
THE SCHOOL ON SECURITY POLICY

Call for Applications

Organised as a part of the
Security Research Forum
Belgrade-Prishtina-Tirana
Time: 14-18 September 2015
Venue: (TBC), Bar, Montenegro

Belgrade Centre for
Security Policy (BCSP)
www.bezbednost.org

Deadline for applications: 21 August 2015

Kosovar Centre for
Security Studies (KCSS)
www.qkss.org

Young or mid-career public servants, security professionals, journalists, civil society activists and researchers from Albania, Serbia and Kosovo, who work or study in the broad area of security policy, are invited to apply for the School on Security Policy.

Institute for Democracy
And Mediation (IDM)
www.idmalbania.org

Key benefits for you:

School on Security Policy is designed in such way to advance participants' knowledge and skills in order to prepare them for analysts and policy entrepreneurs roles in civil society, government, media and academia. During the seminar, you will:

- Learn how as a civilian to analyse and research sensitive security policy issues;
- Enable participants to better identify the evolution of key challenges, analyze the inter-linked nature of issues, and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of policy responses so as to achieve sustainable solutions for normalization of Serbian-Albanian relations;
- Analyze human, national and regional security issues of common interest in the Western Balkans, such as community safety, natural disasters, organised crime, radicalisation and violent extremism;
- Enjoy in an innovative and interactive course methodology, which focuses on both expert-led sessions - including case studies, simulations - and collaborative peer to peer learning. Apply this knowledge in your work, activism or studies. Debate and socialize with your peers, as well as guest speakers who are security researchers, professionals, politicians and representatives of regional security initiatives.

About the initiative

Three independent think-tanks specialised in security research: **Belgrade Centre for Security Policy (BCSP)**, **Kosovar Centre for Security Studies (KCSS)**, and **Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM)** are gathering leading security experts for the School on Security Policy. The organizers share a concern for human security and democratization, and believe that competent involvement of civil society in security politics can make security governance more representative, transparent, democratic and effective. Prior to this initiative, we have been cooperating since 2009 on a regional research on progress of security sector reform (SSR) and a transformation of region from a conflict zone into a security community.

The main objectives of the School on Security Policy are:

- Establish links among future members of security policy communities from Albania, Serbia and Kosovo;
- Increase civilian capacities for engagement with security policy;
- Engage in joint exploration of security gaps and democracy deficits maintained by frozen conflicts, as well as find possible solutions to the continuous challenges of cooperation among Serbia, Kosovo and Albania.

The School on Security Policy is a part of joint three-year long project Security Research Forum (SRF) “Belgrade-Prishtina-Tirana”, funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. With SRF, we to enhance the understanding of mutual security issues, by establishing various links among security policy communities (Belgrade-Prishtina-Tirana) and by increasing transparency in security governance. For more information about the regional project Security Research Forum: “Belgrade-Prishtina-Tirana” please [click here](#).

Your qualifications:

We strongly encourage young and mid-career public servants, journalists, CSOs’ representatives and researchers from Serbia, Albania and Kosovo, to apply for the School on Security Policy.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of an application, taking into account the following admission requirements:

- A university degree or equivalent;
- At least few years of professional or academic experience, ideally in a security policy-related field, journalism or research;
- Proficiency in English, the working language of the course as no translation will be provided;
- Commitment to participation to all five days of and application of knowledge in their work and study after the completion of this programme.



Venue and logistics:

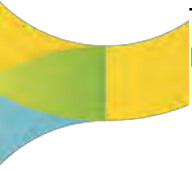
- School on Security Policy will be held in Bar, Montenegro. All information concerning accommodation and travel will be sent to the participants upon selection of the candidates.
- The participation expenses will be covered by the organisers including accommodation, meals, refreshments and organised transportation.



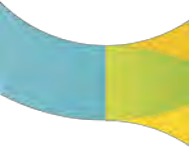
Application:

To apply for the School on Security Policy 2015, please send the following documents in English to ssp2015.srf@gmail.com, not later than **21 August 2015**:

- 1) An **essay** on the one of the proposed topics:
 - a. What would a 'good enough' normalisation of Serbian-Albanian relations look like?
 - b. How can EU best contribute to normalisation of Serbian-Albanian relations: by abstaining from the process, becoming more involved or changing tactics?
 - c. What should be priority of national and regional security policies in the Western Balkans in the time of economic and institutional crisis?
- 2) A **motivation letter** in which you should explain what you expect from the School and how do you intend to use the knowledge and experiences gained during the school in your future career.
- 3) **CV**.



The selection process will take up to ten days and only short-listed candidates will be contacted for the interview.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact your local focal points:

- Albania - Institute for Democracy and Mediation: Gentiola Madhi (gmadhi@idmalbania.org)
- Serbia - Belgrade Centre for Security Policy: Maja Bjelos (maja.bjelos@bezbednost.org)
- Kosovo - Kosovar Centre for Security Studies: Sofije Kryeziu (sofije.kryeziu@qkss.org)