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Witness Bio

Dr. Marta Vrbetic is a Wilson Center Global Fellow, affiliated with the Global Europe Program, at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. She was formerly Assistant Professor of Government at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., where she taught courses on European comparative governments, European Union, American government, American foreign policy, peacemaking and conflict resolution, democratization, nationalism and ethnic conflict, and ethics and political theory. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for International and Security Studies, Maryland School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park. She was also a Research Fellow affiliated with the Europe Program at the Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb, Croatia.

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Dr. Vrbetic is the author of several peer-reviewed and professional articles on European and international topics, including “Afraid of the Kosovo Scenario: A Disquieting Precedent for International Conflict Management,” *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* (Fall 2013), and “For Croatia and Its Neighbors, Teachable Moments on Ethics in Politics,” *E-International Relations* (September 2016). At the Wilson Center, Dr. Vrbetic is writing a book that focuses on the changing practices of the post-Cold War conflict management and the problems of reconciliation. She takes a new look at the peacemaking and humanitarian interventions in the former Yugoslavia and applies its lessons to other regional conflicts.

Dr. Vrbetic has served as a speaker, discussant, or moderator at academic conferences and public policy events. She is a member of the International Studies Association (ISA), the American Political Science Association (APSA), and American Society of International Law (ASIL). She frequently presents at the ISA and APSA annual meetings and at the joint international security conference ISSS-ISAC. Dr. Vrbetic is committed to making her research policy relevant, and has briefed government officials about the West Balkans’ problems and prospects.