



Yugoslav Successor States: after the failure of a Socialist Federation, into the Federalising European Union?

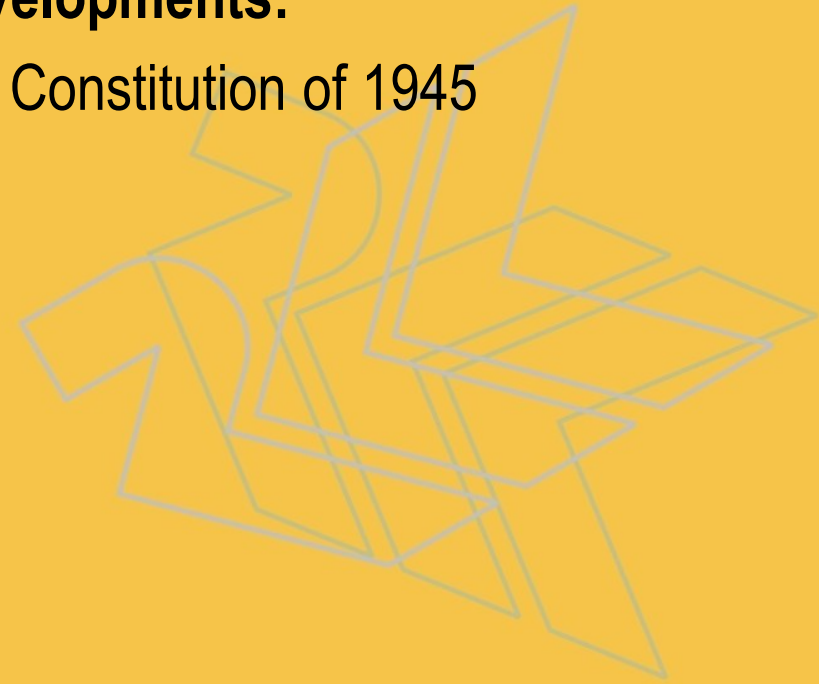
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Territorial Cohesion in Europe, 27th-28th, 2013, Pécs



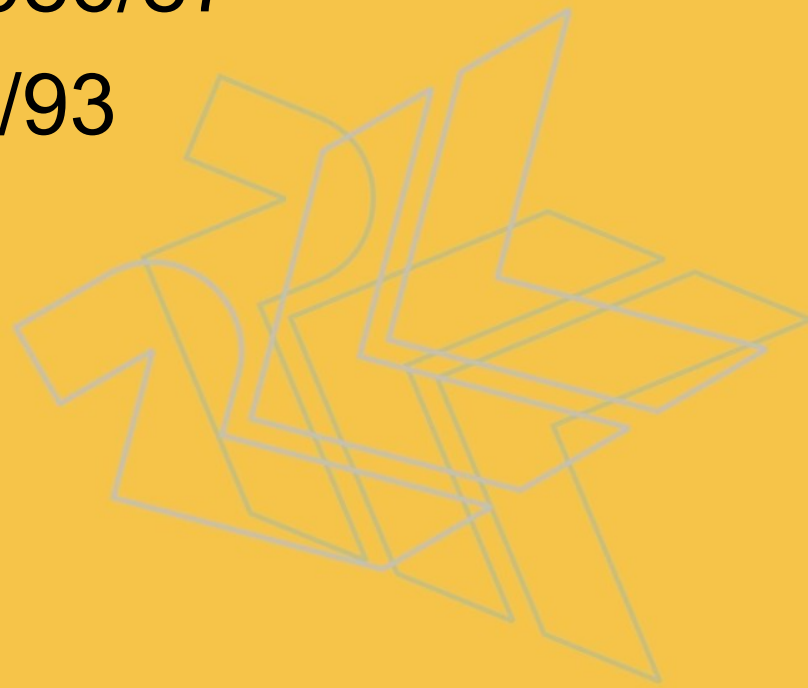
- **Political Background**
- A Socialist, non-aligned country
- Between East and West
- **The Constitutional changes and developments:**
- The Birth of formal Federal State with Constitution of 1945
- Constitution of 1953
- Constitution of 1963
- Federal System of 1974 Constitution





Key steps of the development of European integration

- Treaty of Rome, 1957/58
- Schengen Treaty, 1985
- Single European Act, 1986/87
- Maastricht Treaty, 1992/93






Forming of connections of E.E.C. and Yugoslavia

- Yugoslavia joined to the GATT, 1965
- Reception of guest workers from Yugoslavia, 1968
- Trade agreement between Yugoslavia and E.E.C. 1970 for three years
- A five year framework agreement, 1973
- Regular ministerial level relations from 1974
- The first comprehensive bilateral agreement between E.E.C. and Yugoslavia, 1976
- Croatia and Slovenia founding members of Alpine-Adriatic Working Community, 1978
- Death of Mr. Tito, 1980



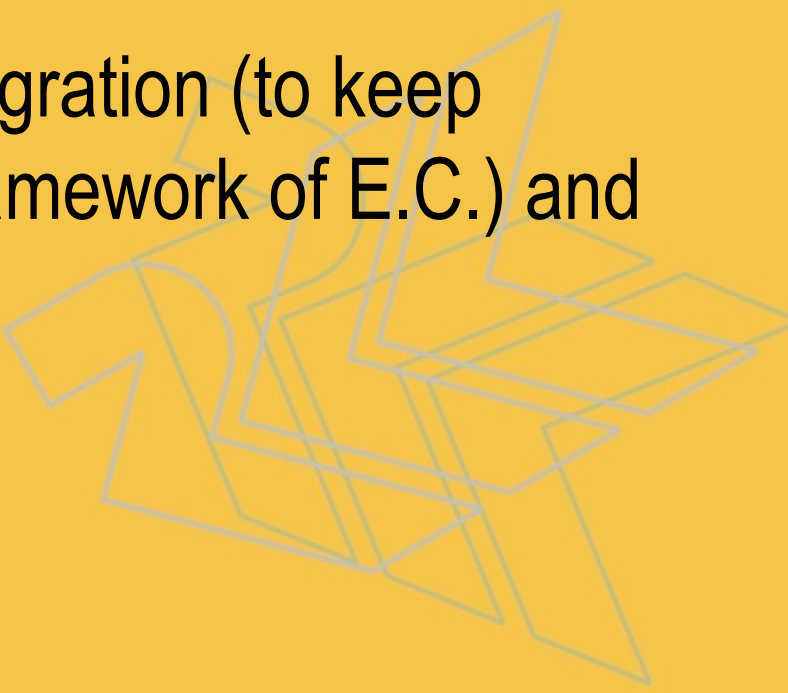
Economic and political connections between E.C. and Yugoslavia after 1980

- Widening inner crisis of Yugoslavia after 1980
- How to solve the crisis?
- Slovenian petition for Slovenians: to join to the European Community, August of 1988
- The Christian Science Monitor discussion: „A Communist country joining the capitalist Common Market?”

- Permanent political crisis after 1989
 - Economic collapse of SFRY
 - Collapse of inter-ethnic connections
 - End of „Yugoslav” ideology
 - Collapse of Social structure
 - Collapse of Communist Party
 - Collapse of Army
 - Collapse of federal systems
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A Way out from the crisis: EU membership?

- Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, Ante Markovic, 1990:
 - Achievement of full E.C. membership is a priority goal for the country
 - Save Yugoslavia from disintegration (to keep Yugoslavia together in the framework of E.C.) and civil war
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EU enlargement status of former Yugoslav countries

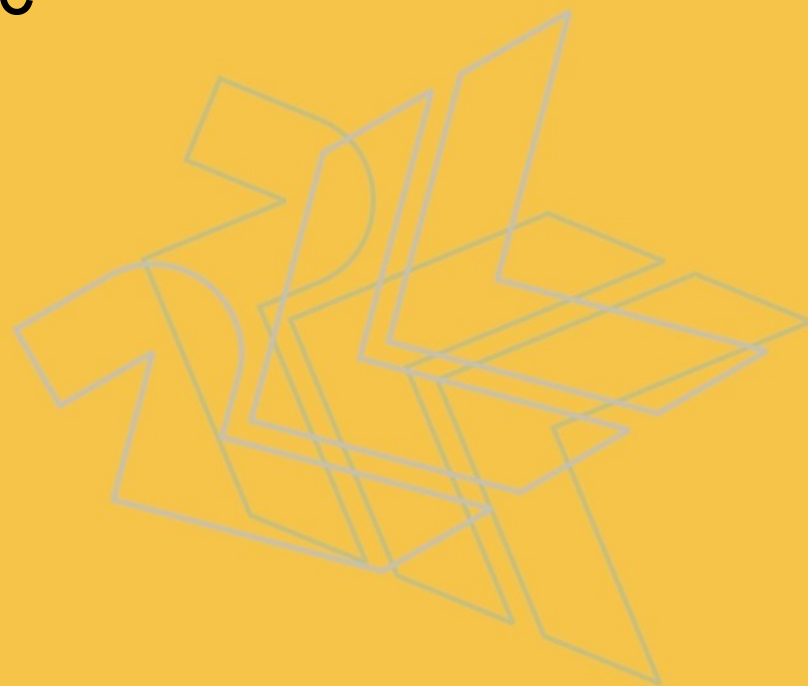


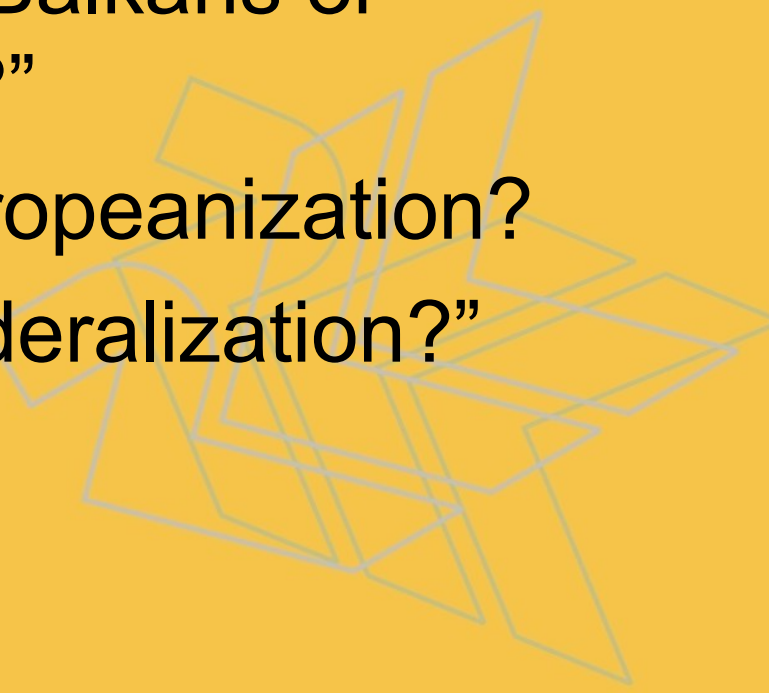


Joining to EU in a crisis situation

- Crisis of: economy,
- Euro-zone
- institutional structure
- decision making
- multiculturalism
- credibility

Crisis of integration???



- Rude questions, not just in newspapers:
 - „Will the EU end up like Yugoslavia?“
 - „Europeanization of the Balkans or Balkanization of the EU?“
 - „Balkanization of the Europeanization?“
 - „Balkanization of EU Federalization?“
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- Angela Merkel – 2010, 2011
 - Nicolas Sarkozy – 2011, 2012
 - David Cameron – 2012
 - Orbán Viktor: War of Independence against EU Commission – 2011, 2012, 2013
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- Many thanks for your attention!

