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Call for papers
Conference February 11th 2010
“Kosovo : From one Protectorate to Another”

Conference Organized by the *Center on Peace Missions, Raoul Dandurand Chair, University of Quebec at Montreal*

Organizers:

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Theme:

At the eve of the second anniversary of Kosovo’s unilateral independence, many question marks remain over the future of the territory. The *de facto* partition of the Northern part of Kosovo poses imminent threat to the viability of the newfound state, while casting a shadow over the future of the Balkans region as a whole. Economically, Kosovo remains in a shambles, with a GDP *per capita* still far from previous levels before the economic crisis in the 1980s and the disastrous decade of the 1990s, and with unemployment rates ranging between 30 to 50 percent, in most optimistic estimate. To help Kosovars face these challenges that were already noticeable after NATO’s intervention, the international community set up an international administration over the territory in 1999. The UN interim administration mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) lasted nearly ten years, with only mixed results to show for it. While still retaining officially the guardianship over the territory, the UN is increasingly poised to hand-over its international responsibilities to the European Union. The EULEX mission (European Rule of Law Mission) is already in place, having replaced the police and justice pillar of the UN mission, while the International Civilian Office (ICO) is readying itself to take over the UN role as international supervisor of the Kosovar political institutions.

This conference will highlight the political, social and economic challenges faced by the international community and Kosovars alike at the eve of this important transfer of political authority from the UN to the EU. What is the desired international framework to

supervise the development of Kosovo's institutions (from an international and local standpoint)? How should the ICO proceed to implement its mandate over the territory, and what lessons from UNMIK can the EU learn in that respect? What are the prospects for political, economic and social development in Kosovo under the EU guardianship, and what effects could this development hold for neighbouring states? These are some of the questions that will inform the work of this conference, which will combine presentations by both academics and practitioners in order to present as accurate a picture as possible of the current situation in Kosovo and challenges posed to the international community and local actors. The conference will take place in English and in French.

Participants will be invited to contribute their papers for publication in a collection (book or special issue of a peer-reviewed journal) after the conference.

Research Angles and Themes (not exhaustive):

- Economic, social and political development in Kosovo under international administration;
- Lessons learned from former (and current) international administrations (Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Bosnia, etc.);
- Consequences of the deployment of the new European mission on the European security and defense policy;
- Local resistance and contestation in face of the international supervision;
- Regional and international dimensions of the recognition of Kosovo's independence;
- Local (Kosovo Albanese, Kosovo Serb, etc.), regional and international perspectives;
- Non governmental, governmental and international perspectives.

Deadline for proposals (paper abstracts): Tuesday, December 1st 2009, at 5 pm

A scientific review committee will evaluate proposals and will announce the selected papers on December 18th 2009.

Conference date and location: February 11th 2010 at the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM), Judith-Jasmin building, 2nd floor, room J-2805 (Salle des Boiseries) 405, Sainte-Catherine East, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Proposals should be a maximum of 300 words long and should include the following:

- Family name(s) and first name(s) of author(s)/collaborator(s);
- Title(s), function(s) and home institution(s);
- Contact information (mailing address, telephone number, e-mail);
- Paper title, research question and main arguments and outline of underlying analytical framework.

Languages: Proposals (and the papers themselves) may be in English or French.

Note: After the conference, the organizers will ask participants to send them a text for publication in a collection.

Please send your proposal by e-mail (in a Word attachment) to Charles Saliba-Couture: saliba_couture.charles@courrier.uqam.ca

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