

**FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE?  
CIVIL SOCIETY AND TRANSITIONS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**

**FRIDAY, 7 MAY 2010**

Venue:

***London School of Economics and Political Science  
Room R405, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lionel Robbins Building***

**09:00-09:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Promises and Constraints of Civil Society in Multi-Track Transitions: Questions for the Western Balkans

*Denisa Kostovicova, James Ker-Lindsay and Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic*

**09:30-11:00 CIVIL SOCIETY AND DEMOCRATISATION**

**Chair: Othon Anastasakis, SEESOX, Oxford University**

The Albanian Youth Organisation 'Self-Determination': Democratisation Through Political Defiance in Kosovo?

*Stephanie Schwandner Sievers, School of Slavonic and East European Studies*

The Strange Case of Civil Society in FYR Macedonia: From Post-Communist to Uncivil Society

*Nenad Markovic, Saints Cyril and Methodius University*

The Diaspora Dilemma: Croatian-American Civil Society Institutions and their Political Role in Democratisation of the Homeland

*Anita Brkanic, London School of Economics and Political Science*

**11:00-11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30-13:00 CIVIL SOCIETY AND STATEBUILDING**

**Chair: Spyros Economides, London School of Economics and Political Science**

State and Society within the Stabilization and Association Process in the Western Balkans: The European Commission's activities within the Civil Society Sphere

*John O'Brennan, National University of Ireland, Maynooth*

Civil Society Assistance or State-Building? Evaluating Donor Assistance in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia

*Adam Fagan, Queen Mary, University of London*

Demobilization of a Civil Protection Actor: Build-up and Stand-down of the KPC in Kosovo  
*Jens Narten, University of Hamburg*

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00-16:00 CIVIL SOCIETY AND POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION**

**Chair: Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic, London School of Economics and Political Science**

Parallel Societies: Nationalism and Civil Society Organisations in Post-Independence Kosovo

*Francesco Strazzari and Enza Roberta Petrillo, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies*

Facing the Past while Disregarding the Present? Human Rights Organisations and Truth-Telling in Post-Milosevic Serbia

*Mladen Ostojsic, Queen Mary, University of London*

Confronting the Legacy of the 1990s in a Divided State: Attempts to Create Truth Commissions in Bosnia-Herzegovina

*Jasna Dragovic-Soso, Goldsmiths, University of London*

War Criminals in the Police: The Role of Civil Society in Vetting Processes

*Gemma Collantes, City University*

**16:00-16:30 Coffee Break**

**16:30-18.00 POLICY DIALOGUE - ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**Chair: David Gowan, University of Birmingham**

Joanna Hanson, Research Analysts, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Filippo Addarii, Euclid Network for Third Sector Leaders

Gabriel Partos, Economist Intelligence Unit

**Registration details:**

Registration for the LSE event on Civil Society and Transitions in the Western Balkans is free. To attend the workshop, please register by e-mailing Mr. Ivan Kovanovic at [EuroInst.LSEE@lse.ac.uk](mailto:EuroInst.LSEE@lse.ac.uk). Places will be reserved on first come, first serve basis.

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