PROGRAMME

SOCIAL, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC CHANGE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

25 – 26 MAY 2012
SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
Conference Objectives

• Discuss the challenges, contradictions and ambivalences resulting from the transformation process with which the researchers in the field of social sciences are confronted in the Balkans;

• Present and discuss RRPP and external research projects and results (including methods-related issues);

• Enable regional and international networking; establish communication and opportunities for new regional research partnerships;

• Discuss the Western Balkans as a construct marking those “excluded” from Europe (round table, closing the conference).

Location:
Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo Hotel Holiday Inn, Zmaja od Bosne 4

Follow-up information:
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Opening and keynote speeches:

09:00 – 09:10 Nicolas Hayoz, RRPP Programme Director
Introduction, presentation of the conference programme

09:10 – 09:30 Denisa Sarajlic-Maglic, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Research and development in Bosnia and Herzegovina

09:30 – 09:50 Kurt Kunz, Ambassador, Head of Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Economic and social research for fact-based political processes

09:50 – 10:30 Florian Bieber, Prof. and Director of the Centre for Southeast European Studies, Graz, Austria
EU and the Western Balkans – current status and research perspectives / 20 min presentation, 20 min discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:40 Denisa Kostovicova, Researcher, London School of Economics
Justice from below: a transnational perspective on post-conflict transformation in the Western Balkans / 20 min presentation, 20 min discussion

11:40 – 12:15 Daniel Bochsler, Open Data Centre Western Balkans, short presentation of the project (10 minutes)

Jasmina Opardija-Susnjaj, RRPP Programme Manager
Information on workshops and round table “Is there still a Western Balkans”

12:15 – 12:30 Final Q&A, Moderator, Nicolas Hayoz

12:30 – 13:30 Buffet Lunch

Workshops
Workshops Day 1: Friday, 25 May

1: RECONCILIATION & TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE
D/I/M*: Daniela Koleva & Denisa Kostovicova

13:30 – 14:15
MIHAJLOVIC-TRBOVC, JOVANA
Transitional Justice Processes and the Perception of the Past: Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
UNIVERSITY OF LIUBLJANA, LIUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

WOEHLERT, ROMY
The EU Enlargement to the western Balkans: Current reciprocal perceptions between Western Balkan countries and the EU
AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

JASINI, ALBA
Education Specific Corruption In Western Balkan
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SCHUBIGER, LIVIA
Legacies of war and voting behaviour in ethnically divided countries. The case of BiH
UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

14:15 – 15:00
DAVID, LEA
Managing a difficult past: The new Serbian national calendar
BEN GURION UNIVERSITY IN THE NEGEV, ISRAEL

MILIVOJEVIC, ANA
Anti-Corruption Institutions and Political Scandals in Serbia
UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE

ZURNIC, MARIJA
Media owners as agents of journalism transformation in Serbia
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM: SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

KAPIDZIC, DAMIR
Democratization in Multiethnic States.
UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:15
LJUBOJEVIC, ANA
What’s the story? Transitional justice and creation of narratives in Serbia and Croatia
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IMT LUCCA, ITALY

VAJZOVIC, EMIR
Minority and Media in Western Balkan: regional comparative research project on quality of minority media content
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ZILOVIC, MARKO
Costs of Justice: Politics of Compliance with the ICTY-related EU conditionality in Croatia and Serbia
UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE

CAKIC, MILAN
Law on Lustration in Serbia and Democratization Process: Strengthening of Democracy or Promoting Partial Interests?
UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE

16:15 – 17:00
HROMADZIC, AZRA
Cartography of democratization in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SYRACUSE NY

PRODANOVIC, DRAGANA
Media discourse of poverty and social exclusion in Serbia
UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD

DANIELSON, ANNA
From Networks to Power Practices: The Informal Economy in Kosovo as a Bourdieusian Field
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, SÖDERTÖRN UNIVERSITY

AGIMI, ILIRE
Local governance in Kosovo: A source of democratic change
AAU UNIVERISTY OF HERZEGOVINA

17:00 – 17:45
STRUPINSKIENE, LINA
Political Reconciliation: A Framework for Analysis
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

PETROVIC, TAMARA
Classification discourses in Serbia
CENTRE FOR EMPERIAL CULTURAL STUDIES OF SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

KLEIBRINK, ALEXANDER
Understanding the relationship between decentralisation and patronage: Evidence from post-socialist Balkans,
FREE UNIVERSITY BERLIN

HINZ, JULIA
The War in Kosovo Continues – Diverse Experiences from Returnees of Minority Communities
WESTPÄLISCHE WILHELM-UNIVERSITY, MÜNSTER

17:45 – 19:00 Research Fair

19:30 Dinner

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**Event Details**

- **Moderator:** Dobrila Govedarica, Open Society Fund, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- **Speakers:**
  - Dimitar BECHEV, Senior Policy Fellow and Director of the National Office in Bulgaria at European Council on Foreign Relations
  - Paul STUBBS, Senior Research Fellow, The Institute of Economics, Zagreb
  - Milica DELEVIC, Director of Serbia’s European Integration Office
  - Stevo PENDAROVSKI, EU expert and former advisor to presidents in Macedonia
  - Gjergji VURMO, Political Analyst, IDM Tirana

**Workshops Day 2:** Saturday, 26 May

- **7: GENDER POLITICS & DISCOURSES**
  - Katerina Kolozova & Milica Antic

- **2: MINORITIES, POLITICAL & SOCIAL DISCOURSES**
  - Steffen Kolb & Snjezana Milivojevic

- **4: POST-CONFLICT ARRANGEMENTS & DEMOCRACY**
  - Daniel Bochsler & Vedran Dzihic

- **8: CIVIL SOCIETY & INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION**
  - Adam Fagan & Lejla Somun Krupalija

- **9: IDENTITY, CULTURAL DIVERSITY & TRUST**
  - Eric Gordy & Danijela Majstorovic

**Speakers:**

- **Dimitar BECHEV**
- **Paul STUBBS**
- **Milica DELEVIC**
- **Stiko PENDAROVSKI**
- **Gjergji VURMO**
The Regional Research Promotion Programme in the Western Balkans (RRPP) is managed by the University of Fribourg upon mandate of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). It was established with the purpose to advance research in the Social Sciences in the Western Balkan countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. This partnership programme was created following a wide consultation process involving well-respected researchers and research institutions in the region, Switzerland and other European countries. The RRPP operates through three inter-related pillars:

- Provision of grants for research projects dealing with issues related to the transition process in individual countries and in the entire region;
- Provision of methodological colloquia and thematic trainings;
- Enabling and strengthening regional interaction and cooperation (through conferences and other events).

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