LSEE Research Network on Social Cohesion

Regional Workshop

Barriers to Inclusive Growth in the Western Balkans

Venue: Hotel Maestral, Miločer, Montenegro
21-22 September 2015
# Day 1: Monday 21 September

## 09.15-09.30 / OPENING OF WORKSHOP:


## 09.30-11.00 / SESSION 1: POLICIES FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Chair: Will Bartlett (LSEE)

**Social policy challenges and strategic priorities in the EU candidate countries**  
Maja Gerovska Mitev (Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje)

**The potential and limits of social media communities in Croatia**  
Mladen Pupovac (University of Nottingham)

**The role of institutions in building social cohesion – case of Serbia**  
Žarko Šunderić (Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit, Government of Serbia)

### 11.00-11.30 / Coffee

## 11.30-13.00 / SESSION 2: SOCIAL PROTECTION

Chair: Milica Uvalić (University of Perugia)

**Improving the social safety net in Serbia: new estimates of benefits’ performance indicators and policy proposals to reduce child poverty**  
Jelena Žarković Rakić (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics) – paper co-authored with Gorana Krstić, Saša Randelović, Marko Vladisavljević

**Domestic violence in Albania**  
Evis Garunja (Centre for Legal Civic Initiatives, Tirana)

**The Role of Social Entrepreneurship in Fostering Social Inclusion – case of Serbia**  
Marija Džunić, Jelena Stanković & Vesna Janković-Milić (University of Niš)

### 13.00-14.00 / Buffet lunch

## 14.00-16.00 / SESSION 3: LABOUR MARKETS AND MISMATCH

Chair: Mihail Arandarenko (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics)

**Jobs as the engine of shared prosperity in Europe and Central Asia**  
Giorgia Demarchi (World Bank) – paper co-authored with María E. Dávalos, Barbara Kits, Isil Oral, Patti Petesch and Indhira Santos
**Possibilities for correcting jobless growth**  
Jovan Pejkovski (Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje)

**What determines female labour force participation in Kosovo?**  
Ardiana Gashi (University of Pristina)

**Mismatch on the labour market in Montenegro**  
Vojin Golubovic (ISSP, Podgorica)

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The first 30min will be dedicated to group work:

**Working Group 1 – Employment**  
Chair: Mihail Arandarenko

**Working Group 2 – Social Protection**  
Chair: Merita Xhumari

**Working Group 3 – Education**  
Chair: Jadranka Kaludjerović

**Chair:** Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)

Panellists:
- Mihail Arandarenko (University of Belgrade)
- Merita Xhumari (University of Tirana)
- Nermin Oruć (Impaq International)
- Ardiana Gashi (University of Pristina)
- Jovan Pejkovski (University of Ss Cyril and Methodius, Skopje)
- Jadranka Kaludjerović (ISSP, Podgorica)
- Tena Prelec (LSEE)
Day 2: Tuesday 22 September

9.30-11.00 / SESSION 4: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL SERVICES

Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)

Fiscal decentralisation in Serbia from 2000 to 2015
Katarina Djulić and Sanja Kmezić (EURAK, Belgrade)

Decentralisation in Montenegro – legal and fiscal analysis
Jadranka Kaludjerović (ISSP, Podgorica) and Mijat Jocović (Faculty of Economics, University of Montenegro)

The new administrative territorial reform in Albania and its impact on service delivery
Eltjana Shkreli (University 'Luigj Gurakuqi', Shkoder)

11.00-11.30 / Coffee

11.30-13.00 / SESSION 5: UNEMPLOYMENT AND MISMATCH

Chair: Nermin Oruć (Impaq International)

An outline for the political economy of unemployment in the Western Balkans
Mihail Arandarenko (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics)

Challenges of unemployed with higher education in the labour market
Merita Xhumari (Department of Political Sciences, University of Tirana)

13.00-14.00 / Buffet lunch

14.00-15.30 / SESSION 6: INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Chair: Will Bartlett (LSEE)

Exploring the factors of happiness of secondary school students in Bosnia
Nermin Oruć (Impaq International)

The effectiveness of transitions to work measures in vocational education and training in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Nina Branković and Nermin Oruć (Sarajevo)

What drives students’ enrolment decisions?
Jadranka Kaludjerović and Milika Mirković (ISSP, Podgorica)

15.30 / End of Workshop