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The Department of Political Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences (University of Tirana), in collaboration with the School of Political Sciences-Forli' Campus (University of Bologna), organize the International Scientific Conference:

“European Union and Western Balkans relations in future perspectives”

Date: 22 June 2016

Venue: Faculty of Social Sciences, UT

Language: English

The European Union (EU) and Western Balkans (WB) relations in the last two decades have been dynamic and in continue evolution. The challenges faced lately by the EU (the geopolitical situation, the economic and migrant crises), have had an impact on the enlargement process.

Therefore, scholars and experts have intensified their studies on the future perspective in the EU enlargement process toward the Western Balkans as well as the new challenges faced by the region.

Keynote speakers: **Prof. Dr. Assoc. Francesco Privitera** (University of Bologna)

Ass. Prof. Marco Borraccetti (University of Bologna)

In this context, this Conference aims to become a round table and a place of meeting of scholars and experts, which will bring together some relevant studies on the enlargement process, the democratic reforms, the inter-ethnic relations and the refugee crises *vis a vis* the Europeanization process in the Western Balkans.

Papers for this Call are accepted from different perspectives.

In particular, are encouraged contributions of scholars in Social Sciences and Humanities that may include, but are not restricted to:

- The Europeanisation process in the Western Balkans region (top-down and bottom-up)
- Democracy and the current state of play in Western Balkans countries
- Inter-ethnic relations in the region in a comparative perspective
- Migration in Western Balkans countries - characteristics and perspectives

Selected papers will be published on the Portal on Central Eastern and Balkan Europe (www.pecob.eu).

Conference Scientific Committee:

- Prof. Dr. Aleksander Kocani (University of Tirana)
- Prof. Dr. Assoc. Merita Xhumari (University of Tirana)
- Prof. Dr. Assoc. Francesco Privitera (University of Bologna)
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Scholars and experts from all over the world with researches focused on the related topics are invited to participate and to submit their work in English at postgradconferenceTIRANA@gmail.com within these deadlines:

- 1. Submission of full Abstract (300-500 words) and a short resume within 20 May 2016**
** Please be informed that the notification of acceptance will be sent by the organizing committee on 1 June 2016*
- 2. Full papers has to be submitted within 15 June 2016**

The language of the Conference is English.

The participation to this conference is free of charge.

For any further information, please feel free to contact the Organizing Committee at the e-mail contact postgradconferenceTIRANA@gmail.com.

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