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Foreword by Jovan Donev

Executive Director

We are approaching the tenth anniversary of our existence. With a lot of hard work we are achieving our goals with which we can be proud in marking the challenging yet filled with contentment ten years of our being.

This year we got the accreditation for postgraduate studies in Southeast Europe and we have become one among the rare in Macedonia as well as in the region that will educate teachers, researchers and professionals which will contribute to the scientifically grounded and original interpretation, elaboration and explanation of the phenomena in Balkan politics, history and culture, as an integral part of the European system of values.

Enthused by these motives, yet aware of the great importance of our international academic program – Ohrid Summer University (OSU), this year we have decided to increase its scope of activities. For the first time this year we have organized the winter colloquium, which we hope will turn into a tradition. By this method we believe that the

summer schools which are organized within the framework of OSU will have their follow ups in the course of the upcoming academic year. Furthermore, by initiating the winter colloquium we have awarded the Ohrid Summer University with an acknowledgement it deserves after then years of existence and persistence with relation to its core ideal, to pursue the traditions of the St. Clement's University and to support the process of creating new academic elite on the Balkans.

Summarizing the last ninth year I can not avoid noticing the improvement of the human resources of our Institute. We have two new PhDs and one LL.M that have joined our faculty team.

I state this with pride since despite of all the challenges and financial struggles we do not give up on our dream to become fully equipped and internationally respectable scientific research institution in the region.

Prof. Dr. Jovan Donev
Executive Director

ABOUT “EURO-BALKAN” INSTITUTE

Mission

The “Euro-Balkan” Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities Research is an accredited self-standing higher education and scientific research institution. The Institute is committed to fostering academic excellence in research and postgraduate education in the social sciences and humanities by promoting a rare integrated interdisciplinary approach to studying and researching the complex problems facing the country and region from multiple and new perspectives for Macedonian academia. Due to this, “Euro-Balkan” is focused on developing cutting edge research and postgraduate teaching interdisciplinary programs in the social sciences and humanities (particularly in the areas of gender studies, cultural studies of the Balkans and Southeastern Europe, and political studies of Southeastern Europe).

Considering that the “Euro-Balkan” Institute as a higher education and academic research institution grew out of an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan and not-for-profit think tank, the Institute is deeply committed to integrating its academic research program with its policy research agenda by conducting complex and highly professional analyses, program evaluations, education and training activities, and pilot projects with the view of developing evidence based public policy in Macedonia, influencing public opinion, and thus significantly supporting reforms in all spheres of Macedonian society.

All research and education activities at the “Euro-Balkan” Institute are geared towards strengthening democracy, creating a progressive, open and inclusive society, developing an authentic European identity and culture deeply respectful of differences, encouraging regional and Euro-Atlantic integration and advocating for a sustainable development of the Republic of Macedonia.

Organizational structure

I. SCHOOL FOR REGIONAL STUDIES

- 1.1. Department for Post-Graduate Studies
- Department for Gender Studies
- Department for Knowledge Based Development
- Department for Contemporary Political Thought
- Department for Visual and Cultural Research

II. DIVISION FOR APPLIED POLICY RESEARCH

- 1.1. Resource Centre for Democracy and Security
- 1.2. Centre for Public Administration and Public Policies

III. OHRID SUMMER UNIVERSITY (OSU)

IV. LIBRARY DEPARTMENT AND ELECTRONIC NEWS ARCHIVE (ENA)

I. SCHOOL FOR REGIONAL STUDIES

The philosophy of the **School for Regional Studies** is to promote new theoretical concepts and methodological approaches in the academic community of Macedonia, as well as to insist on implementation of a problem oriented research as a defining component of each interdisciplinary approach. The dominant problem focus of the School is concentrated on the Balkan issue and its understanding primarily as a cultural area, as well as a geopolitical reality. Hence the idea to implement interdisciplinary and problem oriented regional studies, pronouncing gender issues, the politics of cultural identities and the euro-Atlantic perspective of the region.

One of the essential premises of the School for Regional Studies is the reaffirmation of the concept "Balkanian" and through theoretic and scientifically grounded criticism to "free" the concept from the ballast of pejorative description, which was imposed by its "Western" use.

The School is managed by the Director for Science and Post-Graduate Studies, Prof. Dr. Katerina Kolozova.

Department for post-graduate studies:

“Euro-Balkan” Institute is accredited to organize and pursue postgraduate program for Gender Studies, structured within the two main study subprograms:

- Philosophy and Gender Studies
- Sociology and Gender Studies

Since December 2008, “Euro-Balkan” Institute is accredited to organize and pursue postgraduate program for South East Europe Studies (regional Balkan studies).

The studies are organized in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Upon the successful completion of the study program in which the student is enrolled, and the successfully defended thesis, she/he can obtain the following degree (depending on the study cycle level):

- Ph.D. or M.A. in Political Studies of Southeast Europe
- Ph.D. or M.A. in Philosophy and Gender Studies
- Ph.D. or M.A. in Sociology and Gender Studies

Department for Gender Studies:

The Research Centre in Gender Studies (RCGS) introduces and promotes academic legitimacy of the gender/women’s/feminist studies, and pursues research, theoretical investigation, and education in this field in Macedonia and in the region of SEE. As a result of its consistent focusing on this basic mission, RCGS succeeded to influence the formal educational system in Macedonia and to incite establishing postgraduate courses in gender studies within the universities in the country. Main achievement in this sense has been the establishing of a joint, inter-institutional Centre for Curriculum Development in the area of gender studies with the State University – “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje.

Furthermore, the Centre has identified the need of acting on a less academic level, which will communicate closely with the activism. The idea of informal education in the field of gender/women’s studies was realized through the School for Gender and Politics.

The regional component is of key importance for the Centre’s work and self-positioning, knowing that introduction of this multicultural regional context is true answer to the problem of passive “import” of western theoretic-scientific concepts from the area. RCGS is one of the creators of the Regional Network for Gender/Women’s Studies in SEE, organizer of the Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching in the fields of Gender and European Studies (with HESP) 2004-2006, publisher of the regionally distributed Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture “Identities”, part of the research project exploring the intersections between “gender, migration and intercultural interactions in South Europe” (GeMIC) among other regional projects. Another essential part of the work of the Centre is the promotion and affirmation of women’s rights as human rights and gender equality in Macedonia.

The RCGS offers space for research and theoretical discourse that introduces and promotes the standpoint and the perspective of theoretical and intellectual, political, social and sexual marginality into the Macedonian theoretical/scientific and public discourse.

Department for Knowledge Based Development

The department for knowledge based on development is oriented towards the interdisciplinary exploration of the transition of contemporary societies, where as the knowledge is treated as the basis for their sustainable development in relation of the global economy. This transition, where knowledge is interpreted as a business product, service or as means for manufacturing, surpasses the previous phases of industrialization and completely redefines the development paradigm. The department persist to enable a coherent relation between academic research, development of applied politics in the Republic of Macedonia, and the trend to enable partnership between the public and the private sector, as a new model for management.

Department for Contemporary Political Thought

The Department for Contemporary Political Thought is an inclusive, transdisciplinary scholarly space that aims to think politics in the porous borders between various disciplines in the humanities and the social sciences. Its main purpose is to challenge the dominant framing and disciplining of political knowledge within modernity, and promote a shared yet diverse, global and regional, space for intellectual communication, scholarship and pedagogical practice.

The Department also reflects the reality that an ever growing number of academic and postgraduate researchers throughout the world blur all disciplinary boundaries in the humanities and social sciences in the most profound ways thus creating new hybrids of political knowledge and practice, and recasting old internal rules, norms and biases which govern old disciplinary boundaries about what can be researched and said under the rubric "politics."

Our most important goal is to significantly contribute to the acceleration of the democratization of our country, region and the world, by cross-fertilizing thoughts from various cultures, debates, conflicts, disciplines and intellectual traditions, brought together in the spirit of internationalism and regionalism, with respect for difference, and sharing a common struggle for social justice at home and abroad.

Visual and Cultural Research Centre

The Visual and Cultural Research Centre as a consistent part of "Euro-Balkan" Institute analyses and questions the applicability of the cultural theories to the creation of "situated knowledge" in the Balkan context. In other words, we discuss how the specific conditions of the world today, i.e. the increasing flows of culture, capital, people in the age of globalization, and also our cultural specificity in the Balkans with the history of immigration, and the entanglement of different cultures both necessitate and enable re-thinking of the theoretical questions posed by visual and cultural theories. Since September 2004 the Visual and Cultural Research Centre brings together committed researchers whose research and teaching focus on the politics and production of culture in the public sphere, with emphasis on the interpretive methods of the social sciences, arts, and humanities. The mission of the Centre for Visual and Cultural Research at the "Euro-Balkan" Institute is to promote a critical trans-disciplinary understanding of the complex entanglement of various cultures in European, regional and local community context. Through its activities, the program seeks to enhance communication and collaboration between disciplines and cultures and focuses particularly, though not exclusively, on cultural and cross-cultural processes in the Balkans and enlarged Europe. The Centre for Visual and Cultural Research is situated on the crossroads of theoretical reflection on cultural phenomena and the diverse practices of cultural mediation. The Centre's intellectual aim is to study the relations between the

arts, media, and society. Its approach is interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary. Its program of theoretical and practical research offers academic tools for interpreting cultural products and practices in diverse media and for research into the processes of creation, dissemination, and reception of these products and practices.

II. DIVISION FOR APPLIED POLICY RESEARCH

Resource Centre for Democracy and Security

The Resource Centre for Democracy and Security is established in July 2003 and its general idea is to serve as a resource centre and a focal point of the increasingly important democracy and security related projects in the Republic of Macedonia. The Centre aims at institutional capacity building, analysis and consulting, expert formation and civil society empowerment in the context of ongoing EU integration process of the country and the region.

Currently, the Centre is able to offer a very up-dated and focused academic and expert library (over 3,000 book units plus journals) and other related services (photo-copying, Internet access, etc.). It also conducts its own projects, such as expert assistance in the process of policy-making and forthcoming accession of Republic of Macedonia to EU, assessment related to the national and regional security, supporting applied research, training and implementing pro – active projects aimed at promoting human rights, non-discrimination and social inclusion approach in achieving democracy, as well as national and human security.

Center for Public Administration and Public Policy (CPAPP)

The Center for Public Administration and Public Policy (CPAPP) aims at providing support to the process of public administration reform in the Republic of Macedonia and thus at contributing to the development of democratic, effective and citizen oriented public administration.

The mission of CPAPP is to promote the principles and standards of the “European Administrative Space” in the work of the central and local government administration in the Republic of Macedonia, by providing research, consultancy and training in public administration, public management and public policy.

CPAPP goals are:

- to provide qualified civil servants with challenging applied and theoretical professional development opportunities in public management and public policy;
- to engage practitioners, local experts and academics in systematic research and study, designed to improve the quality of policy-making and delivery of public services in Macedonia;
- to foster the development of civil service human resources by disseminating the practices of good professional public management, public policy and governance;
- to assist the local government reform in Macedonia by strengthening the capacities of local government administration to deliver efficient and effective public services and to develop sound and sustainable policies at local level and by providing timely and objective policy research and analysis on local issues.

III. OHRID SUMMER UNIVERSITY (OSU)

Ohrid Summer University (OSU) is an international academic program which offers intensive, problem oriented and research based courses from the domain of social sciences and humanities. It is founded in 1998 and has functioned continuously since then, as one of the core programs of the “Euro-Balkan” Institute, involving a significant number of both junior and senior members of academic communities from various countries. The program is dedicated to building academic excellence for young faculty, PhD candidates, postgraduates, researchers and scholars, by offering international summer schools which pay a special attention to:

- Implementation of the highest academic standards for teaching, research skills, techniques and methodologies;
- Interdisciplinarity and regional contextualization of the subject;
- Promotion of alternative higher education in the region;
- Encouraging renewal of the curriculum and syllabi in the established/incumbent universities in the region, in the field of social studies and humanities.
- Establishing international alumni network

Encouraging creative restructuring of the curricula and syllabi contents, as well as application of innovative teaching methods and techniques, OSU promotes the establishment of efficient academic curriculum, in line with the recognized standards of international university institutions.

Initiated as a result of the efforts to promote a new, alternative approach in higher education, OSU acts as an educational forum for open intellectual debate, joining theoretical investigation and teaching practice, placing together interdisciplinary methodologies and international academic achievements, and providing effective opportunities for educational development of a new generation of faculty from the region.

To date “Euro-Balkan” Institute, through OSU program, has organized 30 summer schools from various areas with over 500 participants, involving more than 100 professors. During the ten years-long period of its existence, through organization of the Summer Schools’ program, OSU has established an international academic cooperation, creating a network of continuous and productive collaboration. Furthermore OSU has engaged itself in: adequate and effective training of the academic staff, demonstration of successful linkage of state-of-the-art scholarship and effective and innovative teaching, promotion of academic excellence and ability to facilitate creation and sustenance of active networks of academics, as well as collaborative advancement of learning in certain disciplines within the international context.

IV. LIBRARY DEPARTMENT AND ELECTRONIC NEWS ARCHIVE (ENA)

Library

As one of the key segments of the institute Euro-Balkan, the Library has over 3,000 fine prints, providing access to the information resources required for the exploratory usage of the students, and for the educational projects and programs. There is a wealth of material to support learning and research at the Institute. The Library collections are continuously and systematically supplemented with the latest publications.

Electronic News Archive (ENA)

The only concentrated electronic database of printed media in Macedonia, the Electronic News Archive (ENA), started its activities in October 1999. By the end of 2008, ENA archived more than 180,000 articles from fourteen dailies and sixteen

weeklies published in Macedonia, in Macedonian as well as in Albanian language. ENA has also broadened its range of products by introducing a client-orientated press-clipping service, which also includes full monitoring of the press and regular and bi-weekly periodical analyses on the attitude of the printed media towards the work of the client.

ENA seeks to obtain full financial sustainability by offering its products and services to all interested clients on the free market. To this end, ENA has developed several packages of products and services, aimed at attracting the attention and interest of various groups of commercial clients. These packages include press monitoring and press clipping services, creation of separate issue oriented and user oriented databases, different kinds of analyses, etc. During 2008, ENA continued its cooperation with various clients (public and private owned enterprises, universities, marketing agencies, libraries etc) on a commercial basis, for the purpose of creation of a self-generated income and financial self-sustainability.

From year 2001, ENA is available via Internet.

OUR ACTIVITIES

I. SCHOOL FOR REGIONAL STUDIES

In the academic year 2008/2009 14 Ph.D. students have been enrolled on the “Euro-Balkan’s” postgraduate program. The proposed research topics of the PhD candidates have interdisciplinary focus and cover wide area of academic fields: political sciences, public policy, law, economy, sociology, philosophy, epistemology, arts, ethnology.

Implementing departement: Department for Postgraduate Studies

1. ACADEMIC RESEARCH PROJECTS

1.1. **GeMIC – (Gender, Migration and Intercultural Interactions in the Mediterranean and South East Europe: an interdisciplinary perspective)**

Implementing departement: Department for Gender Studies (Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS)

The GeMIC project is founded by the European’s Comission 7th Framework Programme (FP7).

GeMIC is a research project exploring the intersections between “gender, migration and intercultural interactions in South Europe”. Approach of these questions is from a critical perspective emphasizing in particular the impact of migrant mobility and cultural diversity on gender relations in host, transit and sending societies. The organization of work will reflect the inter-ethnic and interdisciplinary character of the consortium focusing both fieldwork and analysis on six thematic areas of study: representations of national identity and the media, education, urban social spaces and movements, religion, violence, and the family. These thematic areas are elaborated in following work packages:

WP-2: Context Analysis and Methodology Review

WP-3: Policy Analysis Report

WP-4: National Identity and the Media

WP-5: Education

WP-6: Religion

WP-7: Urban Spaces and Movements

WP-8: Violence

WP-9: Mixed and Transnational Families

WP-11: Final Synthesis Report

Euro-Balkan is thematic coordinator of WP-8 (Violence) and partner in WP-4 (National Identity and the Media) and WP-5 (Education).

GeMIC is coordinated by the Centre for Gender Studies at the Panteion University, Greece.
Project partners:

1. Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (UPSPS), Center for Gender Studies, 134 Syngrou Avenue, 176 71 Kallithea, Athens
2. University of Cyprus (UCY), Department of Education, Department of education, P.O. Box 20537, 1678 Nicosia
3. International Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations (IMIR), 55 Antim I Street, 13003 Sofia,
4. "Euro-Balkan" Institute, (EU-BAL), Research Center in Gender Studies, Bul. Partizanski Odredi 63, 1000 Skopje
5. Alma Mater Studiorum-Università di Bologna (UNIBO), Department of Politics, Institutions and History, 45 Strada Maggiore, 40125 Bologna
6. Consorci Institut d'Infància i Mon Urbà (CIIMU), *Institute of Childhood and Urban World*, Pg. de la Vall d'Hebron 171, Barcelona 08035
7. "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați (UDJG), Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Letters, 47 Domnească Street, 800008 Galați
8. Bilkent University (BILKENT-U), Department of Political Science, Department of Political Science, 06800 Bilkent, Ankara

Duration of GeMIC project is from February 2008 till January 2011.

Coordinator of GeMIC: Prof. Dr. Maria Stratigaki, Centre for Gender Studies, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.

"Euro-Balkan" Coordinator for the project: Prof. Dr. Katerina Kolozova

"Euro-Balkan" Researchers: Bobi Badarevski, Viktorija Borovska, Jana Lozanoska, Ana Blazeva

Supported by: European Commission-Research Directorate General, FP7

Budget (for the Macedonian partner, "Euro-Balkan" Institute): 84.240,00 €

1.2. Tradition in Transition (monitoring of transitional process in cultural and anthropological traditional values in Republic of Macedonia), (2008/2010)

Implementing department: Visual and Cultural Research Centre

The aim of this project is to obtain certain indicators which qualitatively and quantitatively determine the degree of transitional changes in society, especially in traditional cultural and anthropological segments. Through monitoring and valorization of these processes, results for protection of tradition would be obtained. Initiation for this project is ethno musical audio/video collections where musical folklore, dance and oral tradition are registered.

The project would be elaborated in several phases:

- Identification of audio/video collections from the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, and the Macedonian collections from other countries;
- Collecting data;
- Making database;
- Sociological research and arrangement of data;
- Anthropological research and comparing of data;
- Publication of results (Web page, online forum, hard copy, books or brochures);
- Presenting the data to target groups (state politics, cultural and educational institutions, medium...);
- Organizing conferences, forums, seminars...

These topics are popular and important in the Balkan region as a whole, maintaining the national, ethnical and cultural identity, as well as the interethnic relations and building a higher level of interaction between the Balkan countries.

Coordinator of the project: Prof. Dr. Vesna Matijasevic – Pokupec

Research team: Velika Stojkova Serafimovska, Ivona Opetceska Tatarcevska

Supported by: Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Macedonia (partly)

Budget (total): 5.000 €

1.3. Regional Research Promotion Program- Western Balkans

Knowledge, Power and Social Change

Implementing department: Department for Contemporary Political Thought

“Euro-Balkan” Institute has signed memorandum of understanding about cooperation within the “Regional Research Promotion Program- Western Balkans”, coordinated by the Fribourg University.

2008 was the inception phase of the project in which “Euro-Balkan” was asked to propose short research topic (5-6 pages/about 2000 words). The proposed research topic is titled: “*Knowledge, Power and Social Change*”. Main focus of this research topic proposed by “Euro-Balkan” is to describe and explain how the process of transition in Macedonia is shaped by the relationship and dependence between science, academia - production of knowledge and the state - institutions of power. “Euro-Balkan” Institute’s research team will be focused on the complex problem of how institutions of education and scientific research in the areas of social sciences have not only produced professionals involved in policy and institutions building of the state, but also ideas, ideologies and dominant models of public policy creation in all areas.

Coordinator (s) of the project: Fribourg University

Research team: Prof. Dr. Katerina Kolozova (Mentor), Assist. Prof. Dr. Rubin Zemon (researcher),

Ana Mukoska, PhD student (researcher), Ilija Milcevski, PhD student (researcher)

Supported by: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation - SDC

2. LIFE-LONG LEARNING

School of Gender and Politics

Implementing department: Department for Gender Studies (Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS)

Informal gender (women’s/ feminist) studies intended to bring closer together theory and activism, knowledge and political action and thus critically contribute to the introduction of authentic gender awareness.

In the sixth year, the prospective students were again invited to apply, through a public announcement. Following courses were offered in 2008:

I Semester (April-June 2008)

- Anthropology of Gender: Continuity and Changes in the Ethno-cultural Tradition;
- Introduction into Epistemology of Gender Studies;
- Queer Theory.

II Semester (October-December 2008)

- Anthropology of Gender: Continuity and Changes in the Ethno-cultural Tradition (part two);
- Introduction into Epistemology of Gender Studies (part two);
- Queer Theory (part two).

35 students were enrolled in Academic year 2008.

Course Director: Katerina Kolozova

Lecturers: Vesna Matijasevic Pokupec, Bobi Badarevski, Slavco Dimitrov

Project coordinators: Dragana Karovska Cemerska, Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska

Supported by: Kvinna till Kvinna

Budget (total for the: 2. School for Gender and Politics; 3.3 Training/Feminist Education Program for Women’s NGO’s and 4.1. Identities: Journal for Gender, Politics and Culture): 24.551,00 €

3. TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS

3.1. “Series of Advanced Trainings in Human Rights and Gender aimed at Civil Society Groups working against Trafficking in Human Beings”

Implementing department: Department for Gender Studies (Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS)

The Programme offered an introduction into gender studies and women/human rights and the purpose was to improve the readiness of participants from Macedonian NGO that work in the field of combating human trafficking by presenting the gender perspective of this problem.

In 2008, 5 one-day sessions were held:

1. “Identifying human trafficking as a form of gender based violence”;
2. “Studying the problem of human trafficking as a form of gender based violence”;
3. “Addressing human trafficking as a form of gender based violence”;
4. “Gender Sensibilisation”;
5. “Introduction to Human Rights”.

Number of participants: 15

Lecturers: Katerina Kolozova, Bobi Badarevski, Jana Lozanoska, Vesna Matijasevic – Pokupec.

Coordinator of the project: Dragana Karovska Cemerska

Supported by: Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje

Budget: 18.565,00 €

3.2. Promotion of Gender Awareness: Sharing Knowledge and Experience

Implementing department: Department for Gender Studies (Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS)

The project implemented in the period November-December 2008 was a follow-up activity to last year’s project “Promotion of Gender Studies”.

Last year’s goal was to increase scientifically founded knowledge and expertise with two NGO representatives in the field of gender, women rights, development and integration of marginalized groups through assignment of scholarships for the Masters program on Gender Studies. The aim of this follow-up project was to increase the level of knowledge and skills in the area of active participation and involvement in public life of 20 NGOs representatives/civil society activists working in the field of minority groups, women and youth with particular attention to the most vulnerable on the risk of social exclusion. Such an aim was reached by providing a tailored educational workshop organized by the Euro-Balkan Institute in variety of a winter colloquium meaning at exchanging in-depth (i.e., academically founded) up-to-date knowledge and activists’ insights on issues in the areas of gender and minorities studies. Under the guidance of a Euro-Balkan Associate Professor, the two graduate students on gender and minority studies, who were granted last year’s scholarship, shared their newly gained knowledge with 20 participants working on issues of the minority communities in the country.

The 3-day workshop session provided the above-mentioned 20 participants (civil society activists) with theoretical knowledge as well as practical skills that improved their work in the area of gender and rights of the underprivileged and socially marginalized or socially excluded groups. Additionally, they were provided with updated, yet fundamental reading materials that will enable independent research, competent up-to-date debate and informed activism in those areas.

Number of participants: 20

Coordinator of the project: **Rubin Zemon**

Supported by: **OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje**

Budget: **2.530,00 €**

3.3. “Introduction into the Basics of Gender and Feminists Studies: Knowledge/s Tailored for Women’s Activists in Macedonia”

Implementing department: *Department for Gender Studies (Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS)*

Series of 6 lectures and workshops tailored for the needs of women’s activists in Macedonia and organized in cooperation with Kvinna till Kvinna.

The program was structured in 3 clusters, each composed of two one-day sessions.

In 2008, six sessions were held:

1. “Feminism and Women’s Activism in the Context of Multicultural Macedonia”;
2. “Who Here Is Afraid to Be A Feminist?”;
3. “Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Between Formality and Reality”;
4. “Pacifism as a Feminist Issue”;
5. “The Dilemmas of Feminism and Women’s Emancipation Movement”;
6. “Continuity and Change in the Formation of Social Norms and Gender Stereotypes”.

Number of participants: 18

Lecturers: **Bobi Badarevski, Slavco Dimitrov, Jana Lozanoska, Vesna Matijasevic – Pokupec**

Coordinator of the project: **Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska**

Supported by: **Kvinna till Kvinna**

4. PUBLISHING PROGRAM

4.1. “Identities:” Journal for Politics, Gender, and Culture

Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture, member of CEEOL (Central and Eastern European Library), published bilingually: Macedonian and English (French or German).

For more information, please visit www.identities.org.mk. The website was built with the support of Kvinna till Kvinna and enables on-line reading and full availability of the past issues of *Identities*.

Implementing department: *Department for Gender Studies (Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS)*



In 2008, a double volume was issued:
“Identities”: Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture
 Vol. 6 / No. 2 / 3 Summer 2007/Winter 2008

Executive Editors: **Prof. Dr. Katerina Kolozova and Zarko Trajanoski**

Associate Editor: **Alexander Lambevski**

Editorial Manager: **Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska**

Supported by: **Kvinna till Kvinna**

4.2. Series of Books in Theories of Identity

Hieroglyphs of Jealousy

by Jelisaveta Blagojevic
(ISBN 978 – 9989-136-58-0)
Skopje: Euro-Balkan Press, 2008.



Implementing departement: **Department for Gender Studies**

(**Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS**)

Supported by: **Kvinna till Kvinna**

4.3. Database of women's movement and gender equity related information in the Republic of Macedonia

Implementing departement: *Department for Gender Studies (Research Centre in Gender Studies - RCGS)*

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Three-lingual (Macedonian, English and Albanian) Address Book containing an up-to-date information on the women's movement in Macedonia and the key gender related issues. Contains information about the:

- Macedonian women NGOs and their networks;



- Commission for equal opportunities of women and men in the units of local self-government in the Republic of Macedonia;
- Coordinators for equal opportunities of women and men in the bodies of state administration in the Republic of Macedonia;
- Legal framework of gender equality in the Republic of Macedonia including the Macedonian action plan on gender equality and its implementation, and
- Quota system in the Republic of Macedonia.

Online version of the Address book is available on the official website of "Euro-Balkan" Institute.

Coordinator of the project: **Dragana Karovska Cemerska**

Research team: **Marija Kostovska, Natasha Boshkova and Ana Blazeva**

Supported by: **Kvinna till Kvinna**

Budget: **2.500,00 €**

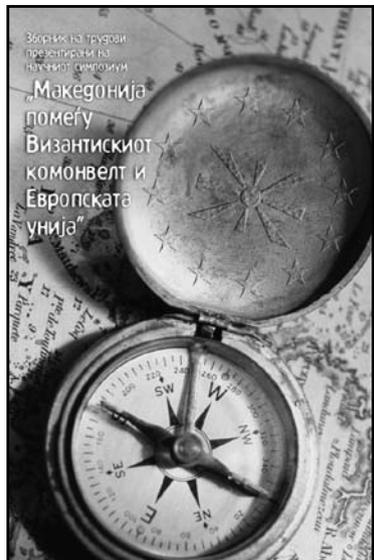
5. EVENTS

“Days of Justinian I”

May 11th – 24th, 2008

Implementing department: Department for Contemporary Political Thought

“Euro-Balkan” in cooperation with The Cultural Informative Centre from Skopje (Kulturno informativen centar - KIC) was engaged in preparation and realisation of the cultural-historical manifestation “Days of Justinian I”, which marks the birth of the Byzantine emperor Justinian I (527-565). In the frame of this event the collection of academic articles was promoted titled: *Macedonia between the Byzantine Commonwealth and European Union*.



Publishers: KIC (Kulturno informativen centar) and Euro-Balkan Press

Editor: Prof. Dr. Mitko Panov

Coordinator of the Project for Euro-Balkan: Prof. Dr. Mitko Panov

Project leader: Cultural Informative Centre

Project partner: “Euro Balkan” Institute

Supported by: City of Skopje and Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Macedonia

II. DIVISION FOR APPLIED POLICY RESEARCH

1. Services for High Ranking Government Officials

Implementing department: Resource Centre for Democracy and Security

1.1. Energy Geopolitics Monthly

Energy Geopolitics Monthly is regular service of “Euro-Balkan” Institute, that is issued since 2004 and provides in-depth analyses and information about the events that have global impact on the world energy policy, with special focus on their geo-political implications on the Balkans and Euro-Asia. The special attention is give to the energy policies of Russia, USA and EU toward the Caspian, Balkan, Black Sea region, Middle East and Asia.

This service grew out from the Daily News Briefs and Analyses as a regular service of “Euro-Balkan” provided since 1999 and tailored for the needs of the high ranking officials of the Government of Republic of Macedonia. This service have been particularly focused on transatlantic relations, process of reforms and enlargement of NATO and EU, foreign policies of U.S.A., Russia and European countries and their implications on the Balkans, Caspian and Middle East.

1.2. Policy Papers

Policy papers for the needs and on demand from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, related to the possible approaches of the Republic of Macedonia on key regional and international issues, as well as on the perspectives for Euro-Atlantic integration.

2. Study on Labour market in Republic of Macedonia 2008/2009

Implementing department: Resource Centre for Democracy and Security

In order to inform the forthcoming process of negotiations for the accession of the Republic of Macedonia to the EU in the area of labour market developments

and employment policies, and in particular contribute to the “Joint Assessment of Employment Policies” (JAP), Euro-Balkan Institute was engaged by the European Commission DG Employment for preparation of Labour Market study. The study intends to map and to analyze the labour market in the country, the current and future employment policies, focusing on its structure, recent developments and perspectives for further reform in the light of the current economic, demographic and social trends, integrating in the analysis cross-cutting horizontal themes, such as gender inequalities, regional disparities and discrimination affecting particular groups such as ethnic minorities.

<i>Coordinator of the Project:</i> Ljiljana Asenov and Jana Lozanoska
<i>Experts:</i> Nikica Mojsoska-Blazevski PhD, Jasna Najdova and Aleksandar Stojkov
<i>Supported by:</i> European Commission – Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG
<i>Budget:</i> 23.739,91 €

3. Analytical support on the socio-economic impact of social protection reforms in the candidate and pre-candidate countries (2008/2010)

Implementing department: Resource Centre for Democracy and Security

The European Commission supports Member States and associate and candidate countries in their efforts to modernize social protection systems in the areas of pensions, health and long-term care, notably through the Open Method of Coordination but also by monitoring EU policies that may have an effect on social protection systems across Europe. To carry out these missions, the Commission needs to be regularly updated on existing reforms and debates as well as the state of monitoring and evaluation exercises, research and assessments done across

Europe regarding the socio-economic impact of social protection systems and reforms. For that aim the Euro-Balkan Institute has been subcontracted by the GVG - Association for Social Security Policy and Research (www.gvg-koeln.de) to implement jointly the “Analytical support on the socio-economic impact of social protection reforms in the EU Member States and EFTA/EEA, candidate and pre-candidate countries” awarded by the European Commission.

Coordinator of the Project: **Ljiljana Asenov and Jana Lozanoska**

Experts: **Doc. Dr. Fimka Tozija and Ms. Zorica Apostolska**

Project Leader: **GVG - Association for Social Security Policy and Research**

Project Partner: **Euro-Balkan Institute**

Budget: **16.000,00 €**

4. Euro Funds Macedonian Education Polish Experience?

Implementing department: Resource Centre for Democracy and Security

The ‘European Funds – Macedonian Education – Polish Experience’ project aimed at equipping representatives of the educational sector (students, teachers, Career offices’ workers, academics and other that work in the educational sector) with the knowledge necessary to design projects financed by the European Union. Participants on four day intensive workshops were trained how to prepare a successful application aimed at internships, students and academic exchanges, research projects, visiting studies etc., how to search for financial resources and also had the opportunity to share their experiences, as far as projects conducted

in Macedonia and Poland are concerned. Participants were familiarized with the Lifelong Learning Programme and other programmes that finance ideas in the educational sector.

Coordinator of the Project: **Ljiljana Asenov and Jana Lozanoska**

Project Leader: **University of Information and Technology and Management from Rzeszow, Poland**

Project Partner: **Euro-Balkan Institute**

III. OHRID SUMMER UNIVERSITY (OSU)

Director of OSU: Prof. Dr. Elizabta Dimitrova

Chief Academic Coordinator of OSU: Jasminka Kuzmanovska, MA

In June 2008 OSU celebrated its 10th Anniversary.

The Summer Semester of OSU 2008 encompassed the following activities:

- **Open lecture: “Cultural Diffusion in the Middle Ages or What Have the Bogomols Ever Done for Us”**, by Andrew Roach, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Department of Medieval History, University of Glasgow
- **Open lecture: “Cultural and Technical Challenges in Preservation of Medieval Churches in Italy”**, by Luisa De Marco, Heritage Architect, Soprintendenza dei Beni e Attivita Culturali, Genova, Italy
- **Open lecture: “Preserving Medieval Churches in Republic of Macedonia”**, by Pance Velkov, PhD, Prof. “Euro-Balkan” Institute
- **Summer School: *Global Economy and Creative Industries***
- **Summer School: *on Non-Discrimination, Social Inclusion and European Citizenship***

In November 2008, Winter Colloquium has been carried out as a follow-up activity within OSU Program and encompassed the following activities:

- **“When the Theory on Non-Discrimination and Activism Meet”**

International component of the Summer School on Non-Discrimination, Social Inclusion and European Citizenship, (November 26th-30th)

- **Promotion of Gender Awareness: Sharing Knowledge and Experience, (November 27th - 30th)**

1. Summer Semester:

1.1. Open lecture “Cultural Diffusion in the Middle Ages or What Have the Bogomols Ever Done for Us” - Andrew Roach, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Department of Medieval History, University of Glasgow

The lecture made a connection of some of the main philosophical concepts of the Bogomols’ movement with contemporary concept of creative industries, as well as by showing examples of re-utilization of Bogomols’ culture within creative industries domains.

1.2. Open Lectures on Preservation and Conservation of the Cultural Heritage

1.2.1. “Cultural and Technical Challenges in Preservation of Medieval Churches in Italy”, by Luisa De Marco, Heritage Architect, Soprintendenza dei Beni e Attivita Culturali, Genova, Italy

1.2.2. “Preserving Medieval Churches in Republic of Macedonia”, by Pance Velkov, PhD, Prof. “Euro-Balkan” Institute

The lectures were focused on presentation of experiences and exchange of expertise in the domain of preservation of Medieval cultural heritage, in Italy and Macedonia, by paying special attention to the preservation of the Medieval churches in these countries.

1.3. Summer School on Global Economy and Creative Industries , (June 21th – July 4th)

The goal of the summer school was to put in corealtion the issues about economic development of the region of Central, Eastern and South East Europe and the emergence of creative industries, particularly creativity/ knowledge instituted as new development paradigm in the global economy. The program of this summer school considered the challenging nature of both the global and local creative economies, by reviewing the discourses claiming that the values and power structures of the established economy and rational industrial system are in rapid transformation. The seminars and workshops looked at the wider impact of inter-cultural exchange and how it affects cultural diversity, changes in patterns of distribution, the use of and access to new technology, and the challenge of establishing workable intellectual property regimes.

Number of participants: 20 (Macedonia and the Region)

Summer School Director: Prof. Dr. Elizabeta Dimitrova

Academic Coordinator: Biljana Tanurovska-Kjulafkovski, MA

Lecturers: Mirjana Dragicevic, Prof. Ph.D, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Vladimir Cvijanovic, MA, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Antonija Josifovska, Prof. Ph.D., Dean , Faculty for Business Economy, Skopje, Macedonia, Nebojsa Vilic, Ph.D., UKIM, Skopje, Macedonia

Supported by: **Central European Initiative - CEI**

Budget: **8.900,00 €**

1.4. Summer School on Non-Discrimination, Social Inclusion and European Citizenship, (June 23th – 30th)

The Project's overall goal was to contribute to building sustainable human rights culture in the country, by providing an academically validated inspiration and new opportunities to current activists, postgraduate students, and members of socially and culturally marginalized groups to explore the theory and practice of human rights in the host country, to design possible human rights research projects, and outline a possible evidence-based strategy. In particular the key objectives of the project were to: 1) Equip the Summer School's attendants with the latest theoretical, conceptual and practical tools in order to grasp the complexity of the human rights situation in the country from the perspectives of the most socially vulnerable groups of people in Macedonian society; 2) Encourage creativity and new thinking among the Summer School's attendants about solutions to the problems of implementation of human rights legislation in the country; 3) Encourage and inspire more young academics and postgraduate students to take up the challenging work of multidisciplinary research in the area of human rights, discrimination and social exclusion; and, 4) Encourage socially and culturally marginalized groups and activists to take up more active role in fighting discrimination and social exclusion in Macedonian society.

Number of participants: **20 (Macedonia)**

Summer School Director: **Prof. Dr. Katerina Kolozova**

Summer School Assistant: **Ljiljana Asenov**

Lecturers: **Prof.Dr. Mirjana Najcevska and Suad Misini**

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Supported by: **Rule of Law Department - OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje**

Budget: **16.033,80 €**

2. Winter Colloquium

2.1. “When the Theory on Non-Discrimination and Activism Meet” International component of the Summer School on Non-Discrimination, Social Inclusion and European Citizenship, (November 26th-30th)

The colloquium explored the neglected, but extremely important, nexus between culture, the economy, human rights and human development, while paying great attention to a rights discourse as a significant instrument to formulate political and social grievances. The colloquium offered a more intricate analysis of the issues on non-discrimination in Macedonia, and the region by showing how existing social relations, political institutions and cultural practices must be transformed in order to accommodate those who have been prevented or excluded from fully participating in Balkan societies (women, children, disabled people, Roma, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, and older persons).

Special attention was given to understanding the social, economic, political and cultural context in which the social exclusion and subordination of these groups of people take place, especially where this marginalisation is exacerbated by extreme poverty and ethnic status (Roma women and Roma LGBT people, and disabled people belonging to marginalised ethnic groups), and the means to combat these types of abject discrimination.

<i>Winter Colloquium Director:</i> Prof. Dr. Katerina Kolozova
<i>Winter Colloquium Coordinator:</i> Jana Lozanoska L.LM (initially Ljiljana Asenov)
<i>Winter Colloquium Assistant:</i> Slavco Dimitrov
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<i>Supported by:</i> German Embassy in Skopje (Foreign Office Stability Pact Funds)
<i>Budget:</i> 12.356,00 €

2.2. Promotion of Gender Awareness: Sharing Knowledge and Experience, (November 27th - 30th)

The aim of this Colloquium/follow-up project was to increase the level of knowledge and skills in the area of active participation and involvement in public life of 20 NGOs representatives/civil society activists working in the field of minority groups, women and youth with particular attention to the most vulnerable on the risk of social exclusion. Such an aim was reached by providing a tailored educational workshop organized by the Euro-Balkan Institute in variety of a winter colloquium meaning at exchanging in-depth (i.e., academically founded) up-to-date knowledge and activists' insights on issues in the areas of gender and minorities studies. Under the guidance of a Euro-Balkan Associate Professor, the two graduate students on gender and minority studies, who were granted last year's scholarship, shared their newly gained knowledge with 20 participants working on issues of the minority communities in the country.

The 3-day workshop session provided the above-mentioned 20 participants (civil society activists) with theoretical knowledge as well as practical skills that will improve their work in the area of gender and rights of the underprivileged and socially marginalized or socially excluded groups. Additionally, they were provided

with updated, yet fundamental reading materials that will enable independent research, competent up-to-date debate and informed activism in those areas.

Winter Colloquium Director: **Associate Prof. Rubin Zemon, PhD**

Winter Colloquium Coordinator: **Jasminka Kuzmanovska, MA**

Supported by: **OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje**

Budget: **5.900,00 €**

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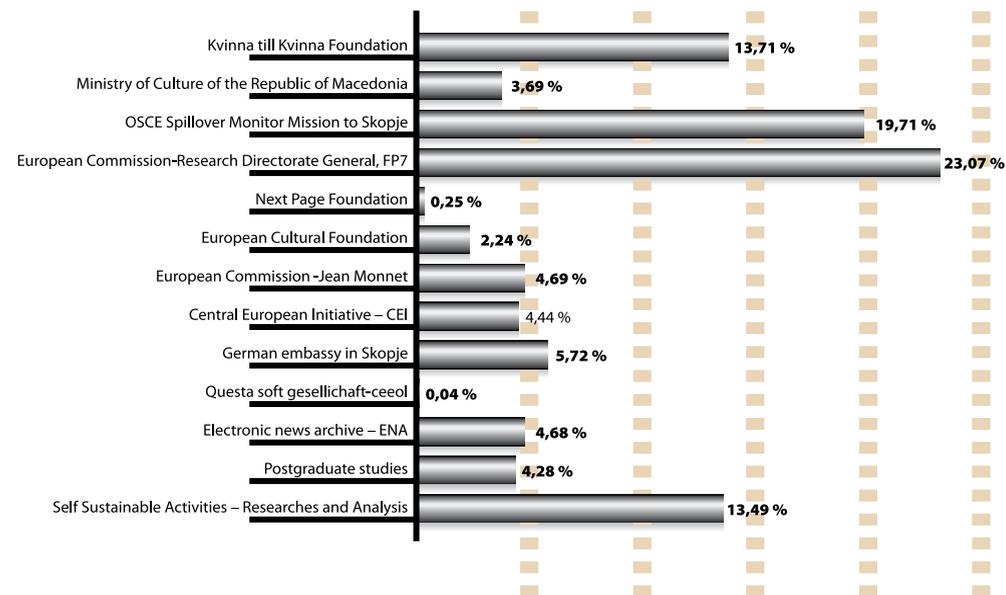
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