From Helsinki to Belgrade.
The First CSCE Follow-up Meeting in Belgrade 1977/78

Conference Programme

Belgrade, Sava Center, March 8th – 10th 2008

Saturday, March 8th

18:00  Opening of the Conference (Moderation: Vladimir Bilandžić, OSCE Mission to Serbia, Belgrade)

Ambassador Feodor Starčević, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

Ambassador Hans Ola Urstad, OSCE Mission to Serbia, Belgrade

Prof. Dr. Dittmar Dahlmann, Žikić Foundation, Bonn

Ambassador Dr. Markku Reimaa, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Helsinki

Živorad Kovačević, President of the European Movement in Serbia, Belgrade, Mayor of Belgrade (ret.)

19:00  Reception by Ambassador Starčević, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

Sunday, March 9th

09:00  Keynote speech (Moderation: Milan Kosanović, Žikić Foundation, Bonn/Belgrade)

Klaus Hildebrand (University of Bonn): “Détente”

09:30  CSCE Development Process: Overview (Chair: Vladimir Bilandžić, OSCE Mission to Serbia, Belgrade)

Branislav Milinković (Special Envoy of the MFA of Serbia to NATO, Brussels): “From CSCE to OSCE”

Markku Reimaa (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Helsinki): “CSCE Evolution; Increased Stability or Change?”

10:30  CSCE Development Process: Superpowers (Chair: Dittmar Dahlmann, Žikić Foundation, Bonn)


Harald Biermann (Foundation Haus der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn): “U.S. Perceptions of the CSCE process during the 1970s”

12:00  Break

12:30  CSCE Development Process: Neutral and Non-Aligned States (Chair: Ljubinka Trgovčević, Žikić Foundation, Belgrade)

Ljubodrag Dimić (University of Belgrade): “Josip Broz Tito, Yugoslav Foreign Policy, and the Shaping of the Concept of European Security and Cooperation 1968 – 1975”

Rinaa Elina Kullaa (University of Maryland, Baltimore): “Neutralism and CSCE: the Finish and the Yugoslav Models for Neutralism – the Birth and the Development of CSCE”

13:30  Lunch

14:30  Human Rights and Minorities: The Eastern Approach (Chair: Milan Ristović, Žikić Foundation, Belgrade)

Wolfgang Eichwede (University of Bremen): “Human Rights and Dissidents in the Soviet Union”

Joachim Scholtyseck (University of Bonn): “Human Rights and Dissidents in GDR”

15:00  Break


Bent Boel (Aalborg University): “Western Grass Root Contacts With Eastern European Dissidents and Helsinki: The French Case”

Sarah B. Snyder (Yale University, New Haven): “Follow-up at Belgrade: How Human Rights Activists Shaped the Helsinki Process”

19:00  Dinner
Monday, March 10th

09:00 Global Politics: Superpowers (Chair: Gottfried Niedhart, University of Mannheim)

Breck Walker (Sewanee – The University of the South): “Neither Shy nor Demagogic – The Carter Administration Goes to Belgrade”


10:00 Break

10:30 Global Politics: Western Europe (Chair: Bernd Schäfer, Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington, D.C.)

Angela Romano (University of Florence): “The European Community and the CSCE: Fostering Détente in Europe”

Robert Gerald Hughes (University of Wales, Aberystwyth): “Britain and Ostpolitik”

Oliver Bange (University of Mannheim): “The FRG and the GDR and the Belgrade CSCE Conference”

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Global Politics: Eastern Europe (Chair: Milan Kosanović, Zikic Foundation, Bonn/Belgrade)


14:30 Break

15:00 Global Politics: Neutral and Non-Aligned States (Chair: Ranka Gašić, Zikic Foundation, Belgrade)

Thomas Fischer (Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna): “Getting to Know Their Limits: The N+N and the Follow-up Meeting in Belgrade 1976-1978”


16:00 Conclusion

Vladimir Bilandžić, OSCE Mission to Serbia, Belgrade

Milan Kosanović, Zikic Foundation, Bonn/Belgrade

19:00 Reception by the Zikic Foundation