PROGRAMME

SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

FRIDAY 24 – SUNDAY 26 MAY 2013
BELGRADE, SERBIA
Conference Objectives

• To provide opportunities for researchers dealing with the region to meet, network, exchange and discuss their research projects and results;
• To discuss the challenges, contradictions and ambivalences in the transformation process of the social sciences field within the Balkans;
• To discuss potential areas that may be addressed to more effectively influence policy development with the aid of scientific research results.

Location:
Hotel Holiday Inn, Spanskih boraca 74, Belgrade, Serbia

Follow-up information:
## Programme

### 14:00 – 14:15
**Welcoming Address and Opening Speech**

JEAN-DANIEL RUCH, Swiss Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia and to Montenegro
Challenges to the Region from the Perspective of Switzerland

### 14:15 – 14:30
**Nicolas Hayoz**, RRPP Programme Director, University of Fribourg
**Dejan Eric**, Director IEN, RRPP Local Coordination Unit, Serbia
Welcome, RRPP in Short and Presentation of the Conference Programme

### 14:30 – 14:45
**Zarko Obradovic**, Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development
Social Science Research in Serbia

### 14:45 – 15:00
**Susanne Zumstein**, Programme Manager Serbia, Advisor to the SDC
Research Programme in Western Balkans
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC
Switzerland’s interest in a strong research community in the Western Balkans

### 15:00 – 15:40
**Keynote 1**

MLADEN DRAGASEVIC, Head of Building Human Capital and Crosscutting Issues Unit, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
Regional Cooperation Council’s Perspective: Major Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Cooperation and Research in the Western Balkans

15’ Presentation, 25’ Plenum Discussion

### 15:40 – 16:00
Coffee Break

### 16:00 – 16:40
**Keynote 2**

MIHAIL ARANDARENKO, Professor of Labour Economics at the Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade and Director of the Foundation for the Advancement of Economics
Social and Economic Disparities in the Western Balkans, Burning Issues and Perspectives

15’ Presentation, 25’ Plenum Discussion

### 16:40 – 17:00
Wrap-up and Presentation of the Programme for the Next Day

### 17:00
**Research Fair**

Presentation

**SCOPES**: Scientific Co-operation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland, Call for Proposals

EVELYNE GLÄTTLI, Swiss National Science Foundation

NIKOLA SAVIC, Data Centre Western Balkans

Promotion of Books and Studies

1. CLAIRE GORDON AND MARKO KMEZIC: Joint Volume, Stagnation and Drift in the Western Balkans, The Challenges of Political, Economic and Social Change
2. ABDYLMENAF SEJDI AND ESMERALDA SHEHAJ: Research Study, Brain Circulation and the Role of Diasporas in the Balkans
3. MARKO VLADISAVLJEVIC: Research Study, Gender Pay Gap in the Western Balkan Countries: Evidence from Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia

Moderator: ANDJELA LALOVIC, RRPP Coordinator, Bosnia and Herzegovina

### 19:30
Dinner
## Workshops: Saturday, 25 May, 9:00 – 13:45

### Gender Politics and Discourses
- **Discussants:** Milica Antic, Aleksandra Kanjuo-Mrcela, Elissa Helms, Vlasta Jalusic

#### 9:00 – 9:45
- **VLADISAVLJEVIC, MARKO**
  - Serbia
  - Gender Pay Gap in the Western Balkan Countries: Evidence from Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia
  - RRPP Regional Project

#### 9:45 – 10:30
- **OGJENOVIC, KOSOVKA**
  - Serbia
  - Wage Differences in Serbia: Some Evidences from the Early Period of Economic Transition
  - University of Belgrade, Serbia

#### 10:45 – 11:30
- **SHEHAJ, ESMERALDA**
  - Albania
  - Women’s Inclusion in the Socioeconomic Life: Determinants of Female Labour Force Participation in the Western Balkan
  - RRPP Regional Project

#### 11:30 – 12:15
- **JOVANOVSKA, BOJANA**
  - Macedonia
  - Constructing Gender in the Context of Work: Creating and Re-Creating Gender Inequality on the Labour Market in the Republic of Macedonia
  - University of Applied Sciences Alice Salomon in Berlin, Germany

### Media, Political and Social Discourses
- **Discussants:** Steffen Kolb, Zrinjka Perusko, Sabina Mihelj, James Stanley

#### 9:00 – 9:45
- **LAHI, RREZART**
  - Albania
  - Political Advertising: How New and Old Democracies Make Use of It
  - European University of Tirana, Albania

#### 9:45 – 10:30
- **MYZEQARI, IRENA**
  - Albania
  - E-Elections and E-Political Debate: The Role of New Media in the Electoral Campaign: The Case of Albania
  - European University of Tirana, Albania

#### 10:45 – 11:30
- **AHMETASEVIC, NIDZARA**
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Intervening in the Media Sector: Media Anarchy in post-war Bosnia
  - University of Graz, Austria

#### 11:30 – 12:15
- **JUSIC, TARIK**
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Development of Functional Media Institutions in Western Balkans – A Comparative Study
  - RRPP Regional Project

### Democracy, Networks and Informality
- **Discussants:** Nicolas Hayoz, Vedran Dzihic, Abel Polese, Drini Imani

#### 9:00 – 9:45
- **ZHLLIMA, EDVIN**
  - Albania
  - Education-Specific Corruption in the Western Balkans
  - RRPP Regional Project

#### 9:45 – 10:30
- **KOUTKOVA, KARLA**
  - Czech Republic
  - The Importance of Having Štěla: Reproduction of Informality through Democracy Assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

#### 10:45 – 11:30
- **MERKAJ, ELVINA REXHEPI, SEVIL**
  - Albania, Macedonia
  - Political and Equity Implications of Intergovernmental Transfers – The Case of Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia
  - RRPP Regional Project

### New Social Disparities & Social and Economic Change
- **Discussants:** Claire Gordon, Stephen Sinclair, William Bartlett, Mihail Arandarenko

#### 9:00 – 9:45
- **EFENDIC, ADNAN**
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Ethnic Tensions, Institutional and Economic Performance in Bosnia and Herzegovina: What are(not) the Casual Links?
  - RRPP Regional Project

#### 9:45 – 10:30
- **BINO, BLERJANA**
  - Albania
  - Street Children in Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia and Kosovo: Spaces and Identities in a Struggle for Survival
  - RRPP Regional Project

#### 10:45 – 11:30
- **BRANKOVIC, NINA**
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Socio-Economic Challenges of the Vocational Education and Training in Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - University of Zagreb, Croatia and University of Oslo, Norway

### Migration, Diasporas and Remittances
- **Discussants:** Geoffrey Pugh, Lantona Sado, Janine Dahinden, Tanja Pavlov

#### 9:00 – 9:45
- **ORUC, NERMIN SAKA, TEUTA**
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania
  - Linking Rural Entrepreneurs and Diaspora in Albania and Bosnia Herzegovina
  - RRPP Regional Project

#### 9:45 – 10:30
- **JOSHEVSKA, JOVANKA**
  - Macedonia
  - Migration and Development in Albania and Macedonia: the Effects of Remittances on Education and Health of Family Members Left Behind
  - RRPP Regional Project

#### 10:45 – 11:30
- **JOVANOVIC, BRANIMIR SMAJIC ERMACORA, SENADA**
  - Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - To Consume or to Self-Employ? Evidence from Remittances’ Use in Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, with Emphasis on Crisis, Gender and Ethnicity Role
  - RRPP Regional Project

### Lunch
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**WORKSHOPS: SATURDAY, 25 MAY, 13:45 – 17:00**

**13:45 – 14:30**

- **GENDER POLITICS AND DISCOURSES**
  - MILUTINOVIC BOJANIC, SANJA
  - PAVIC ZENTNER, VERICA
  - Serbia
  - Gender Perspectives in Family Socialization
  - RRPP Regional Project

  - MINOCHKINA, IANA
  - Russia
  - Breaking the Habit: Gaps in the National Strategies against Domestic Violence in Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - University of Moscow, Russia

- **MEDIA, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCOURSES**
  - SINANI, ENTELA
  - Albania
  - Issues of Albanian Internal Migration Represented in the Printed Media
  - University of Genoa, Italy

  - RASIDAGIC, ESREF-KENAN
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Media between Freedom and Dependence: the Role of Print Media in the Process of Refugee Return
  - RRPP Regional Project

- **DEMOCRACY, NETWORKS AND INFORMATIVITY**
  - MILUTINOVIC, SVETLANA
  - BALLI, BRIKENA
  - Serbia, Albania
  - Transnational Networks, Transnational Entrepreneurship and Role of the State
  - RRPP Regional Project

  - HROMADZIC, AZRA
  - USA
  - Cheating Citizens: Youth’s Engagement with the State in Post-war and Post-socialist Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Syracuse University, Syracuse NY, USA

- **NEW SOCIAL DISPARITIES & SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE**
  - CVETICANIN, PREDRAG
  - POPOVIKJ, MISHA
  - Serbia, Macedonia
  - Perception and Evaluation of Socio-Economic Changes in Western Balkans.
  - RRPP Regional Project

  - ARCHER, RORY
  - Ireland
  - Social Disparities and Housing Shortages in Socialist and Post-socialist Serbia
  - University of Graz, Austria

- **MIGRATION, DIASPORAS AND REMITTANCES**
  - GJIPALI, ARSENA
  - Albania
  - Internal Migration in Albania: Analysis of Determinants and Impacts
  - University of Tirana, Albania

  - BASIC, SANELA
  - ZHYRA, BEDALLI
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania
  - The Impact of Migration on Women Empowerment in Western Balkans Countries
  - RRPP Regional Project

**14:30 – 15:15**

- **GENDER POLITICS AND DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - SINGER, FRANZISKA
  - Germany
  - Religion and Feminism: Banned from Women’s Rights Groups in Bosnia – Herzegovina?
  - Philips-University of Marburg, Germany

- **MEDIA, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - DONOV, DEJAN
  - Macedonia
  - Europe, Here and There: Analysis of Europeanization Discourse in the Western Balkans Media
  - RRPP Regional Project

- **DEMOCRACY, NETWORKS AND INFORMATIVITY** (continued)
  - VAJZOVIC, EMIR
  - MARKO, DAVOR
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia
  - Minority and Media in Western Balkan: Regional Comparative Research Project on Quality of Minority Media Content
  - RRPP Regional Project

- **NEW SOCIAL DISPARITIES & SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE** (continued)
  - MARKOVIC, GORAN
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Comparative Analyses of Democratic Performances of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro Parliaments
  - RRPP Regional Project

- **MIGRATION, DIASPORAS AND REMITTANCES** (continued)
  - RUEGGER, SERAINA
  - Switzerland
  - Refugees, Ethnicity and Conflict Diffusion: The Case of the Kosovo Albanian Refugees
  - ETH Zurich, Switzerland

**15:15 – 15:30**

- **COFFEE BREAK**

- **GENDER POLITICS AND DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - GUDEVSKA NIKOVSKA, DANCA
  - Macedonia
  - Evaluation of the Health Care System in the Republic of Macedonia – Equity, Access to Health and Social Determinants of Health – Are we Equal?
  - University Ss Cyril and Methodius, Macedonia

- **MEDIA, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - MARCIC, SINISA
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Informal Institutions in the Western Balkans: An Advantage or a Threat to Democratic Consolidation?
  - University of New South Wales, Australia

- **DEMOCRACY, NETWORKS AND INFORMATIVITY** (continued)
  - KADIA, BESART
  - Albania
  - Institutions and Growth in the Western Balkan Economies
  - European University of Tirana, Albania

- **NEW SOCIAL DISPARITIES & SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE** (continued)
  - GJIPALI, ARSENA
  - Albania
  - Internal Migration in Albania: Analysis of Determinants and Impacts
  - University of Tirana, Albania

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- **GENDER POLITICS AND DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - CELANJU, ARTEMISA
  - Albania
  - Political Parties: a Cause of Women’s Underrepresentation in Politics in Albania
  - University of Bologna, Italy

- **MEDIA, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - BALEI, BREKINA
  - Serbia, Albania
  - Democracy, Networks and Formality
  - RRPP Regional Project

- **DEMOCRACY, NETWORKS AND INFORMATIVITY** (continued)
  - NICOLAS HAYOZ
  - VEDRAN DZIHIC
  - ABE POLESE
  - DRINI IMAMI
  - DE M O C R A Y, N E T W O R K S A N D I N F O R M A L I T Y
  - RRPP Regional Project

- **NEW SOCIAL DISPARITIES & SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE** (continued)
  - CLAIRE GORDON
  - STEPHEN SINCLAIR
  - WILLIAM BARTLETT
  - MIHAIL ARANDARENKO
  - NEW S OC I A L D I S P A R I T I E S & S OC I A L A N D E C O N O M I C C H A N G E
  - RRPP Regional Project

**16:15 – 17:00**

- **GENDER POLITICS AND DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - HALILOVIC, HARIZ
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Translocal Diasporas in Transnational Contexts: Bosnian Migrants in Austria, the USA and Australia
  - Monash University, Australia

- **MEDIA, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCOURSES** (continued)
  - RUEGGER, SERAINA
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About RRPP

The Regional Research Promotion Programme in the Western Balkans (RRPP) is managed by the University of Fribourg upon mandate of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). It was established with the purpose to advance research in the Social Sciences in the Western Balkan countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. This partnership programme was created following a wide consultation process involving well-respected researchers and research institutions in the region, Switzerland and other European countries. The RRPP operates through three inter-related pillars:

1. Provision of grants for regional social science research projects dealing with issues related to the transition process;

2. Provision of trainings, international mentoring projects and enabling regional and international cooperation (through conferences, round-tables and other events);

3. Establishing mechanisms advocating for improvement of the status of social sciences and linking relevant research and policy-making processes through involvement of major actors of the core research process: researchers, universities, ministries, parliaments, academies, think-tanks, CSOs, media and publishing houses and other relevant stakeholders.

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