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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL TRANSITION IN KOSOVO**

12-13 October 2012

Main Auditorium, American University in Kosovo, Germia Campus, Pristina, Kosovo

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Friday 12 October**

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| 8.30 – 9      | Registration   |
| 9 – 9.30      | Welcoming remarks – Brian Bowen (Vice-President for AUK/RIT Academic Affairs)  |
| 9.30 – 10.30  | <b>Guest-lecture:</b><br><br>Susan L. Woodward (City University of New York) – <i>“The Political Economy of Development in Kosovo: 1945 to the present”</i>  |
| 10.30 – 11    | Coffee Break   |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | <b>Panel I: <i>The Political Economy of Trade Policy in Kosovo</i></b><br><br>Mario Holzner (The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies), and Florin Peci, (University of Prishtina) – <i>“Measuring the Effects of Trade Liberalization in Kosovo”</i><br><br>Petrir Gashi (University of Prishtina) and Stephen Creskoff (International Trade Lawyer, USAID Business Enabling Environment Programme) – <i>“Towards a Tariff Policy for Kosovo”</i><br><br>Luca J. Uberti (American University in Kosovo) – <i>“From State Industry to ‘Enclave’? Kosovo’s Mining Sector in Industrial Policy Perspective”</i><br><br>Discussant: Will Bartlett (London School of Economics and Political Science) |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch Break  |

14.00 – 15.30

**Panel II: Remittances and Development**

James Korovilas (University of the West of England) and Sokol Havolli (Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo) – *“Economic Development in Kosovo: Remittances and Distortions in Kosovo’s Economic Development post 1999”*

Laetitia Duval (Université de Tours) and François-Charles Wolff (Université de Nantes/INED) – *“The Consumption-enhancing Effect of Remittances: Evidence from Kosovo”*

Robert Bideleux (University of Swansea, UK) – *“Kosovo and the Kerala Model of Social Capital and Economic Development”*

Discussant: Mrika Kotorri (American University in Kosovo)

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30

**Panel III: Neo-liberal Approaches to Economic Restructuring**

Agron Alibali (University of Massachusetts Boston) – *“Regulatory Aspects of the IMF’s Presence in Kosova and SE Europe, and the Need for a New SEETAC”*

Annelise Dodds (Aston University, UK), Ahmed Badran (Exeter University, UK), Jelena Obradovic-Wochnik (Aston University, UK) – *“Energy Sector Regulation in Kosovo: a Contested Regulatory State?”*

Gezim Visoka (Dublin City University) – *“The Phenomenology of Informality in Kosovo: Challenges and Opportunities for Development”*

Discussant: Susan L. Woodward (City University of New York)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30 – 10.30

**Guest-lecture:**

Will Bartlett (London School of Economics and Political Science) – *“The Political Economy of Welfare Reform in the Western Balkans”*

10.30 – 11

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00

**Panel IV: Social Policy and the Welfare State**

Michael Sauer (University of Cologne, Germany) – *“Social Policy in Kosovo: Setting the Scene”*

Marija Stambolieva (University of Kassel, Germany) – *“Kosovo: from State of Welfare Emergency to Welfare State?”*

Besnik Bislimi (American University in Kosovo) and Edmond Muhaxheri (American University in Kosovo) – *“Financial Sustainability of a Health Insurance Fund for Kosovo”*

Discussant: Fred Cocozzelli (St. John’s University, US)

12.00 – 12.30	Coffee Break
12.30 – 13.30	<p><b>Panel V: <i>Financial Crisis and the Rentier State</i></b></p> <p>Besnik Pula (Princeton University) – <i>“Kosovo and the Balkans in the European Financial and Economic Crisis”</i></p> <p>Klaus-Gerd Giesen (Université D’Auvergne) – <i>“Kosovo’s Political System and the Double Trap of Rentier Capitalism”</i></p> <p>Nicolas Lemay-Hebert (University of Birmingham, UK) – <i>“Economic Governance and International Administration: Dutch Disease and Rentier Economy”</i></p> <p>Discussant: Petrit Gashi (University of Prishtina)</p>
13.30 – 15.00	Lunch Break
15.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Panel VI: <i>Democratization and Institutional Reform</i></b></p> <p>Fred Cocozzelli (St. John’s University, US) – <i>“Between Democratization and Democracy: Consolidating Democracy in Kosovo since the Unilateral Declaration of Independence”</i></p> <p>Enza Roberta Petrillo (Università l’Orientale, Napoli, Italy) – <i>“Parallel Structures in Northern Kosovo and their Impact on Economic Development, Rule of Law and State Building”</i></p> <p>Besnik Bislimi (American University in Kosovo) – <i>“Macro-economic Implications of Asymmetric Decentralization in Kosova”</i></p> <p>Discussant: Gezim Visoka (Dublin City University)</p>
16 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 17.30	<p><b>Panel VII: <i>European Integration and Aid Policy</i></b></p> <p>Adam Fagan (Queen Mary University, UK) – <i>“Making Enlargement Work again: Reforming Pre-Accession Assistance in Kosovo”</i></p> <p>Daniela Irrera (University of Catania, Italy/University of Oxford, UK) – <i>“The Kosovo Road to Europe, among external interventions and political reforms”</i></p> <p>Jill Irvine (University of Oklahoma, US), Andrew Halterman (Fulbright Fellow, Kosovo) – <i>“Bounded Altruism: INGO Opportunities and Constraints during Humanitarian Crises and US Intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo”</i></p> <p>Discussant: Venera Demukaj (American University in Kosovo)</p>
17.30 – 17.50	Concluding Remarks – James Korovilas (University of the West of England)
17.50 – 18.00	Closing Address – Michael Waschak (American University in Kosovo)

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