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Politics of Denial and Dealing with
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Book presentation and discussion

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In view of a broad resistance from politics and society against “unwanted memories”: Does politics of remembrance that does justice to the victims’ memories and names those responsible for atrocities, have any chance at all?

More than three decades after the start of the wars that accompanied the disintegration of Yugoslavia, the 2023 issue of “Perspectives Southeastern Europe” addresses the politics of denial, dealing with the past, and the culture of memory in the Western Balkans. The issue takes stock of the current situation in the post-Yugoslav countries and shows how the wartime past still influences the present in the affected societies.

The Heinrich Böll Foundation’s offices in Belgrade and Sarajevo invited more than twenty authors from across the region to take a hard look at our shared past, and contribute to our understanding of it today. The results of their work comprise the latest edition of the “Perspectives Southeastern Europe” magazine entitled “The Past is Now: Politics of Denial and Dealing with the Past in the Western Balkans.”

We have invited several of the authors to Munich to discuss the state of official memory politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.

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Chair: Dr. Jaqueline Nießer, University of Regensburg

Languages: English-German with simultaneous translation

After the event, you are cordially invited to continue the discussion with the guests and join us over refreshments.



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