

The Lord Byron Foundation for Balkan Studies
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WAR ON TERRORISM: THE BALKAN CONNECTION

Saturday, April 16, 2005
Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare
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We have long warned that the "War on Terror" suffers from structural weaknesses that may jeopardize its outcome. It is self-defeating to fight global *jihad* in some areas and to pander to its ambitions in others, most notably in the Balkans.

Our associates have repeatedly pointed out that granting Kosovo independence, and centralizing Bosnia-Herzegovina to the point of the abolition of the Republika Srpska, would facilitate the spread of the ideology of jihad and the growth of its logistic base in the heart of Europe.

The continuing failure of our political leaders to take heed of such warnings is a matter of deep concern. Persevering in our Balkan errors today may cost American lives tomorrow.

To increase public awareness of the problem and to consider different ways of dealing with it we have assembled a panel of prominent scholars, diplomats, and public affairs analysts from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. In the course of a day's conference they will consider the continuing threat that we all face. They will also recommend specific policies and legislative proposals concerning our in the former Yugoslavia that may prove essential to Western security and to the survival of our common civilization.

Preliminary Program

9:30 PANEL I: **Defining the Threat**

Dr. Thomas Fleming: *Betrayal of Eastern Christians*

Dr. Srdja Trifkovic: *The Serbs: Foes or Partners?*

11:00 PANEL II: **Defense at Home**

Dr. Ronald Hatchett: *Selling Muhammad the Rope*

Dr. Stephen Presser: *Legislative Reform vs. Jihad*

12:30 LUNCH address by Col. Frederick Peterson, USMC Ret.
Harming the Serbs, Harming Ourselves

2:00 PANEL III: **Defense Abroad**

Amb. Darko Tanaskovic: *Weak Links: Bosnia, Kosovo*

Amb. James Bissett: *Is the Northern Border Safe?*

3:30 PANEL IV: **What To Do?**

Dr. Thomas Fleming, Chairman

Specific policy proposals and legislative action:

Should Kosovo be Independent?

Any Alternatives to Dayton?

What Can Belgrade Do?

Speakers include:

Wayne Allensworth, Russian affairs specialist and former U.S. government intelligence analyst

The Hon. James Bissett - Former Canadian ambassador to Yugoslavia and former director of Canada's Immigration Service; Chairman of The Lord Byron Foundation

Dr. Thomas Fleming - President of The Rockford Institute, editor-in-chief of *Chronicles*, author of *The Politics of Human Nature*, *Montenegro: The Divided Land*, and, most recently, *The Morality of Everyday Life*

Col. Ronald Hatchett, USAF Ret. - Former Reagan administration arms control negotiator, former director of the Center of International Studies, University of St. Thomas

Col. Frederick Peterson, USMC (Ret.) Defense affairs analyst, expert in counter-terrorism, regular visitor to the Balkans.

Dr. Stephen Presser - Raoul Berger Professor of Legal History at Northwestern University School of Law; leading American expert on constitutional law.

The Hon. Dr. Darko Tanaskovic - Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro to the Holy See, Professor of Oriental Studies at the University of Belgrade and a leading authority on Islam

Dr. Srdja Trifkovic – LBF Executive Director, Foreign-affairs editor for *Chronicles*, and author, most recently, of *The Sword of the Prophet: Islam—History, Theology, Impact on the World*

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