

## Invitation to a ROUNDTABLE discussion

# LOCAL OWNERSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE BUILDING EFFORTS IN KOSOVO

Thursday 2 September 2010 from 17 - 19

Prishtina University, Seminar Hall of the Faculty of Philology (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

*Opening speech will be given by Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuçi. Roundtable speakers include i.a. the Minister of Internal Affairs of Kosovo, Mr. Bajram Rexhepi, the Deputy Head of EULEX Mission, Mr. Roy Reeve and Professor of International Relations, Mr. David Chandler (University of Westminster, London), author of the books *Empire in Denial* and *International Statebuilding: The Rise of Post-Liberal Governance*.*

In the post-cold war period, the international community has become increasingly involved in large-scale peace-building operations to achieve sustainable peace and stability. Commitment to more comprehensive and longer-lasting state-building has been considered a major tool for managing regional security risks, and thus an investment towards sustainable peace and development. Despite these ambitious and well-intended goals, many new forms of state-building practices have ended up as highly invasive forms of external regulation. The shortcomings of liberal peace-building have been discussed widely and include issues like:

- 1) How and when should one define a mission as a 'success' and / or 'accomplished'?
- 2) What have been the major *lessons identified* when it comes to the impact of the state-building missions in Kosovo during the last 10 years?
- 3) How is 'local ownership' taken into account in Kosovo?
- 4) Who bears the political responsibility on the impact of the reform policies?

This event is organized by the Tampere Peace Research Institute, University of Tampere, Finland, in cooperation with the Prishtina University and a local NGO, Kosova IDEAS Institute. The event is sponsored by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and will be followed by a reception.

