



5th Conference of the LSEE Research Network on Social Cohesion in South East Europe *in collaboration with EBRD*

Economic and social inclusion in an age of political uncertainty in
South East Europe

Professors' Hall,
University of Belgrade,
Faculty of Economics,
Kamenička Street 6

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PROGRAMME



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DAY 1 (Professors' Hall)

13.30-14.00: *Registration*

14.00-14.30: Opening remarks

Borislav Boričić, Dean, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Maruyama Junichi, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan in Republic of Serbia

Mattia Romani, Managing Director for Economics, Policy and Governance, EBRD

Vassilis Monastiriotis, Director, LSEE – London School of Economics

14.30-15.30: Keynote lecture

Ivana Dobrotić, University of Oxford, UK

“Childcare-related policies developments in the former Yugoslav countries and their implications for gender and social (in)equalities in care and employment”

Chair: Will Bartlett, LSEE & University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics

15.30-16.00: *Coffee break*

16.00-17.30: Policy Round Table: economic and social inclusion in the Western Balkans

Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis, LSEE

Biljana Ker-Lindsay, EBRD, London

Cristina Mereuta, ETF, Torino

Cristian Raileanu, Employment Policies Unit, Ministry of Labour and Social Justice, Romania

Slobodan Anić, Dunkermotoren

Discussant: Milica Uvalić, University of Perugia

19.30: Conference Dinner

DAY 2

09.15-10.45: Session 1a + 1b

1a: Labour markets and wages (Professors' Hall)

Chair: Ivana Prica, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Mihail Arandarenko, Dragan Aleksić Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade "A low-wage, high-tax trap in the Western Balkans"

Amela Kurta, Nermin Oruč & Dželila Kramer, Center for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research, Sarajevo "Envelope wages in BiH: Incidence and distributional implications"

Aleksandra Anić & Gorana Krstić, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade "Gender pay gap in Serbia"

Jadranka Kaluđerović, Vojin Golubović & Milika Mirković, Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses, Montenegro "In-work poverty in Montenegro"

1b: Social protection policies and innovations (Room 24, II floor)

Chair: Saša Randjelović, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Artan Mustafa, University for Business and Technology, Kosovo & **Maja Gerovska Mitev, Ss.** Cyril & Methodius University in Skopje "Continuities and changes in social protection expenditure in the Western Balkans: Financing sources, determinants and redistribution"

Bernard Casey, London School of Economics and Political Science "Pension policy developments in South East Europe"

Sonila Danaj & Anette Scoppetta, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna "Challenges and opportunities in integrating social and employment services for vulnerable groups in the Western Balkans: a comparative analysis"

Enkeleida Tahiraj, LSEE - London School of Economics and Political Science "Renewed boundaries of social policy: basic income and a new social contract"

10.45-11.15: Coffee Break

11.15- 12.45: Session 2a + 2b

2a: Labour market institutions and youth employment (Professors' Hall)

Chair: Mihail Arandarenko, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Elvisa Drishti & Visar Dizdari, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi" "Cross national comparison of job types: analysis using the EU LFS & Albanian LFS"

Elma Demir, Goldsmiths University of London "Organized anarchy: how informal rules and institutional corruption shape the labour market in Bosnia and Herzegovina"

Vassilis Monastiriotis, LSE & Iva Tomić, Institute of Economics Zagreb "Youth unemployment in Croatia"

Kseniia Oleneva, Institute for Public Policy and Good Governance, Tirana "Self-employment as a viable solution for youth integration in the labor market: The case of Albania"

2b: Inequality and redistribution (Room 24, II floor)**Chair: Jelena Žarković Rakić**, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Dragan Tevdovski , Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje & Viktor Stojkoski , Academy of Sciences and Arts of North Macedonia	“The ergodic hypothesis in South East Europe”
Jelena Žarković & Saša Ranđelović , Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade & Marko Vladislavljević , Institute for Economic Sciences, Belgrade	“The distributional impact of Serbia’s taxes and social spending”
Marko Vladislavljević, Jovan Zubović, Mihajlo Đukić & Olivera Jovanović , Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade	“The effect of tobacco excise increases on inequality in Serbia”
Jovan Pejkovski , Ss Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje	“Social disparities and economic opportunities in the SEE countries”

12.45-14.00 Lunch**14.00- 15.30: Session 3a + 3b****3a: Female labour market activity and entrepreneurship (Professors’ Hall)****Chair: Irena Janković**, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Marija Andonova & Nikica Mojsoska-Blazevski , University American College, Skopje	“Determinants of female (in)activity on the labour market: A comparative perspective within a group of Mediterranean and South-Eastern Europe countries”
Besnik Krasniqi , University of Prishtina	“Female labour market participation and skills in Kosovo”
Azra Branković & Azra Bičo , International University of Sarajevo	“Case study on female entrepreneurship in Bosnia and Herzegovina”
Ermira Kalaj , University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"	“Female entrepreneurship in Albania: analysis of incentives and disincentives”

3b: Vocational skills and work-based learning (Room 24, II floor)**Chair: Mladen Stamenković**, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Wolfgang Frimmel, Johannes Kepler University Linz & Burim Prenaj and Fitor Murati , University of Prishtina	“Skill-mismatch and the consequences in the labor market: Evidence from Kosovo”
Sidita Dibra , University of Tirana & Elvisa Drishti , University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”	“Blended learning in vocational education and training in Albania: preparing youth for the future of work”
Vesna Fabian & Maja Jandrić , Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade	“Quality of realization of vocational training and the position of the individual in the labour market”
Nina Branković , Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb	“Apprenticeship system in Bosnia and Herzegovina: myth or reality”

15.30-16.00: Coffee Break

16.00-17.30: Session 4a + 4b

4a: Fiscal decentralisation and unequal development (Professors' Hall)

Chair: **Dejan Molnar**, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

Aida Gjika, University of Tirana, **Mehtap Hisarciklilar**, Coventry University & **Iraj Hashi**, Staffordshire University
"Is fiscal decentralisation a "normal good"? Empirical evidence from transition economies"

Katarina Djulić, FEFA, Belgrade
Book launch: "Fiscal decentralisation and policy reversals in South East Europe"

Dubravka Jurlina Alibegović, EIZ, Zagreb
"Tax autonomy of Croatian cities in the 2002–2018 period"

Will Bartlett, LSEE, **Besnik Krasniqi**, University of Prishtina & **Jasmina Ahmetbasić**, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
"Attracting FDI to the Western Balkans: special economic zones and regional unequal development "

4b: Integrating migrants (Room 24, II floor)

Chair: **Milica Uvalić**, University of Perugia, Italy

Ružica Simić Banović, University of Zagreb, **Mirela Alpeza**, J.J. Strossmayer University, Osijek & **Jan Brzozowski**, Cracow University of Economics
"The cleavage between rising need of immigrant (social) entrepreneurship and rising barriers facing it: the case of Croatia"

Maja Marković, NGO Juventas, Podgorica
"The effect of the active employment measures to the internal youth migrations"

Bresena Koplaku, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"
"The challenges of integrating returned migrants in the Albanian labour market"

Merita Xhumari, University of Tirana
"The correlations between social protection and migration in Albania"

17.30-18.00: Plenary session: Wrapping up and future plans (Professors' Hall)

Vassilis Monastiriotis, Dragana Marjanovic, Mihail Arandarenko, Will Bartlett

18.00: End of Conference