

MSc Milan Krstic, teaching assistant at University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science, conducted his research stay at Alma Mater University of Bologna – Forli Campus, Centro per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica, from 1 October 2018 to 28 February 2019. Mr. Krstic is currently a PhD Candidate in International Relations who holds a master degree in the field of History of International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) as well as in the field of Computing in Social Sciences from University of Belgrade. During his stay at Forli Campus, he made a significant progress in his PhD thesis research under the supervision of professor Stefano Bianchini. The topic of his dissertation is the influence of destigmatization as a foreign policy priority on a stigmatized states' relations with their neighborhood. The empirical focus of the dissertation is on Serbian and Croatian foreign policies from 2001 to 2018. Resources of Alma Mater University of Bologna – Forli Campus, and in particularly the rich collection of theoretical and empirical literature in the fields of Balkan Studies and International Relations Theory, were very helpful for the candidate's work. Together with the advices he got from his supervisor, they helped him to achieve a significant progress during his research stay and to complete an important part of his research.