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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 Bičanić (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