



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:

www.rpp-westernbalkans.net

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 Oparidija-Susnjar, 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/M*: Daniela Koleva & Denisa Kostovicova

2: MINORITIES, POLITICAL & SOCIAL DISCOURSES

Steffen Kolb & Snjezana Milivojevic

3: STATE-STRUCTURES, NETWORKS & INFORMALITY

Nicolas Hayoz & Vesna Bojic Dzelilovic

4: POST-CONFLICT ARRANGEMENTS & DEMOCRACY

Claire Gordon & Jana Bacevic

5: DEMOCRATISATION, EUROPEANIZATION & STATE-REFORMS

Simone Baglioni & Maria Theiss

6: MIGRATION, DIASPORA & DEVELOPMENT

Denise Efonayi & Bashkim Iseni

13:30 – 14:15

MIHAJLOVIC-TRBOVC, JOVANA

Transitional Justice Processes and the Perception of the Past: Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA, LJUBLJANA, 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

SPASOJEVIC, DUSAN

Comparative Analyses of Democratic Performances of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro Parliaments

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NARAZANI, EDLIRA

Linking Rural Entrepreneurs & Diaspora in Albania and Bosnia-Herzegovina

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14:15 – 15:00

DAVID, LEA

Managing a difficult past: The new Serbian national calendar

BEN GURION UNIVERSITY IN THE NEGEV ISRAEL

MILIVOJEVIC, ANA MATOVIC, MARIJANA

Media owners as agents of journalism transformation in Serbia

UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE

ZURNIC, MARIJA

Anti-Corruption Institutions and Political Scandals in Serbia

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM: SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

KAPIDZIC, DAMIR

Democratization in Multiethnic States.

UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO

KMEZIC, MARKO

Europeanization by Rule of Law Implementation in the Western Balkans

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PECI, FLORIN

Migration and its impacts from the perspective of the economic development of the home country: cases of Kosovo and Albania

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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

MENDELSKI, MARTIN

Donor-driven promotion of the rule of law in Serbia

UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG, UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE

STOJLOVSKA, ANA

Migration and development in Albania and Macedonia: the effects of remittances on education and health of family members left behind

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16:15 – 17:00

HROMADZIC, AZRA

Cartography of democratization in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SYRACUSE NY

PRODANOVIC, DRAGANA DRASKOVIC, BRANKICA

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

MAASTRICHT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE

KEIL, SÖREN; ARKAN, ZEYNEP

EU Enlargement Policy Towards Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Role of Discursive Consistency

UNIVERSITY OF CANTABURRY

SHEHAJ, ESMERALDA

Assessing the potential of international migration as a poverty reduction tool

UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA

17:00 – 17:45

STRUPINSKIENE, LINA

Political Reconciliation: A Framework for Analysis

VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

PETROVIC, TAMARA

Classification discourses in Serbia

CENTRE FOR EMPIRICAL 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

WESTFÄLISCHE WILHELMS-UNIVERSITY, MÜNSTER

7: GENDER POLITICS & DISCOURSES

Katerina Kolozova & Milica Antic

ZUBOVIC, JOVAN

Effectiveness of government interventions in the labour market on women and youth in Serbia

INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, BELGRADE

17:45 – 19:00 Research Fair

19:30 Dinner

Workshops Day 2: Saturday, 26 May

7: GENDER POLITICS & DISCOURSES

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2: MINORITIES, POLITICAL & SOCIAL DISCOURSES

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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

09:00 – 09:45

VUJIC, SUNCICA

Gender pay gap in the Western Balkan countries: Evidence from Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia

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JOVANOVIC, MILOS

Religion of Majority on Sexual Minorities: Serbian Orthodox Church and the LGBT Population

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY IN NIS

HULSEY, JOHN

Bucking Ethnic Representation: Election-jumping and Ticket-splitting in Bosnian Elections

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY, USA

VUKELIC, JELISAVETA

Solving Environmental Issues in Local Community Settings – the case study of two towns in Serbia

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY BELGRADE

SRZIC, LANA

New directions in Serbian cultural politics after 2000: modernization or restoration of the nation?

GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, GENEVA

09:45 – 10:30

CERIMAN, JELENA

Gender perspectives in family socialization

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BODROZA, BOJANA

Education Reforms in Serbia – Learning from the Change

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, BELGRADE

DINAS, ELIAS SKOUTARIS, NIKOS

Managing the Balkan post-conflict arrangements: Consolidating Consociationalism through the Electoral Systems

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

WUNSCH, NATASHA

From Recipients to Users of Europeanization: Western Balkan civil society organisations in the Accession Process

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

EFENDIC, ADNAN

Ethnic tensions, institutional and economic performance in Bosnia and Herzegovina: What are(not) the casual links?

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10:30 – 11:15

DEIANA, MARIA ADRIANA

Citizenship, Identity and Belonging: Women's narratives in Post-Dayton BiH

SCHOOL OF POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY, BELFAST

GJEVORI, ELVIN VISOKA, GEZIM

The politics of regional reciprocity: a discursive analysis of the 2011 census

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

BALIC, LEJLA IZMIRLIJA, MIDHAT

Role of inter party cooperation in BiH Democratization Process

LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO

PULJEK-SHANK, RANDALL

Contested legitimacy of Civil Society Organizations in divided societies

RADBOUD UNIVERSITY NIJMEGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

ACESKA, ANA

Space, Place and identity formation; the role of the city in the boundary-work between native city dwellers and post war newcomers in Mostar BiH

HUMBOLT UNIVERSITY BERLIN

11:15 – 12:00

QAFI-OSMANI, BRIKENA

Women's voices, Women's pain: Experience of Marital Violence among Women in Berat City, Albania

IUM, MALAYSIA

RACZ, KRISZTINA

Discourses of Multiculturalism: Hungarian Youth in Vojvodina

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST

ARAPOVIC, ADIS

Election system in Bosnia and Herzegovina: catalyst of unsuccessful democratization

UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO

KOVACIC, MARKO

Local Civil Society in Croatia – Its Structure and Perspectives in the Context of Europeanization

UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB

MANGOVA, ILINA

Deconstructing the Dominant Religious Identities in Macedonia

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS UNIVERSITY, SKOPJE

12:00 – 12:45

MISIC, MARIJANA

Women in academic leadership –case study University of Novi Sad

UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD

STOJANOVA, ANA

Reconsidering the Effects of Political Participation on Democracy: New Evidence from the Western Balkans

IMT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES LUCCA, ITALY

KARINI, ARTAN

The impact of aid policy on public service reform and capacity building in Western Balkans

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

KOLCZYNSKA, MARTA

Social and political determinants of trust: How the Western Balkans change the pattern?

GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

12:45– 14:45 **Buffet Lunch**

14:45 – 17:15

Round Table: Is there still a Western Balkans?

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

17:15 **Final Remarks and Closing, Nicolas Hayoz**

Regional Research

Promotion Programme | **Western Balkans**

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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