

(Inter)national State-building Experiences in the Balkans (1878–2026): The cases of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo

International Workshop 16. March 2026, Budapest

Organized by the Embassy of Kosovo (His Exc. Delfin Pllana),
the Embassy of Albania (His Exc. Ilirian Kuka) and
the NKFIH-Advanced 150600 project, ELTE RCH Institute of History
(His Exc. László Márkus and Krisztián Csaplár-Degovics)

Venue: Embassy of Kosovo, 1011 Budapest, Hunyadi János út 20.

8.30: Registration Opens

9.00–9.20: Welcome Speeches

His Exc. Delfin Pllana, His Exc. Ilirian Kuka, Krisztián Csaplár-Degovics

9.30–11.00: Panel 1. New Order-plans prior to 1914

Hannes Grandits (Humboldt-University Berlin):

- *Berlin 1878: A Congress for a New Order in the Balkans and the Orient*

Krisztián Csaplár-Degovics (ELTE RCH IH, Budapest):

- *International Commission of Control in Albania (1913–1914) – an Organization Intended to Preserve International Peace*

Bejtullah Destani (The Centre for Albanian Studies):

- *British Diplomat Harry H. Lamb at International Commission of Control 1913-1914*

His Exc. Ilirian Kuka (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Albania):

- *Historical Foundations of Albanian - Hungarian Relations: State-Building, Diplomacy, and Institutional Legacy*

11.30–13.00: Panel 2. New Order-practice at the Turn of the Millennium

László Márkus (John Lukács Institute, Ludovika University of Public Service, Budapest):

- *Peacebuilding, State-building, Institution-building: Identifying the Goals of the International Community in BiH and Kosovo*

Kristóf Gosztonyi (Humboldt-University Berlin):

- *Unlimited Power, No Executive? The High Representative and State-Building in Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1996–2002*

Bekim Baliqi (University of Prishtina):

- *Peace- and State-building through UN-Administration: Kosovo under International Protectorate from 1999–2008.*

13.00–14.00: Lunch Break

14.00–15.00: Panel 3. State-building Dilemmas in Kosovo

His Exc. Delfin Pllana (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kosovo):

- *Economic Diplomacy as an Important State-building Tool: the Case of Kosovo*

Arban Mehmeti (Phd Candidate, Humboldt University Berlin):

- *Kosovo's Nation-Building Dilemmas: From Ethno-Narratives to Inclusive Praxis*

15.30–17.00: Panel (Practitioners) – Hungarian Participation in the State-Building in Kosovo

Chair and Moderator: László Márkus (Public Service University)

Members:

Zoltán Imecs (Retired Diplomat):

- First Hungarian Ambassador in Kosovo (2008–2010), a Former Member of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (2012–2018)

Zsolt Sógor (Lawyer):

- a Former Member of UNMIK, EULEX, and the EUSR Office in Kosovo

Gábor Németh (Police Lieutenant Colonel):

- a Former Member of EULEX (2008–2009)

17.00–17.30: Closing Remarks

