

EUROVISION

THE EUROVISION SONG CONTEST AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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In 2015 Austria marks the round anniversaries of major historical events that were definitive for its international relations. These include 200 years since the Congress of Vienna, the centenary of the First World War, 70 years since the end of the Second World War, 60 years since the signing of the State Treaty and Austria joining the United Nations, and the 20th anniversary of Austria's accession to the European Union. At the same time, Vienna is hosting the 60th edition of the Eurovision Song Contest.

This symposium brings together artists, academics, diplomats, journalists and politicians to discuss the significance of the Eurovision Song Contest for cultural, economic and political relations among Europeans and between Europe and the world. It includes three keynote speakers who performed in the Eurovision Song Contest and have had political careers at the European and national levels.

The symposium is a result of the project "Eurovision: A History of Europe through Popular Music," which is being undertaken in the Department of East European History of the University of Vienna with funding from the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions of the European Commission. In 2015 the University of Vienna also celebrates the 650th anniversary of its founding.

Programme

9.30 **Introduction:** Dean Vuletic (Moderator and Organiser; Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Department of East European History, University of Vienna, Austria)

9.35 **Welcome:** Representatives from the European Union, University of Vienna (to be confirmed)

10:00 **Keynote discussion:** Åse Kleveland

10:30 **Panel discussion: Integration and Stereotypes**

- Karen Fricker (Assistant Professor, Brock University, Canada)
- Dave Goodman (Communications Officer, European Broadcasting Union, Switzerland)
- Klaus Unterberger (Head, ORF Public Value, Austria)

11:15 Break

11:30 **Keynote discussion:** Ismeta Dervoz

12:00 **Panel discussion: Conflict and Diplomacy**

- Eldad Beck (Journalist, *Yediot Aharonot*, Israel)
- Cathrin Kahlweit (Journalist, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, Germany)
- Marco Schreuder (Member, Austrian Parliament/The Greens, Austria)
- Sami Ukelli (Ambassador, Embassy of Kosovo, Austria)

12:45 Lunch

14:00 **Keynote discussion:** Claudette Buttigieg

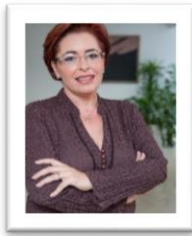
14:30 **Panel discussion: Europe and the World**

- William Lee Adams (Journalist, *wiwibloggs.com*, United Kingdom)
- David Lewis (Deputy Ambassador, Embassy of Australia, Austria)
- Ivan Raykoff (Assistant Professor, The New School, United States of America)

15:15 **Closing discussion:** Claudette Buttigieg, Ismeta Dervoz and Åse Kleveland

15.30 **Reception**

Keynote Speakers



Claudette Buttigieg represented Malta at the Eurovision Song Contest in 2000 with the song “Desire”. Since 2013 she has been a member of the parliament of Malta for the Nationalist Party.



Ismeta Dervoz represented Yugoslavia at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1976 in the group “Ambasadori” with the song “Ne mogu kriti svoju bol.” From 2011 to 2015 she was a member of the parliaments of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Council of Europe for the Alliance for a Better Future of Bosnia-Herzegovina.



Åse Kleveland represented Norway at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1966 with the song “Intet er nytt under solen,” and she also hosted the 1986 Eurovision Song Contest in Bergen. From 1990 to 1996 she was culture minister in the government of Norway for the Labour Party.

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