

ARCHEOLOGY OF THE MODERN ERA

“The Role of Europe for the Balkans and vice-versa: Political Narratives Revisited”

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*"State Formation and Political Movements in the Modern History of the Balkans -
Which Legacies For Today?"*

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*"Political Culture in Serbia and Finding a Common Narrative in History Teaching in
South Eastern Europe"*

on 9 December 2019, at 17:00,

at the Austrian Embassy, Kneza Sime Markovića 2.

The lectures and discussion will be rounded up by a reception.

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Austria, Serbia, Europe, the Balkans, Asia Minor and the Orient – we have been in contact since pre-historic times and have exchanged cultural techniques. We have been historically connected and have been facing similar challenges until today.

The series of lectures of the Austrian Embassy in cooperation with the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OAW) and notable scientists and researchers from Austria and Serbia will explore these complex relations.

OREA, the Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology at the Austrian Academy of Sciences has extensively developed its focus on the Balkans. At the site of “Svinjarička Čuka” in Lebane (South Serbia), the first Austrian-Serbian joint archaeological mission in cooperation with the Archaeological Institute Belgrade (Aleksandar Bulatović) and the National Museum Leskovac has been launched.

Since pre-historic times, among the most important challenges have been those related to climate, settlement, demography, migration, infrastructure, trade routes, economy, communities, state, language, religion and identities.

As far as the transfer of knowledge and culture, and the proliferation of techniques and know-how are concerned, much has been achieved over the years until today but much has also failed.

Considering such giant bridging in time and space, what are the lessons to be learned for our co-operation in the context of globalization and with a view to the accession of Serbia, the Western Balkans and South Eastern Europe to the European Union?

The purpose of this series is to raise awareness and provide a better understanding for our interconnectedness, mutual dependence and for the urgency with which we need to seek peaceful and sustainable political, economic and social strategies for Europe and the Balkans.