



International Conference

100 Years of Hungarian-Albanian Diplomatic Relations

Albanian Studies Program

Department of Eastern and Central European History and Historical Russistics

Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE BTK), Budapest

in partnership with the

Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Budapest

24-25 March 2022

The relations between Hungarians and Albanians have long historical roots. Nevertheless, the diplomatic relations between Hungary and Albania were institutionalized in March 1922 (Charge on Duty) and the first credentials were presented on 31 May 1922. The political relations between Albania and Hungary are well established and throughout these 100 years, both countries have shown a strong willpower to overcome difficulties created by global challenges such as WWII and Communism, and to intensify their dialog not only in political and diplomatic areas, but in all levels, as this conference aims at highlighting.

Papers invited in this conference may include, but not limited to the following topics:

- Albanian-Hungarian Relations in a Global context
- The Start of the Diplomatic Relations in 1922 and Their Historic Context
- The Royal Family of Zog and Its Role in the Hungarian-Albanian Relations
- WWII and Its Impact on the Relations between Hungary and Albania
- Communist Era, Hungary and Albania
- Archival Sources in Hungary, Albania and the Voice of the Written Sources.
- Use and Abuse of Historical Symbols in Various Contexts
- Cultural, Educational and Economic Relations during the 100 years.
- Case Studies Highlighting Specific Relations between Hungary and Albania

The conference is free of charge.

Please, send your confirmation of participation to Etleva Lala (lala.eteleva@btk.elte.hu).



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, 24 March 2022

10:00-11:00 Opening Ceremony

1. Rector/Dean of ELTE University
2. Embassy of Albania in Hungary
3. Embassy of Kosovo in Hungary
4. Honorary Consul of Albania in Hungary
5. Alisa Katroschi, Albanian soprano

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 First Session

1. **Dorian KOÇI**, Director of National Historical Museum of Albania: *Diplomatic Relations between Albania and Hungary 1928-1939.*
2. **Krisztian CSAPLAR DEGOVICS**, Researcher at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences: *The Albanian Nation-Building and Austria-Hungary: Contributions to the Development of a Southeast European People into a Modern Nation.*
3. **Laszlo MÁRKUSZ**, Senior Researcher at the Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade, former Ambassador of Hungary in Kosovo: *Hungarian View on the Independence of Kosovo*

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:30 Second Session

1. **Edmond MALAJ**, Researcher at the Academy of Albanian Studies in Tirana: *Cultural and economic Relations between Albania and Hungary during the second half of 20th century (Communist Period)*
2. **Gjet NDOJ**, Former Director of the Albanian State Archives: *Albanian-Hungarian Relations in the light of the Albanian archival documents.*
3. **Gjon BORICI**, Institute of History in Tiranë: *The 1956 Hungarian anti-communist revolution and its effects on Albania and the relations between the two communist countries during the '50 of the XX century.*



17:00 – 18:30

Third Session

1. **Frederik STAMATI**, Albanian researcher and restaurateur: *The collaboration with the Hungarian specialists about the museum's study and conservation.*
2. **Ines MURZAKU**, Director of Catholic Studies Program at Setton Hall University: *Balkan Women: Nurturers of Mother Theresa's Revolution of Tenderness*
3. **Sokol PAJA**, Chief Editor of the Oldest Albanian Newspaper in the USA "Dielli/The Sun": *The Wedding of King Zog with the Hungarian Princess Geraldine Appony: Its Echo in the oldest Albanian Newspaper "Dielli/The Sun"*

Friday, 25 March 2022

9:00-10:30 Expert-level Table Discussion on Albania's EU integration

1. **Alba ÇELA**, Executive Director, Albanian Institute for International Studies
2. **Eralda METHASANI ÇANI**, Master Trainer, Albanian School of Public Administration
3. **Gellért HORVÁTH**, EU Expert, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania

Moderated by **Ferenc NÉMETH**, Research Fellow, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

Second Session

1. **Resul RESULAJ**, Ph.D. candidate: *WWII and its impact on the relations between Albania and Hungary*
2. **Lilla MENYHÁRT**, Ph.D. Candidate: *From countess to queen: the short Albanian fairytale of Geraldine Apponyi.*
3. **Musa AHMETI**, Medievalist and Researcher at the Center for Albanian Studies, Budapest: *Diplomatic Relations between Hungary and Albania in historical context*
4. **Etleva LALA**, Head of the Albanian Studies Program and lecturer at ELTE University: *Istvan Schutz and the Albanian Language and Culture in Hungary.*

12:30-13:00

Conclusions

In the afternoon there will be non-academic activities