Yale University to Host International Conference on Euroatlantic Integrations and Southeastern Europe

August 24, 2006. New Haven – On September 22 and 23, Yale University will host an international conference on “Euroatlantic Integrations and Southeastern Europe.” It will bring together academics, political dignitaries, and policy experts to discuss the key issues that are of strategic importance not only for the development of Southeastern Europe but for the whole nexus of European and North Atlantic relations. Conference sessions will take place at Yale University’s Hall of Graduate Studies, room 211, 320 York Street, New Haven, Connecticut. It is open to the local academic community.

The organizer of the international conference, Ivo Banac, Bradford Durfee Professor of History at Yale University, will host the participants including: Agim Çeku, Prime Minister of Kosovo administration, Prishtinë; Ahmet Evin, Chair, EUI-Turkey Task Force, Sabanci University; Dimitris Kerides, Constantine Karamanlis Chair in Hellenic and Southeastern European Studies, Fletcher School, Tufts University; Nadezhda Mikhailova, MP, former Foreign Minister of Bulgaria; Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, President, Romanian Academic Society, and Visiting Fellow, National Endowment for Democracy; Robert Pfaltzgraff, The Fletcher School, Tufts University; Edi Rama, Chairman of the Albanian Socialist Party and Mayor of Tirana, Albania; Alexandros Rondos, former Ambassador at the Greek MFA; Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia; Goran Svilanović, former Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Serbia and Montenegro; Adnan Terzić, Council of Ministers, Bosnia & Herzegovina; Miodrag Vlahović, Foreign Minister of Montenegro. Participants from Yale University include Laura Engelstein, Henry S. McNeil Professor of History, and Chair of the European Studies Council; David Cameron, Professor of Political Science and Director of the European Union (EU) Studies Program; Jolyon Howorth, Visiting Professor of Political Science; Francesco Meggiolaro, Visiting Fellow, EU Studies Program; Stathis Kalyvas, Arnold Wolfers Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Hellenic Studies Program. Also among the invited participants are Dora Bakoyannis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece; Vlado Buškoski, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia; Oguz Demiralp, Ambassador and undersecretary for EU Affairs, Turkey; and Simeon Saksikoburggotski, Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria.

The conference will consist of three two-hour-long sessions conducted as round-table discussions among the participants. The schedule is as follows:

**Friday, September 22, 2006**

9:30-11:30am
*Session I: EU Enlargement and Southeastern Europe*

The current EU enlargement timetable and the role it has played, politically and socially, both in
the aspirant countries and the EU itself

*Commentator:* David Cameron, Department of Political Science, Yale University

**2-4pm**

**Session II: NATO Enlargement and Southeastern Europe**

The security and political aspects of NATO enlargement in the area

*Commentator:* Dimitris Keridis, Constantine Karamanlis Chair in Hellenic and Southeastern European Studies, Fletcher School, Tufts University

**Saturday, September 23, 2006**

**9:30am-11:30am**

**Session III: Regional Integration in Southeastern Europe: The Unfinished Business**

Overarching issues and conclusions

*Commentator:* Ivo Banac, Department of History, Yale University

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