



The Otto von Habsburg Foundation and the Andrássy University Budapest cordially invite you to their upcoming event entitled

## Muslims in Christian Europe? The possibilities for interreligious dialogue in the Western Balkans and beyond

with the following guest

## Dževada Šuško

Professor of International Relations, International University of Sarajevo, Head of International Cooperation, Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Moderation:

Heinrich Kreft and Gergely Prőhle

Venue: Mirror Hall, Andrássy University and livestream on Youtube (in German)

Date: 20 May, 2022 (Friday) at 18:00 p.m.

**Registration:** HERE

Bosnian Muslims are one of the few Muslim communities that have been present in Europe for centuries. Due to the denominational diversity in the Balkans, it has been shaped from the beginning by coexistence with other religions. It is no coincidence, therefore, that one of the most inspiring examples of monotheistic interreligious dialogue is the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, often called the Jerusalem of Europe, where the modus vivendi between Christians, Muslims and Jews goes back centuries.

With the annexation of Bosnia in 1908, the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy gained a significant number of Muslim citizens, making the proper management of religious diversity an important issue for the functioning of a Christian-majority state. In order to integrate the Muslim population, Islam was recognised as an equal religious community in the Austrian part of the empire in 1912, and then in the Hungarian part in 1916. Dževada Šuško, Head of International Cooperation of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Professor at the International University of Sarajevo, in her presentation will explore the past and present issues of interreligious dialogue in the context of the lessons learned from Bosnia, but also with a broader European perspective, and will discuss the many challenges facing the moderate Islamic community.

The event will be held in German. Simultaneous translation will be provided in Hungarian and English.

We look forward to welcoming you at our event!

Gergely Prőhle

Director