

Registration

The seminar is a private event. **Every participant should pay the registration fee at the time of registering.** Attendance will be limited to a maximum of 25 participants. If there are too many registrants, acceptance will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Participants who cannot be accommodated will be informed and refunded.



Cost

250 Swiss francs for the entire day, including documentation, coffee during breaks, and lunch in a nearby restaurant.

Organization:

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Seminar

Change in Kosovo - towards a Greater Albania? An issue for Switzerland?

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Switzerland has been a major centre of ethnic Albanian emigration for many years, and the Albanian-speaking community in Switzerland is one of the largest resident ethnic minority groups.

During the main waves of immigration, people settled and in due course formed community and civil society and political organisations. These have often had a strongly nationalist flavour, and have involved themselves in work for the independence of Kosova from Serbia, and in humanitarian relief in the wartime period.

With the approaching independence of Kosova, the main political objective of these people will have been achieved. It is likely that the majority of these people will be content with this achievement, and there may be some potential for a greater level of immigrant return from Switzerland as a result, but some activists in the Diaspora may see this decision as only one step along a road leading to a new and larger Albanian state in the Balkans.

The seminar will discuss these issues, and relate them to the wider issues of the future stability of the southern Balkans, issues explored in the author's new book **The Albanian Question** (IB Tauris, London and New York, 2006).

Professor James Pettifer works in the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom as specialist analyst and adviser on the southern Balkans and neighbouring countries. He was educated at Kings School Worcester, Hertford College, Oxford and the Free University of West Berlin. He has been a senior member of St Anthony's College, Oxford and Visiting Professor at the Institute of Balkan Studies, Thessalonica, and is a Honorary Fellow of Birmingham University, UK.

He is also a well known author and writer and the author of several internationally recognised authoritative works on the region, such as *The New Macedonian Question*, *The Turkish Labyrinth*, *Blue Guide to Albania and Kosovo*, *Kosova Express* and (with Miranda Vickers), *Albania-from Anarchy to a Balkan Identity*.

He is a regular broadcaster on the radio and television and writes currently for *The World Today*, *South Slav Journal* and other periodicals and academic journals.



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09:30	Welcome, coffee
10:00 - 11:15	First session
11:30 - 12:45	Second session
13:00 - 14:15	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Third session
15:45 - 16:30	Q&A - Discussion

Language

The seminar and the discussion will take place in English.

Location

The seminar will take place in Fribourg, at a venue within walking distance of the railway station. The address will be sent to registered (paid) participants in the first week of January.

**Please, register before
30 December 2006, using the
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