

# TRUTH, TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION IN ALBANIA

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Venue:

HOTEL ROGNER, Antigonea 2



# SCHEDULE

9 SEPTEMBER 2022

GROUP 1: 14:00-16:00

GROUP 2: 16:00-18:00

Visit to the Museum House of Leaves

The building known as the “House of Leaves” (so called because of the clambering plant covering its facade) has now returned to the Museum of Secret Surveillance. Opened on 23rd of May, it is the newest museum in Albania and certainly the most intriguing one that tries to narrate to young people and to foreigners, one of the darkest periods of the country’s history.

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12 SEPTEMBER 2022

08:45 - 16:00 CONFERENCE AGENDA

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08:45 - 09:00 Registration

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09:00 - 09:30 Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Reina Shehi - Department of Political Science and IR

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Öztaş - Rector of EPOKA University

Dr. Tobias Rüttershoff - Director of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Albania

Prof. Dr. Ralf Wuestenberg - Director of European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

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09:30 - 11:00 Public Panel

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti - Dean of Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

Flutura Acka - Member of the Parliament

Simon Mirakaj - General Director of the Institute for the Integration of Former Political Victims (2002-2013)

Jetnor Kasmi - Grants Program Officer at International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)

Admirina Peci - Journalist

11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:00	Book Presentation by Dr. Gelanda Shkurtaj "Tradita, nje Histori e Shkurter e Gjakmarrjes nder Kanunet Shqiptare" Tradition, a Brief History of Bloodfeud in Albanian Canons
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 - 14:30	PhD Workshop Part 1 (PhD candidates from PhD program " Political Science and International Relations"/ EPOKA University & "Peace and Conflict Resolution"/ Flensburg University
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee Break
14:45 - 16:15	PhD Workshop Part 2 (PhD candidates from PhD program "Political Science and International Relations"/ EPOKA University & "Peace and Conflict Resoluiton"/ Flensburg University
16:15 - 16:30	Concluding Remarks

## PANELISTS



### **SIMON MIRAKAJ**

Was born in Shkodër, in a family that was exiled from 1945 until the fall of the communist regime. He himself grew up in exile, from which he was released together with his family only in 1989.

He graduated from Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, and then the Academy of Public Order. Miraka served as an inspector of the Archives of the Ministry of Interior Affairs with the rank of Major and was later appointed Director General of the Institute of Former Political Persecutors, a position he held from 2002 until November 2013. From 2016-2022, Mr. Mirakaj is a Member of the Authority for Information on Former State Security Documents.



### **ASSOC. PROF. DR. LISEN BASHKURTI**

Is the President of Albanian Diplomatic Academy. He is an honorary professor in many prestigious European Universities and an honorary fellow to a number of prominent international institutions.

He is a recipient of many international awards, including “Gold Medal” for his research on U.S.-Albanian Partnership,” “Four Silver Medals” for his great contribution during his service as Albania’s Ambassador to Hungary (1992-1993). He is the author of more than 18 books that cover a range of issues including International Affairs, Negotiations and Conflict Resolution, International Diplomacy, Multilateral Diplomacy and Diplomatic History.



### **FLUTURA AÇKA**

Is a poet and writer. She holds two university degrees, from the Faculty of Economics, Tirana University in 1988 and department of Language & Literature, University of Elbasan in 2001.

After her first university studies, she worked for several years as an Economist and Auditor in the Company Collection Processing Elbasan (1988-1992). She also worked as a journalist and then as an administrator and editor of publications in "ONUFRİ" Publishing House (1993-1998), "Fjala e Lire" Newspaper (1992-1993) and the Skanderbeg Books" Publishing House (2021 onwards). In 1997, she received the international prize "Lira e Struga" at the Struga Poetry Nights where she has represented Albanian poetry for several years. In 1998, she was chosen among the 13 best European poets of the new generation in the competition for the Tivoli-Europa grand prize in Italy. She is represented with her poems in most of the anthologies of Albanian poetry in foreign languages and her poems and cycles have been published in many languages. Currently, she is member of the Parliament from the Democratic Party.



### **JETNOR KASMI**

Holds a Political Science degree with emphasis in International Relations from Methodist University, USA; and MA degree in Development Policy from KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea. Originally from Tirana, Albania, Jetnor attended the United World College in Norway.

At Methodist University, he co-founded the university's chapter of Amnesty International, worked as a research assistant and History teaching assistant, and tutored students in History, Italian, and Spanish. Jetnor is interested in cultural conflict, Chinese foreign policy, and local government decentralization. Jetnor has published a paper regarding the Romany rights in the Balkan region, and policy analysis regarding the South Korean politics. Papers under publication include policy analysis regarding the Belt and Road Initiative in the Balkan Region.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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