

P R E S S R E L E A S E

The European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong cordially invites you to the following talk + discussion:

“Slovenia – its Path to Independence and the EU”

Speaker: Dr. Miro Haček

Associate Professor, Chair of Policy Analysis and Public Administration, University of Ljubljana

Chaired by: Dr. Kenneth Chan

Associate Professor, Department of Government and International Studies, HKBU

Date/Time: 22nd of January 2013, 5.00 - 6:30 pm

Venue: Hong Kong Baptist University, Wing Lung Bank Building, WLB 109 (location map attached)

Language: English

Dr. Miro Haček will present Slovenia as one of the leading former communist countries from Central and Eastern Europe to South Asian audiences. He would then proceed with the central part of the lecture. Lecture will put **an emphasis on recent Slovenian history, on the independence struggle and event after the breakup from Yugoslavia, will draw on Slovenian political path in last two decades since gaining independence, with special emphasis on EU and NATO accession and integration process, and also main reform processes in Slovenia...** He would also put a special emphasis on economic situation of Slovenia, especially with connection to other Central and Eastern European countries and on the attitudes of the citizenry toward EU as our "new" mother community. The lecture presents to the interested publics some of Slovenia's constitutional regulation, as well as the organisation and actions of Slovenian authority. The description of the country's democratic development highlights the weak points or democratic deficit and considers the possibilities of future development.

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If you would like to participate, **please register at euaphk@hkbu.edu.hk.**

