

**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:** Jadranka Kaluđerović (ISSP, Podgorica), Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE, London), H.E. Ian Whitting OBE (UK Ambassador to Montenegro).

**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 Vladislavljević*

***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)*

16.00-16.30 / Coffee
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<b>16.30-17.30 / ROUND TABLE OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF LSEE RESEARCH NETWORK</b>
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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 Kaluđerović*

***Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)***

*Panellists:*

- *Mihail Arandarenko (University of Belgrade)*
- *Merita Xhumari (University of Tirana)*
- *Nermin Oruč (Impaq International)*
- *Ardiana Gashi (University of Pristina)*
- *Jovan Pejkovski (University of Ss Cyril and Methodius, Skopje)*
- *Jadranka Kaludjerović (ISSP, Podgorica)*
- *Tena Prelec (LSEE)*

19.00-20.30 / Workshop Dinner
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## **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 Oruč (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 Oruč (Impaq International)*

#### ***The effectiveness of transitions to work measures in vocational education and training in Bosnia and Herzegovina***

*Nina Branković and Nermin Oruč (Sarajevo)*

#### ***What drives students' enrolment decisions?***

*Jadranka Kaludjerović and Milika Mirković (ISSP, Podgorica)*

15.30 / End of Workshop