

## UPF Europe and Middle East Peace Talks Webinar Series: The Western Balkans

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### The Western Balkans: Facing up to Historical Challenges and Seizing Looming Opportunities

Thursday 30th July at 5pm BST

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# Peace Talks *Webinar Series*

We are pleased to announce a “Peace Talks” Webinar organized by UPF and ISCP Europe and Middle East to be held on

**Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 18:00 C.E.T.**

The theme of the Webinar is:

## **The Western Balkans: Facing up to Historical Challenges and Seizing Looming Opportunities**

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## Moderator:



**Jolanda Trebicka**

President, Europartners Development, Albania

**Interpretation will be available between Albanian, Croatian/Serbian and English**

Please register for the Webinar on July 30 through the following link:



**[Registration Link](#)**

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After the presentation there will be time for Q&A.

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We sincerely hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion!



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