Brussels and the Western Balkans: 
Next Steps for the EU Integration Process
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9:30am Coffee

10am—Welcoming Remarks, Timothy Frye, Director, Harriman Institute

10:10am—11:45am
Panel I—Problems for the Western Balkans EU Accession Efforts

Chair: Tim Judah (The Economist)

Marie-Janine Calic (Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich)
“Reconsidering the Stabilization and Association Process”

Venelin Ganev (Miami University of Ohio)
“The European Union’s Leverage Retroactively Assessed: What Lessons Can We Learn from the Hazards of Bulgaria and Romania’s Full Membership?”

Gordon N. Bardos (Harriman Institute, Columbia University)
“Historical and Structural Obstacles to the Western Balkans EU Accession Efforts”

2pm-3:45pm
Panel II—Regional Perspectives on the Accession Process

Chair: Martin Sletzinger (Wilson Center)

Milica Delević (Director, European Union Integration Office, Belgrade)
“Serbia’s EU Integration: Unfinished Business, But Who is to Finish It?”

Nida Gelazis (East European Studies Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC)
“Rebuilding a Mutinous Ship at Sea: Constitution Building in Pre-Accession Bosnia and Herzegovina”

**Erion Veliaj (G-99, Tirana)**

“Why Europe Could Mistakenly Replace Communism as the ‘New Horizon’ in the Western Balkans”

4pm-5:45pm

**Panel III: Next Steps: Accelerating the Accession Process**

Chair: **Shinasi Rama (New York University)**

**Ivica Bocevski (former deputy prime minister, Skopje)**

“Back to the Basics – Why the Copenhagen Criteria Shouldn’t Turn into the Copenhagen Game”

**Vladimir Drobnjak (Chief Negotiator for Accession Negotiations with the EU, Zagreb)**

“EU Accession Negotiations – The Next Generation”

**Aristotle Tziampiris (University of Pireaus)**

“No One Left Behind”--Accelerating the Integration Process of the Western Balkans”

Discussant: **Tim Judah (The Economist)**