



# **Programme for LSEE Workshop on Economics of the Western Balkans**

24 – 25 June 2019

**Venue:** Vera Anstey Room, Old Building, LSE, Houghton St, Holborn, London WC2A 2AE

## **Monday, June 24**

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 10:15 **Introduction and welcome**

**Vassilis Monastiriotis**, Director of LSEE

10:15 – 11:45 **Session 1: Financial systems**

**Maja Ivanovic**, Non-performing loans in Montenegro: Determinates and macroeconomic impact

**Gerti Shijaku**, How does competition affect bank stability after the global financial crisis in the case of Albanian banking system?

11:45 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:30 **Session 2: Growth and performance**

**Karlo Vujeva**, Growth diagnostics of Croatia

**Peter Tabak**, Economic performance of state-owned enterprises in emerging economies: A cross-country study

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 3: History and institutions**

**Bogdan G. Popescu**, Military Colonialism, Communal Property Rights and Long-Term Development: A Quasi-Natural Experiment in the Habsburg Empire

**Leonard Kukic**, The Burden of Memory: Persistence of Ethnic Conflict in Yugoslavia



16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 18:00 **Session 4: Trade and investment**

**Sasa Randjelovic**, Public and private investment nexus in Central and Eastern Europe: Crowding-in or crowding-out?

**Mile Bosnjak**, Hysteresis in trade flows of South East European countries

**Tuesday, June 25**

09:30 – 11:15 **Session 5: Firms and entrepreneurship**

**Luca J. Uberti**, Bribes, Rents and Industrial Firm Performance in Albania and Kosovo

**Jurica Zrnc**, Clean your 'sheet: The Interfirm Late Payment Clearinghouse

**Danijela Stosic Panic**, Entrepreneurial self-efficacy and business success of Serbian entrepreneurs: A pilot study

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:15 **Session 6: Labour and education**

**Iva Tomic**, Employment protection reforms: how have they transformed the labour market in Croatia?

**Venera Demukaj**, Tuning in to stereotypes: How gendered are educational choices in Kosovo?

**Will Bartlett**, Skills gaps facing private enterprises in the Western Balkans: are they holding back economic development and growth?

13:15 **Closing remarks and goodbye**



## **List of participants:**

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**Mile Bosnjak**, University of Zagreb

**Venera Demukaj**, Rochester Institute of Technology Kosovo

**Maja Ivanovic**, Central Bank of Montenegro

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**Vassilis Monastiriotis**, London School of Economics

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