

International Conference: *The Rise of the Civilisational States and its Implications*  
Belgrade, April 24–25, 2026



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## PROGRAMME



### CONFERENCE

## The Rise of the Civilisational States and its Implications

Place and Time: Belgrade, April 24–25, 2026



**Arrival Day: Thursday, April 23, 2026**

Accommodation is at centrally located Hotel City Savoy

<https://hotelcitysavoy.com/>

**Friday, April 24**

Venue: Faculty of Political Science Jove Ilića 165, Belgrade

10.00–10.20 Welcome addresses

Prof. Maja Kovačević,

Dean of the Faculty of Political Science

Prof. Chris Alden, Director of LSE IDAS

Prof. S. G. Markovich,

Head of the Centre for British Studies, Belgrade

10.20–11.50 **Panel 1:** The Rise of Civilisational State  
and the Rise of the Illiberal World Order

Chairperson: Prof. Alexander Evans

Prof. Chris Alden, LSE IDEAS

Prof. Valur Ingimundarson, University of Iceland

Prof. Slobodan G. Markovich, University of Belgrade/LSE IDEAS

Peter Watkins, LSE IDEAS

11.50–12.20 Coffee Break

12.20–13.45 **Panel 2:** Case Studies of Civilisational States  
(China, Russia, India, Turkey)

Chairperson: Dr Giulia Grillo, LSE IDEAS

Prof. Vlad Mykhnenko, University of Oxford (online) – on Russia

Dr Rohan Mukherjee, LSE IDEAS – on India

Dr Lukas Fiala, LSE IDEAS – on China

Dr Müjge Küçükkeleş, SOAS – on Turkey

13.45–14.45 Lunch break

14.45–16.00 **Panel 3: The Civilisational States and Liberal actors**

Chairperson: Prof. Slobodan G. Markovich

Prof. Wolfgang Schmale, University of Vienna – on the European Union (online)

Dr Spyros Economides, LSE

Prof. Alexander Evans, LSE

16.00–17.15 **Panel 4: Impact of the emergence of civilisational states on nation-states and on democracy**

Chairperson: Dr Müjge Küçükkeleş, SOAS

Dr Giulia Grillo, LSE IDEAS

Prof. Erica Benner, Berlin

Dr Eric Beckett Weaver, University of Debrecen

17.15–17.25

Closing Remarks

Dinner at 20.00 in downtown Belgrade

**Saturday, April 25**

12.00 Visit of the Museum of African Art

<https://mau.rs/en/>

18.00 Dinner at Madera Restaurant

**Saturday, April 25/Sunday, April 26**

Departure days

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