenges and the role of European integration.**" The conference will be hosted in Tirana, Albania on November 2-3, 2018.

The conference will seek to address theoretical and empirical questions deriving from the failure of ethnic reconciliation in the Western Balkans. Specifically, we are seeking to answer the question of whether *the EU's inclusiveness policies are able to promote democratic values such as tolerance, diversity and acceptance in the Western Balkans*. In addressing the interaction between European integration and reconciliation in the Western Balkans the conference welcomes papers dealing with:

- New theoretical and methodological approaches in studying the interaction between these simultaneous processes;
- Empirical works that seek to explain reconciliation cases of failure or success in the Western Balkans;
- Comparative case studies and inter-regional comparisons with the Western Balkans;
- Interdisciplinary studies that go beyond political science, such as anthropology, psychology and other social sciences.

We invite paper proposals from PhD students, early career researchers and senior academics.

The organisers are considering different publication options for papers presented at the conference such as conference proceedings, an edited volume or a special journal issue.

Interested scholars are invited to send their abstracts of no more than 300 words and a short CV to project leader Dr. [Eltion Meka](#) at eltionmeka@unyt.edu.al by **September 15th 2018**. Applicants will be notified by September 25 whether their abstracts have been accepted. By December 3rd participants interested in having their presentations published as indicated above will be required to submit a full paper with in-text citations following the Chicago style.

Two keynote speakers will also be presenting during the first day's plenary session, the names of whom will be made available upon their confirmation.



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