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Workshop on “Inequality and Social Protection in South East Europe”

22nd October 2018

Professors' Hall
Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade
Kamenička 6, Belgrade, Serbia

09.00-09.45 REGISTRATION

Attendance at the workshop is open to all and free of charge

09.45-10.00 WELCOME

Saša Randelović, Vice-Dean, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics

Jelena Žarković, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics & FREN

Will Bartlett, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

10.00-11.30 PRESENTATION OF LSE PROJECT “DIVERGING WELFARE STATE TRAJECTORIES AND INCOME INEQUALITY IN FOUR FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLICS”

Chair: Will Bartlett, European Institute and International Inequalities Institute, LSE

Gorana Krstić, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics & FREN: *Factors contributing to income and wage inequality in three Yugoslav successor states*

Tena Prelec, University of Sussex: *The road to (in)equality: The legacy of the decade after the disintegration of Yugoslavia in determining wealth gap outcomes in the successor states*

Nermin Oruč, CESEED, Sarajevo: *Labour market institutions and inequality in SEE*

Jelena Žarković, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics & FREN: *Political economy of welfare reforms in four former Yugoslav republics*

11.30-12.00 COFFEE BREAK

12.00-13.00 POLICY PERSPECTIVES ON INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Chair: Jelena Žarković, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics & FREN

Ana Miličević Pezelj, European Economic and Social Committee: *The perspective of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)*

Enkeleida Tahiraj, European Institute, The London School of Economics and Political Science: *Paradigms and policies: a retrospective of the future*

13.00-14.00 LUNCH

14.00-15.30 INEQUALITY AND WELFARE IN SLOVENIA, CROATIA & SERBIA

Chair: Saša Randelović, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics

Mitja Čok, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Economics: *Income inequality in Slovenia*

Paul Stubbs, Economics Institute Zagreb: *Towards a political economy of welfare in Croatia since independence*

Mihail Arandarenko, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics: *Design of tax-benefit system and income inequality in Serbia*

15.30-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00-17.30 INEQUALITY AND WELFARE IN MACEDONIA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA & ALBANIA

Chair: Ivana Prica, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics

Nikica Mojsoska-Blazevski & Marjan Petreski University American College, Skopje: *Rethinking the role of minimum wages as a tool for reduction of wage inequality in Macedonia*

Nikolina Obradović, University of Mostar, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences: *Inequality as outcome of social policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Merita Xhumari, University of Tirana, Faculty of Social Sciences: *Inequalities in Albania referring to the EQLS 2016 and the need for new societal actions*

17.30-18.00: CONCLUSIONS: INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL PROTECTION IN SEE

Will Bartlett, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE): *Summing up*

Jelena Žarković, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics & FREN: *Conclusions*

18.00 END OF WORKSHOP

20.00 Workshop dinner for panelists, Vuk Restaurant, Vuka Karadžića 12, Belgrade

Organisers

The workshop is organised by the [International Inequalities Institute\(III\)](#) at the LSE in collaboration with the Foundation for the Advancement of Economics (FREN), think tank founded by the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics, and the *LSE Research Unit on South Eastern Europe (LSEE)*, with the support of the [Atlantic Fellows in Social and Economic Equity \(AFSEE\)](#) programme. AFSEE is one of seven interconnected programmes who support Atlantic Fellows in working together to think critically about the root causes of social and economic inequalities and apply this to real-world practice. This workshop emerged from an [AFSEE-supported project titled "Goodbye Tito: The Role of Diverging Welfare State Trajectories on Income Inequality in Four Former Yugoslav Republics"](#). LSEE is based within the European Institute of the LSE. The workshop is an activity of the LSEE Research Network on Social Cohesion in South East Europe, and in particular its Working Group on Social Cohesion.

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