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cordially invites you to a guest lecture by Prof Dr Irena Stefoska
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GRANICE, LJUDI, IMENA: (SEVERNA) MAKEDONIJA I SUSEDNA GRČKA

Monday, 19 June 2023, at 11:00 a.m. CET

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The first part of this talk will chronologically and synchronically focus on the period up to 1991. In this section, the challenging relations between the SFR Yugoslavia and Greece will be discussed, laying a particular emphasis on the SR Macedonia and the Macedonian minority residing on the other side of the border, i.e., in northern Greece. The second part of the lecture will be dedicated to the topic of (unsuccessful) attempts of the independent Republic of Macedonia (now Republic of North Macedonia) to join the European integration process, which has also been closely intertwined with the problematic relationships between North Macedonia and Greece, particularly the dispute over the use of the name “Macedonia”.



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As a Fulbright Scholar, she conducted her research at Brown University, USA (2009/2010) and with the support of the Robert Bosch Stiftung, she has been a visiting research scholar at the Columbia University Program for “Historical Dialogue and Accountability” (2012). Irena Stefoska participated and conducted various national and international projects related to the study of nations and nationalisms in the Balkans as well as to the historical and political myths in the Balkans. She was an independent MP at the Macedonian Parliament – coalition partner with the Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (2016–2020) and Minister of Culture (2020–2021).

The lecture will be delivered in Serbian/Croatian.

The event will be broadcast live via Zoom. Click [here](#) to register for the online streaming.

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