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EU Values Without EU Flags.

A Year of Students' Protests in Eurosceptic Serbia

Abstract: The lecture examines how, throughout 2024–2025, Serbian university students mobilised around issues such as academic freedom, corruption, media pluralism, and the rule of law—core principles associated with the European Union—while deliberately distancing themselves from overt pro-EU symbolism. In a political environment shaped by rising Euroscepticism, governmental pressure, and contested elections, the student movement articulated a civic, values-based agenda that challenged both illiberal state practices and the binary framing of Serbia's geopolitical orientation. Drawing on protest discourse, public reactions, and comparative insights from European democratic movements, the lecture analyses why EU-aligned norms continue to inspire grassroots activism even when the EU itself is perceived as distant, ambivalent, or compromised, and what this reveals about the paradoxes of Europeanisation “from below” in contemporary Serbia.

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