



First Annual McCloskey Forum

Tuesday | October 23 | 4:00 pm | GISB 1112

The Balkan Legacy of Frank McCloskey

The McCloskey Forum honors the memory of the late Frank McCloskey, an IU alumnus (A.B. 1968, J.D. 1971) who represented Indiana's 8th District in Congress from 1983 to 1995 and also served as mayor of Bloomington from 1972 to 1982. As a Democratic congressman who took a passionate interest in the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s, Frank withstood the resistance of his party and the White House by persistently advocating for US action to stop the genocide in former Yugoslavia. His efforts spurred US involvement in the diplomatic process that eventually led to the Dayton Accords of 1995. After an unsuccessful re-election campaign in 1994, McCloskey continued to seek an end to ethnic strife in the Balkans, making numerous trips to Bosnia and serving the National Democratic Institute as Kosovo Director.

Featured panelists at the first McCloskey Forum, all close colleagues of Frank McCloskey, include (retired) Congressman Lee Hamilton, Distinguished Professor of Practice in International Studies at Indiana University and member of the US House of Representatives from 1965 to 1999; Representative Ed Delaney, who has served in the Indiana House of Representatives since 2009 and represented the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in arbitration hearings under the Dayton Peace Accords; and Professor Asim Mujkić, a philosopher and sociologist who chairs the Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Sarajevo and, as the recipient of REEI's McCloskey Fellowship, is conducting research at Indiana University during the current semester. Each panelist will share memories of Frank McCloskey and discuss aspects of his legacy as a crusader for peace and democracy in the Balkans.

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