

International Scholarly Conference
“History of Yugoslavia: Perspectives of Young Researchers
from the Post-Yugoslav Space 2”, Belgrade, October 1–4, 2025

After the successful organization of the inaugural international scholarly conference *History of Yugoslavia: Perspectives of Young Researchers from the Post-Yugoslav Space*, held in mid-October 2024 and hosted by the Institute for Recent History of Serbia, it was concluded that the conference would be organized on a regular basis. This type of conference pursues two core objectives: to provide young researchers with a forum for presenting their findings, and to foster scholarly cooperation, including engagement with senior scholars whose insights and guidance are of particular value. In line with this vision, the organizers proceeded systematically by announcing a new call in the same format. Consequently, the international scholarly conference *History of Yugoslavia: Perspectives of Young Researchers from the Post-Yugoslav Space 2* was held in Belgrade, at the Archive of Yugoslavia, from 1 to 4 October. As in the previous year, the conference was intended for doctoral candidates and holders of doctoral degrees in history and related disciplines who had earned their doctorates no more than three years prior to the event.

A total of thirty participants presented their papers across ten carefully structured panels that were thematically connected while also following a chronological order. Each panel was moderated by distinguished scholars, histo-

rians from Serbia representing various institutional affiliations, who contributed significantly to the lively and substantive discussions that followed each presentation. The conference was opened by Jovana Milovanović, Đorđe Mamluka, and Ivan Milec, whose presentations were followed by those of Amer Maslo, Anđelija Miladinović, and Dario Drinić in the second panel. Their contributions concluded the first day's working sessions, after which the proceedings from the previous year's conference were formally presented. The editors of the volume, Dr Natalija Dimić Lompar, Dr Ognjen Tomić, and Nikola Koneski (MA), together with the promoters Dr Slobodan Selinić and Kaja Mujdrica (MA), shared their observations and reflections on the content of the publication, as well as on the editorial process itself and its significance for the academic advancement of young researchers.

The second day of the conference began with a panel featuring presentations by Ajdin Muhedinović, Andrija Mihajlov, and Uroš Miketić. The fourth panel included contributions from Evgenij Litovski, Ana Maria Herceg, Aleksandar Andonov, and Renata Dečman, while Ana Živković, Damjan Matković, and Sanja Lukić concluded the academic sessions of the second day. Following the presentations, participants took part in a guided tour of the Archive of Yugoslavia,

which proved to be an exceptionally rewarding experience. Young researchers, who typically spend most of their time in the reading room, were given the opportunity to observe the institution's broader functioning, including its archival depots and internal operations. The third day of the conference opened with presentations by Nikola Ostojčić, Davor Stipić, and Milica Moljski, followed by a second panel featuring Nikola Damljano-
vić, and Milan Milenković. The third panel brought together Nemanja Mitrović, Andrija Jovanović, and Dimitrije Matić, who presented their research findings. The penultimate panel included Boris Mosković, Kaja Mujdrica, and Miloš Jovanović, while the conference concluded with papers presented by Milan Bogosavljević and Luka Vrljić. The fourth and final day was marked by a gathering of participants at the Institute for Recent History of Serbia, where certificates of participation were awarded. The concluding part of the program featured specialized workshops organized into thematic groups, which provided a constructive and interactive conclusion to the conference.

In light of the objectives defined for the event, the conference was highly successful in fulfilling its intended aims. Above all, it served as a platform for young researchers to present their own studies, but also as a forum for professional exchange, fostering acquaintance, the establishment of academic connections, and the initiation of future collaboration. In this regard, the conference meets all the conditions to become a regular event,

one that could be organized annually or at specific time intervals. A particularly significant outcome in scholarly terms is that there are plans to publish this year's conference proceedings as well. This suggests that the organizers and editors acknowledged the quality of the research presented by the young scholars. In this context, it is worth noting that Dr. Natalija Dimić Lompar, Dr. Ognjen Tomić, and Mr. Nikola Koneski once again, as they did the previous year, played a key role in the effective organization and successful execution of the conference.

The conference *History of Yugoslavia: Perspectives of Young Researchers from the Post-Yugoslav Space 2* highlighted the value of sustaining scholarly dialogue among researchers of the region's past, especially among younger scholars. The quality of the presentations, the seriousness of approach, and the openness of discussions all testify to the high level of professionalism and commitment demonstrated by the participants. The organizers and staff of the Institute for Recent History of Serbia once again maintained a high standard in the organization of academic events. Thanks are also due to the moderators and the technical staff of the Archive of Yugoslavia, whose support helped the conference proceed smoothly and in a collegial environment. The expectation that this conference will continue as a regular event serves as a clear indication of its relevance and positive impact.

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