

## PROGRAMME

### Social, Political and Economic Change in the Western Balkans

**25-27 June 2010, Durrës, Albania**  
 Second RRPP Annual Scientific Conference

#### Conference Objectives

- Discuss the transformation in Albania;
- Present and discuss RRPP and external research projects and results (including methods-related issues);
- Discuss the challenges, contradictions and ambivalences resulting from the transformation process with which the researchers in the field of social sciences are confronted in the Balkans;
- Enable regional and international networking; establish communication and opportunities for new regional research partnerships.

**Location: Albania, Durrës**, Hotel Adriatik, Lagjia 13, Plazh Durrës, <http://www.adriatikhotel.com/en/default.htm>

**Follow-up information and materials:** [http://www.rrpp-westernbalkans.net/events\\_pr](http://www.rrpp-westernbalkans.net/events_pr)

Day 1, Friday, 25 June	
<b>Research fair and informal dinner</b>	
afternoon	Arrival of participants
19:00	Research Fair - Opening
20:00	Informal Dinner

**Day 2, Saturday, 26 June**

**PART I – Opening and keynote speeches: 09.00 – 12.30**

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Formal opening and introduction</b> Nicolas Hayoz, RRPP Programme Director
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Swiss support to the region and importance of the Social Sciences and research in the Western Balkans</b> Yvana Enzler, Swiss Ambassador to Albania
10:00 – 10:45	<b><i>It was so good when it was worse: how post-totalitarian Albania deals with the democratic paradoxes</i></b> Ermal Hasimja, Political Scientist, Albania
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:45	<b>The view from the ground in post-communist Albania versus the view from the top</b> Clarissa de Waal, Social Anthropologist, Author of the Book: <i>Albania Today A Portrait of Post-communist Turbulence</i>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Discussion with participants and keynote speakers</b> Moderation: Nicolas Hayoz, RRPP Programme Director
12:30 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch

**PART II – Workshops: 13.30 – 18.00**

<b>EU, conflict management and democracy</b> Discussants/Moderators: Daniel Bochsler & Nenad Stojanovic	<b>Development, Migration and Inclusion</b> Discussants/Moderators: Gianni D'Amato & Bashkim Iseni	<b>Identities, Ethnicity and Conflicts</b> Discussants/Moderators: Christian Giordano & Albert Doja	<b>Gender and Knowledge Production</b> Discussants/Moderators: Lea Sgier & Milica Antic	<b>State Structures, Elites and Civil Society</b> Discussants/Moderators: Nicolas Hayoz & Arben Hajrullahu
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<p><b>Faculty of Law/Department of Political Science, SS. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje</b></p> <p>The role of the European Union in democratic consolidation and ethnic conflict management in the Republic of Macedonia (MK)</p>	<p><b>National Institute of Statistics of Albania (INSTAT)</b></p> <p>The socio-demographic changes of the family and child development in Albania (AL)</p>	<p><b>Mediacentar, Sarajevo</b></p> <p>(Un)covering Karadzic: a case study on media (re)production of national ideologies in the former Yugoslavia (BH, CRO, SRB)</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Philosophy, University of Tuzla</b></p> <p>Construing cultural identity and key developments within modern national projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH)</p>	<p><b>Center for Research and Policy Making, Skopje</b></p> <p>Mapping the leaders in Macedonia and Albania: elite potential for promoting positive social change (AL, MK)</p>
<p><b>Centre for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (CIPS), University of Sarajevo</b></p> <p>State or nation building? Visions, controversies and perspectives of political transition in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH)</p>	<p><b>Advanced Studies Center, Tirana</b></p> <p>Study over the affect of remittances on the social cohesion (AL)</p>	<p><b>University of New York, Tirana</b></p> <p>Beyond ethnic divisions: the underestimated dimension of social divisions in the Balkans and their impact on social cohesion and democracy (AL, BH, KS, MK, SRB)</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Philosophy, Institute of Gender Studies, SS. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje</b></p> <p>Gender practice of the Universities in the Republic of Macedonia: inclusion/exclusion of women in the decision making structures and processes (MK)</p>	<p><b>Department of Political Science, University of Prishtina</b></p> <p>Civil society in Kosovo since 1999 (KS)</p>
<p><b>FORUM Skopje</b></p> <p>Federalization or unitary state: the permanent dilemma of multiethnic societies. The case of the Republic of Macedonia (MK)</p>	<p><b>Development Solutions Associates, Tirana</b></p> <p>Assessing land rights security in the context of agriculture and social development in rural Albania (AL)</p>	<p><b>Center for Social and Cultural Repair, Banja Luka</b></p> <p>Construction of national and ethnic identities among youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH)</p>	<p><b>Euro-Balkan Institute for Social and Humanities Research, Skopje</b></p> <p>The nation-state and the institutions of academic knowledge: production and legitimation of dominant discourses of/on knowledge about society (MK)</p>	<p><b>Ilire Agimi</b></p> <p>The struggle between politics and reform in state building: the Kosovo case</p>
<p><b>Dominik Tolksdorf</b></p> <p>The difficulties of the European Union in supporting the State-Building process and Europeanization of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	<p><b>Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation Studiorum, Skopje</b></p> <p>Equity in health in Macedonia: socio-economic, financial and human security aspects (MK)</p>	<p><b>Analytica, Skopje</b></p> <p>Between the internal and external 'other': de-constructing Macedonian national identity (MK)</p>	<p><b>Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana</b></p> <p>Monitoring Albanian steps towards gender equality: gender quotas in politics (AL)</p>	<p><b>Jelena Loncar</b></p> <p>Development of state-civil society relations in Serbia after democratic changes in 2000</p>

15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
<b>Gezim Selaci</b> Legitimacy of International Transitional Administration in Kosovo	<b>South East European University (SEEU), Tetovo</b> Brain drain and the role of Diasporas in promoting knowledge and empowering the marginalised in the Balkans (AL, KS, MK)	<b>Radovic Srdjan</b> "Turbine of Globalization" vs. "The Balkans As It Once Was": Notions on Europe and Serbia amid Post-Socialist Transformation	<b>Centre for Research, Art and Civic Engagement "The City" (Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Pro Femina (Belgrade, Serbia)</b> Towards transformative politics: intersecting knowledge production and social activism (BH, SRB)	<b>Fernando Casal</b> Party System institutionalization in new Western Balkans Democracies, Sources & Consequences
<b>Marius Calu</b> Beyond Liberal peacebuilding: The role of the EU in Kosovo and the question of sovereignty	<b>Citizens Association REACTOR</b> "Research in action", Skopje Generation "Getting Nowhere": the transitions of the unemployed youth in transitional Macedonia (MK)	<b>Herbert Preiss</b> Conflict at the Interface: National Divisions, Class Inequalities and Hegemonic Struggles in Kosovo and Northern Ireland	<b>Centre for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (CIPS)</b> University of Sarajevo Feminisms in post-socialist Muslim contexts (BH, KS)	<b>Malgorzata Rusiecka</b> The key factors shaping the democratization process in selected countries of former Yugoslavia
<b>Mateja Peter</b> Constructing democracy through outside intervention: the authority and priorities of the High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina over time	<b>Erka Caro</b> Migrant adjustment to urban communities in Albania: Impact of internal migration and urbanization process	<b>Darko Karacic</b> Changes in History Education in Post-Conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Path to Reconciliation?	<b>Brikena Qafa-Osmani</b> Women's Voices, Women's Pain: Experience of Marital Violence among Women in Berat City, Albania	
	<b>Andrew Graan</b> On Doing Nothing: Epidemic Unemployment, Youth Citizenship and Urban Sociality in Skopje, Macedonia	<b>Sofiya Zahova</b> Historiography on Montenegrin Ethnic Past and Politics of Identity in Montenegro	<b>Enkelejda Sula-Raxhimi</b> Socio-cultural roots of poverty, violence and their occurrence among Roma women	
19:30	<b>Dinner</b>			

**Day 3, Sunday, 27 June**

**Part III – WS reports; Current and Future Research Agenda**

Moderation: Nicolas Hayoz, RRPP Programme Director; Reports: Discussants

**09.00 – 13.00**

09:00 – 09:30	Workshop Report and discussion: <b>EU, Conflict Management and Democracy (Discussants)</b>
09:30 – 10:15	Workshop Report and discussion: <b>Development, Migration and Inclusion (Discussants)</b>
10:15 – 10:45	Workshop Report and discussion: <b>Identities and Conflict Management (Discussants)</b>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 11:45	Workshop Report and discussion: <b>Gender and Knowledge Production (Discussants)</b>
11.45 – 12.15	Workshop Report and discussion: <b>State Structures, Elites and Civil Society (Discussants)</b>
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Transformation in the Western Balkans and Research in the Field of Social Sciences – the Future Agenda</b> Nicolas Hayoz
12.00 – 12.30	<b>Closing remarks</b> , Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Ralph Friedländer, SDC Programme Manager for Regional Programmes in Culture and Research in the Western Balkans & Daniel Züst, SDC Country Director, Albania

## 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 research projects dealing with issues related to the transition process in individual countries and in the entire region;
2. Provision of methodological colloquia and thematic trainings;
3. Enabling and strengthening regional interaction and cooperation (through conferences and other events).

