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Annual Report of the Greek Professorship 2009-2010

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Wednesday 2 December 2009

7:00 PM Reception

7:30 PM Report to Community

7:45 PM Balkan Trilogy Lecture 2

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Annual Report.**

Balkan Trilogy, Lecture #2

Dr. Petar Milich



A three lecture series that explores diachronically a broad set of issues ranging from identity politics to international relations and failed states - issues that confront Americans today both domestically and in the sphere of international relations.

The Fall of Rome: Enduring Myths and Underlying Realities

When and how did the Roman Empire fall? Why should a contemporary audience even care about this question in the first place? Some of the parallels between Rome in Late Antiquity and America today are quite striking and worthy of discussion. This lecture will examine the collapse of imperial authority in the West during the Fifth Century after Christ. It will focus on the flawed political decisions that hastened the demise in the first place. It is a cautionary tale that we are no more immune from the vicissitudes of empire than the Romans were in their time.

PETAR MILICH received his doctorate in Byzantine and Modern Balkan history from Ohio State. He is a Harvard Dumbarton Oaks Prize Fellow, Harvard Dumbarton Oaks Bulgarian Exchange Fellow, and Fulbright Yugoslav Fellow. He is an independent scholar who teaches courses on Byzantine and Balkan history in University College at Washington University. He also teaches courses in international studies centered on Eastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. He is writing a book about US-Russian relations in the post-Cold War space that focuses on the wars of Yugoslav

Balkan Trilogy, Lecture #3

**Kosovo Showdown: How the
United States and Russia almost
came to blows over the Balkans**

Wednesday 20 January 2010