Department of International Relations and European Studies (MVES) cordially invites you to a conference on

# THE STOPOLITAN UNIVERSITY PRAGUE INTEGRATION OF WESTERN BALKAN

# EU Membership in 2025 – Reality of Fiction?

DATE **11 May 2018** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

# VENUE Metropolitan University Prague Prokopova 16, Praha–Žižkov, room no. 302

Since 2015 the migration crisis brought both Western Balkan and Europe changed the substance of mutual relations significantly. It also showed the extend of substantial problems that Western Balkan countries face. These are ground touching issues connected to key elements of associated rather to authoritarian states than to democratic ones. The key role plays deep rooted corruption, centralization of decision making mechanisms of narrow group of ruling class, diminishing differences between accepted gray zone and justice.

What does the new strategy of the European Commission mean for Western Balkan? How realistic is the possible membership of Serbia and Montenegro by 2025? What are the biggest obstacles on the EU and Western Balkan side? What happens, if...?

**Registration** (10:00–10:30)

**PANEL I** (10:30-11:45)

# Ahead to Enlargement Summit: Evaluation Report of the EC and its assessment

Moderation: Michal Vít, MUP Panelists: Christian Lassen (EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy), Marko Stojic (MUP), Marta Szpala (OSW)

Coffee break - Attic (11:45-12:00)

#### **PANEL II** (12:00–13:15)

#### Migration Crisis as a Space for Cooperation: V4 and Western Balkans

Moderation: Marta Szpala (OSW) Panelists: Michal Vít (MUP), Tomáš Strážay (SFPA), Tomáš Jungwirth (AMO)

**Coffee break** – Attic (13:15–13:30)

### **Roundtable discussion and Q&A session** (13:30–16:00) Stability Instead of Democracy in Western Balkan

Presentation of students' essay

Kindly confirm your attendance at: registration.mup.cz