

**Schwarzkopf Europe Award
Young European of the Year Award**

followed by the conference

**After the Wars
The Western Balkans facing the European Union**

Berlin, 2 & 3 December 2009



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This year the Schwarzkopf Europe Award and the Young European of the Year Award will be received by outstanding citizens from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia who have dedicated their work and lives to fighting manipulation of history and promoting understanding, thereby building the indispensable basis for peace, in and among the countries of the Western Balkans and their citizens. Each of the laureates made a unique contribution to the search for truth, justice and the protection of human rights. From own experience citizens and societies of the European Union member states are acutely aware of the need to address constructively and honestly the past and the conflicts of the present, within and across borders as part of a continuous process to secure lasting peace.

Offering to the countries of the Western Balkans a European Union membership perspective, constitutes a historical opportunity and challenge for the countries of the former Yugoslavia. The transformative power of European integration, if allowed to unfold, will question many of the assumptions of the last two decades. Citizens and societies have to be ready to overcome the worst effects of the disintegration of the former common country, a process that was characterised by instability, violence and war, causing human losses, individual trauma and a lack of civic and democratic development. The laureates' work aims to transform the post-war situation into a process of establishing trust, cooperation and sustainable political and societal dialogue, a prerequisite for successful European integration.

2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The last two decades were in most parts of Europe a period of increased inclusion and integration. For South Eastern Europeans the years since 1989 have meant almost exclusively the opposite: marginalisation, vulnerability and increased exclusions. The European Union's visa policy is only the most tangible factor which has enhanced feelings of abandonment and isolation. The European Union's incapacity to project a consistent and credible vision and credible message to the citizens and countries of the region has once again caused concern. The conditionality policy has not prevented the emergence of new antagonism and its fragmentary approach exposed double standards and a lack of historical understanding of regional problems. While the region has become more associated through trade and other agreements, the EU's record and resolve in becoming a trusted and credible anchor for stability for the region has not been convincing to most South Eastern Europeans.

How can Europeans together, in particular young people, create a new positive narrative for a common future against the backdrop of the difficult past and open national questions? Can the challenges and conflicts be transformed by faster European integration? Might the conditionality approach cause problems that it should solve? Will the coming into force of the Lisbon Treaty and the new German government contribute to new dynamics?

The conference will draw the attention to these questions, helping to overcome "Balkan fatigue". 20 years after the fall of the wall, the development and perspectives of seven countries in the heart of Europe, surrounded by the European Union, have become a litmus test of the credibility of the EU's foreign policy and for the future of the European integration project as a whole.

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2009

*Vertretung der Freien und Hansestadt Hamburg beim Bund
Jägerstraße 1-3, 10117 Berlin*

18h00 **Award y 2009**

Schwarzkopf Europe Award 2009 Laureates

Natasa Kandić, Director, Humanitarian Law Centre, Belgrade,
Serbia

Vesna Teršelić, Director, Documenta, Zagreb, Croatia

Mirsad Tokača, Director, Research and Documentation Center,
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Presentation of the Winner of the Young European of the Year 2009
Award**

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Christian Schwarz-Schilling, Honorary President, CSS Project for
Integrative Mediation/ Former EU Special Representative to
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Berlin, Germany

Reception

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2009

*Deutscher Bundestag, Jakob-Kaiser-Haus,
Dorotheenstraße 100, Saal 1.302, 11011 Berlin*

Conference

After the Wars: The Western Balkans facing the European Union

08h30 **Start of Registration**

09h00 *Welcome and Introduction*

*Rainer Stinner, Member of the Bundestag, Spokesperson for
Foreign Affairs of the FDP Parliamentary Group
Tobias Bütow, Member of the Board, Schwarzkopf Foundation
Young Europe*

09h20 **Aufklärung” vs. Denial? Commemorative cultures in South
Eastern Europe**

*Natasa Kandić, Humanitarian Law Centre, Belgrade
Vesna Teršelić, Documenta, Zagreb
Mirsad Tokača, Research and Documentation Centre, Sarajevo*

Moderator:

Damir Arsenijevic, University of Tuzla

11h00 *Break*

11h20 **Today’s conflicts and challenges in South Eastern Europe**

*Agron Bajrami, Editor-in-chief of Koha Ditore, Prishtina
Srećko Latal, Balkan Investigative Reporting
Network/International Crisis Group, Sarajevo
Maja Stojanović, Director, Youth Initiative for Human Rights,
Belgrade
Solveig Richter, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, German
Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin*

Moderator:

*Tobias Flessenkemper, European Union Police Mission in Bosnia
and Hercegovina, Sarajevo*

13h00 *Buffet lunch*

14h00 **What’s next?**

The EU’s Western Balkans policy – risks and opportunities

Emily Haber, *Ambassador and Special Envoy for South Eastern Europe, German Federal Foreign Office*

Tanja Fajon, *Member of the European Parliament, Delegation to the EU-Croatia Joint-Parliamentary Committee, Brussels*

Marieluise Beck, *Member of the Bundestag, Member of the Foreign Policy Committee, Berlin*

Zoltan Martinusz, *Director, Directorate Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Council of the European Union, Brussels*

Marko Prelec, *Balkan Project Director, International Crisis Group, Brussels/Sarajevo*

Moderator:

Frank Hofmann, *Europe-Correspondent, Brussels*

16h00

Conclusions

16h30

Snack

17h15

Transport to the Cinema (Bus)

18h00

Public Film Screening followed by discussion

Kino Babylon

Rosa-Luxemburg-Straße 30, 10178 Berlin

“STORM“ (DE/DK/NL 2009) by Hans Christian Schmid

Hans Christian Schmid, *Director*

Wolfgang Schomburg, *Former Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia*

Chair:

Dieter Kosslick, *Director, BERLINALE Film Festival*

followed by a Reception for the participants of the conference: 1st floor, Cinema Babylon.

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