

Belgrade Security Forum 2013

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About the Belgrade Security Forum

The organizers of the Belgrade Security Forum are pleased to invite scholars and researchers to submit proposal papers for the third Belgrade Security Forum (BSF) to be held on September 22-23, 2013. The Forum is the biggest international security conference in Southeast Europe each year gathering several hundred top level policy and decision makers, NGO leaders, experts, academics and journalists. The Belgrade Security Forum is a unified event divided into two portions: an academic event on the first day, and a policy portion encompassing the next two days. All accepted papers will be presented during the academic event (September 21) of the Forum.

About the Academic Event of the Belgrade Security Forum

The topic of this year's academic event is going to be *Transformation of State and International Security in Professional Practice*. The field of international security has undergone a tremendous change during the past two decades. Although the traditional threat of interstate war has not been removed, new issues have emerged on the international peace and security agenda such as human rights, cyber security or climate change. The state is still the key international security actor, but it is not anymore "the only show in town". Non-state actors such as international organizations, multinational corporations, NGOs or private security companies play increasingly important roles in the field of international security. Technology is advancing at the staggering pace progressively shortening periods needed for the invention of new game changers. As a result, the practice of international security is undergoing deep transformation.

As of late, a torrent of research has been devoted to studying theoretical and world political implications of this fundamental change. Interestingly, very little attention has been paid to the ramifications of this transformation on the traditional professional practice of international security especially diplomacy, policing, intelligence and military. Drawing on insights from International Relations, security studies and sociology of professions this conference aims to raise the following questions: What is the consequence of state transformation on professional international security practices? What is the impact of privatization of international security on traditional conduct of military, diplomacy, police and intelligence? Is the social standing and autonomy of these professions intact or challenged by the deep transformation of the field of international security? How is their professional culture and ethos affected by the new technological and political transformations?

Other issues that we are interested in are: relationship to the state; education and training; evolving codes of practice, guidelines and protocols; professional advancement; conflict resolution and regulatory bodies; public relations and public scrutiny; specialization and technification; cross-professional cooperation and competition; commercialization; internal competition and professional hierarchies; professional deviations; professional socialization etc.

How to apply:

All submissions are required to contain the applicant's CV (up to 2 pages) attached to his/her paper proposal (up to 400 words). Submissions should be made electronically to jrs@fpn.bg.ac.rs entitled "Call for paper proposals for BSF 2013". The deadline for submissions is 5 May 2013. Incomplete applications will be excluded from our review. All successful candidates will be contacted by 20 May at the latest. The organizers will financially support travel and accommodation expenses of selected participants on needs basis. After the conference all papers will be peer-reviewed for publication in the Journal of Regional Security.