

The Otto von Habsburg Foundation, the National University of Public Service and the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade cordially invite you to their upcoming conference entitled

Quo vadis, Bosnia and Herzegovina? Religion, Identity, and Statehood in Turbulent Times

Venue: Zrínyi Hall, National University of Public Service

Date: 23 May, 2022 (Monday) at 10:30 a.m.

Registration: [HERE](#) (by 20 May, 2022 Friday 11:00 a.m.)

Bosnia and Herzegovina, a multi-ethnic and multi-religious state, looks back on a turbulent history and has recently returned to the spotlight when tensions in the country reignited. Although the mounting political and social conflicts of the Balkan country have been overshadowed by the war in Ukraine, the current disputes are increasingly questioning the political foundation of the state and the vulnerable cohesion of society. In this highly sensitive context, where numerous divisions seem to undermine the country's fragile stability and where a number of external factors (like the competing geopolitical interests in the region) are increasingly shaping internal discourses, the event aims to provide insights into significant political and social trends in the country and particularly seeks to analyse and contextualise the role of intersecting ethnic, religious and cultural identities in these developments.

Program

10:30 – 10:35 Opening remarks

Gergely Próhle, Director, Otto von Habsburg Foundation

10:35 – 11:10 Keynote speech

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

11:10 – 11:40 Reflections by discussants

László Márkus, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade,
Former Ambassador of Hungary to Kosovo

János Hóvári, Ambassador and Former Deputy State Secretary, Head of Representation,
Organization of Turkic States

Tibor Várady, Former Minister of Justice of Yugoslavia

József Makai, Journalist, Former Editor-in-Chief, 168 Óra

11:40 – 11:55 Q&A session

11:55 – 12:00 Closing remarks

Tamás Péter Baranyi, Deputy Director for Strategy, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade

12:00 Reception

The event will be held in English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

We look forward to welcoming you at our event!



Gergely Próhle