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### Explaining the Yugoslav Catastrophe: The Quest for a Common Narrative

**Balkans Working Group**

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**Date**

April 19, 2005

9:00 AM–3:00 PM

**Location**

U.S. Institute of Peace

1200 17th St., NW

Washington, D.C.

Nationalist politicians and media fueled Yugoslavia's bloody dissolution. Today the region's peoples remain deeply divided by contradictory accounts of what happened.

What are the great controversies that divide Bosniaks, Croats, Serbs, Slovenes and Kosovars? To what extent can the region's scholars bridge the divide by forging a single, yet multilateral narrative? What obstacles and other challenges must they confront? What kind of an impact can such an approach have on the peace-building process in the Balkans? Elsewhere?

### Speakers

**Judy Barsalou**, U.S. Institute of Peace

**Mile Bjelajac**, Institute of Contemporary History, Belgrade

**Darko Gavrilovic**, University of Banja Luka

**James Gow**, King's College, London

**Ylber Hysa**, Member, Kosovo Assembly

**Charles Ingrao**, Purdue University

**Dusan Janjic**, University of Belgrade

**Matjaz Klemencic**, University of Ljubljana

**Julie Mertus**, American University

**Rodger Potocki**, National Endowment for Democracy

**Drago Roksandic**, University of Zagreb

**Gale Stokes**, Rice University

**Daniel Serwer**, U.S. Institute of Peace

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#### The Scholars' Initiative:

[Charles Ingrao's Remarks](#)

(With introductory remarks by Judy Barsalou and Rodger Potocki)

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[Julie Mertus's Remarks](#)

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## **Roundtable Discussion: Problems & Prospects**

[Roundtable Discussion](#) 60 min - 18MB

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