



## LSE Research Conference

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**Big Conference Room in Matica hrvatska Palace, Strossmayerov trg 4, Zagreb, Croatia**  
**10-11 May 2010**

## Regional Policy and Decentralisation in South East Europe

### PROGRAMME

#### **Monday 10 May**

8.30-9.30: Registration

9.30-10.00: **Welcome and Introduction**: Chair: Will Bartlett. Vassilis Monastiriotis, LSE, London; Mirko Hempel, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Zagreb; Ministry of Science, Education and Sports (tbc); Sanja Tišma, Director, IMO, Zagreb

**10.00 -11.00: Key Note Lecture - Professor Bruno Dallago (University of Trento)**

Chair: Will Bartlett (LSE, London)

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

### **Session I – 11.30-13.00: Experiences from Decentralisation**

Chair: Johannes Jung (Former Member of the Deutsche Bundestag, Germany)

The Impact of Decentralisation on Local Public Services and Local Economic Development – The Example of Local Democracy Agencies and Decentralised Cooperation of the Units of Local Self-Government  
*Stanka Parać (Association of Local Democracy Agencies)*

Towards Policy Entrepreneurship at Community Level: The Impact of Decentralisation on Local Public Services in Macedonia  
*Marija Risteska (CRPM, Skopje)*

Great Expectations: Mapping the Success of Inter-Municipal Cooperation in Romania  
*Cristina Stanus (Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj)*

*Discussant: Milica Uvalić (University of Belgrade and University of Perugia)*

13.00-13.45 Lunch

### **Session II – 13.45-15.15: Decentralisation and Regional Policy**

Chair: Sanja Maleković (IMO, Zagreb)

Regional Development: A Further Step in Ensuring Balanced Decentralised Governance and Equitable Development across the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
*M. Stojkoska, L. Gonzalez Canoura and S. Stefanovska-Trajanoska (UNDP, Skopje)*

New Opportunities for Regional and Local Actors in Croatia in Supporting Socio-Economic Development  
*Jakša Puljiz, Sanja Maleković, and Sanja Tišma (IMO, Zagreb)*

Regional Development and the New Regionalism in Serbia  
*Mina Petrović and Vera Backović (Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade)*

*Discussant: George Andreou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)*

15.15-15.30: Coffee break

### **Session III – 15.30-17.30: Europeanisation, Decentralisation and Regional Policy**

Chair: James Ker-Lindsay (LSE, London)

Europeanisation Effects on Domestic Convergence: A Case Study of Macedonia  
*Gorica Atanasova (Ministry of Justice, Skopje)*

Decentralisation and Regional Policy in Eastern Europe: Considerations on Romania and Bulgaria  
*Cristina Matiuta (University of Oradea, Romania)*

Regional Policy and Decentralization in Croatia: Bringing Order into Chaos or Business as Usual?

*Vedran Đulabić (Faculty of Law, Zagreb)*

The NUTS2 View of Croatia

*Professor Ivo Bićanić (Faculty of Economics, Zagreb)*

*Discussant: Natasa Gejić (National Socio-Economic Development Programme, Belgrade)*

**19.30-21.30 Conference Dinner**

## **Tuesday 11 May**

### **Session IV - 9.00-10.30: Decentralisation and the Public Sector**

Chair: Will Bartlett (LSE, London)

The Role of the Third Sector in Providing Social Services at the Local Level in Transitional Serbia

*Marija Kolin (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade)*

Public Investments and Regional Income Convergence: Empirical Analysis of the Croatian Regions

*Sasa Drezgić (Faculty of Economics, Rijeka)*

The Political Economy of Local Level Public Sector Employment: A Case Study of Serbia

*Sonja Avlijas and Milica Uvalić (University of Belgrade and University of Perugia)*

*Discussant: Paul Stubbs (Institute of Economics, Zagreb)*

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

### **Session V - 11.00-12.30: Decentralisation and Ethnicity**

Chair: Nevenka Čučković (IMO)

Decentralisation as an Effective Tool of State-Building? The Cases of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo

*Lana Srzić (Graduate Institute, Geneva)*

Regionalisation of Serbia: Dismemberment or Consolidation?

*Novak Gajić (Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, Belgrade)*

Decentralisation in Kosovo: Furthering National Unity or Ethnic Isolation?

*Lars Burema (ECMI, Priština)*

*Discussant: James Ker-Lindsay (LSE, London)*

12.30-13.30: Lunch

#### **Session VI – 13.30-15.00: Fiscal Decentralisation**

Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)

Less is more: Decentralisation in Croatia and its Impact on Regional Development

*Dubravka Jurlina Alibegović (Institute of Economics, Zagreb)*

The Integration of Administrative and Fiscal Decentralisation – The Case of Albania

*Englantina Gjini (ZMIMSC Foundation, Tirana)*

What to Do when Fiscal Decentralisation Fails?

*Tereza Rogić Lugarić and Mihovil Škarica (Faculty of Law, Zagreb)*

*Discussant: Professor Ivo Bićanić (Faculty of Economics, Zagreb)*

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

#### **Session VII - 15.30-17.00: Regional Policy and Performance**

Chair: Paul Mylonas (National Bank of Greece, Athens)

Regional Development in North-East Montenegro

*Will Bartlett (LSE) and Professor Božidar Sisević (Employment Agency of Montenegro)*

Measuring Regional Competitiveness: The Case of Croatia

*Kresimir Jurlin and Nevenka Čučković (IMO, Zagreb)*

Does Strategic Planning of Local Economic Development in Vojvodina Municipalities Improve Cooperation between Public and Private Sectors?

*Dragiša Mijačić (Maastricht Graduate School of Governance)*

*Discussant: Mirjana Dragičević, (Faculty of Economics, Zagreb)*

**17.00: End of the Conference**