

**“Democracy in a Multi-Ethnic Society:
Experiences and Challenges in BiH**

**Implications of the Judgement of the ECHR
in the Case of Sejdic and Finci vs. BiH
and Future Perspectives for Constitutional Reform in BiH”**

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Official Program

9.00 – 9.30 Opening

9.30 – 10.00 Press Conference

Doc. dr. Dino Abazovic, Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo

Prof. Dr. Stefan Hammer, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna

Prof. Dr. Mirko Pejanovic, Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Sarajevo

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.30 First Panel: Current Structural Challenges to the Dayton Constitution

Prof. Dr. Stefan Hammer, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna

The Judgement in the Case of Sejdic and Finci: BiH Constitutional Reform Problems in a Nutshell

Prof. emeritus Omer Ibrahimagic

Constitutional Arrangements in Bosnia and Herzegovina and “problems” with Federalism

Prof. Dr. Mirko Pejanovic, Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Sarajevo

Contradictions in the decision-making process within the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the post-Dayton period – Reaching consensus within the parliamentary majority

Doz. Dr. Jens Woelk, University of Trento,
United in Diversity? Which kind of federalism for Bosnia and Herzegovina?

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Second Panel: Perceptions on the Present Situation of BiH in the European and International Context

Dr. Vedran Dzihic, Faculty of Political sciences Vienna
EU-Conditionality and internal reforms in BiH: What went wrong and what can be done in the future?

Prof. dr. Slavo Kukic, University of Mostar
A need for new international strategy for BiH

Prof. emeritus Cazim Sadikovic, BiH member of the Venice Commission
The relevance of the Opinion of the Venedig Commission regarding the constitutional set-up in Bosnia and the competencies of the High Representative

Prof. dr. Senadin Lavic, Faculty of Political Sciences, president of Bosniak Cultural Society (Preporod)
Postculture and prejudices about the Bosnian being. Bosnia in Europe of Peace

15.15 – 17.00 Third Panel: Socio-political Background Conditions for Constitutional Reform in BiH

Doc. dr. Dino Abazovic, Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo
Ethno-political Institutionalization of collective identities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. What went wrong?

Mag. Djordje Cekrlija, University of Banja Luka
Socio-psychological context for the constitutional changes

Prof. dr. Niko Ikić, Catholic Theological Faculty in Sarajevo
Positions of the Bishop Conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina about the Constitutional Arrangements in BiH

Doc. dr. Goran Markovic, Law Faculty of East Sarajevo (Pale), deputy president of the Serbian Cultural Society PROSVJETA
Ideological and political conceptions of the Serbian political elite regarding the state structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina

18.30 Book presentation and public discussion

“Ethnopolitics in Bosnia and Herzegovina: State and Society in the Crisis and Prospects for Future Reforms”

Presented by IDM, Österreich-Kooperation für Wissenschaft und Kultur, CEIS, Renner-Institut

Introduction and Chair: Norbert Mappes-Niediek, Journalist, Graz

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