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EURO BALKAN INSTITUTE

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Foreword by Jovan Donev

Executive Director

With a slow but safe pace we approach the 10th anniversary of our existence. We invested a lot of labors, but we score successes. These are results for which we could be proud in marking the strenuous, yet full of satisfaction ten years of ours.

Finally, this year we acquired accreditation for the postgraduate program in South-Eastern European Studies. We became one of the few – not only in the Republic of Macedonia, but in the region – to school future generations as educators and scholars, professionals that in a different, more objective and more advanced way will explicate and interpret the phenomena of Balkan history and culture, and who will also aid its full integration within the system of European values.

With the same motivations, ten years ago the Ohrid Summer University grew out.

In this year we broadened its activity: for the first the summer schools were continued by winter colloquia, which

we hope to become traditional ones. By organizing the winter colloquium we have actually granted to the Ohrid Summer University an activity which it deserved, a deepened manifestation of awareness and innovations. For ten years Ohrid Summer University stands for and insists upon its unique idea – to continue the traditions of St. Kliment's University and to support the processes of shaping new Balkan academic elite.

Generalizing the traversed ninth year, I can not miss noting the progress in the Institute's team capacity. Two PHD and one MA scholars are the new members of our team. I emphasize this with pride, for along with all the hardships and big challenges in financial matters, we did not give up our dreams to become an entirely capacitated and respectable educational-scientific and research center 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

- 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

- Resource Centre for Democracy and Security
- 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) and postgraduate program in Political Studies of Southeast Europe.

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

“Euro-Balkan” Institute was awarded the Erasmus University Charter under the Lifelong Learning Programme Call.

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”, and partner organization in 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 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 “Euro-Balkan” Institute, 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 2009, ENA archived more than 220,000 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 2009, 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 2009/2010 12 students have been enrolled on the Institute's postgraduate programs and 9 candidates have commenced their Ph.D. research projects.

The Institute has submitted the project proposal to the Board for accreditation in the Higher Education for accreditation of the postgraduate program in Cultural Studies.

Implementing department: Department for Postgraduate Studies

1. ACADEMIC RESEARCH PROJECTS

1.1. **GeMIC – (Gender, Migration, Intercultural Interactions**

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

Ge.M.IC will study “Cultural Interactions in a European Perspective” through a tripartite conceptual and methodological approach, whose aim will be to identify links between migration, gender and intercultural interaction, as it is in the meeting place of these three dimensions that some of the most important cultural developments in Europe take place. Ge.M.IC will approach these questions from a critical perspective emphasizing in particular the impact of migrant mobility and cultural diversity on gender relations in host, transit and sending societies. Research will be of an interdisciplinary nature in accordance with the broad range of expertise of the researchers collaborating in the project. 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, rather than on national case studies: representations of national identity and the media, education, urban social spaces and movements, religion, violence, and the family. Ge.M.IC will generate new and important insights in these thematic areas, taking advantage of the diverse areas of expertise of different researchers and their mutual commitment to studying gender, and addressing issues of gender equality as a central aspect of research.

“Euro-Balkan” Institute coordinates the Thematic Study on Intercultural Violence (Work Package 8, which includes also research teams from Greece, Cyprus, and Romania), the aim of which is to undertake research on the intersections between gender, migration and racial violence and challenge women’s victimization associated with the negative concept of migration as a security threat; to develop an alternative framework for understanding the role of violence in the construction of gender and migrant subjectivities; as well as to explore policy and theoretical perspectives

through which intercultural and gender-based violence can be confronted in order to make possible intercultural dialogue and cooperation. During the first half of year 2009, the field research was conducted. Data collected was analysed in the second by the end of the year. Research papers are due by May 2010.

Coordinator of Ge.M.IC: Gender Studies Department of Panteion University, Athens, Greece

Project partners: International Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations – Bulgaria, University of Cyprus – Cyprus, University of Bologna – Italy, University of Galati – Romania, Institute of Childhood and Urban World – Spain, Bilkent University – Turkey.

Duration: three years (2008-2011)

Coordinator of the project in Macedonia: Katerina Kolozova

Research team: Bobi Badarevski, Viktorija Borovska, Jana Lozanoska, Ana Blazeva, Slavco Dimitrov

Supported by: FP 7 of EU

Budget (“Euro-Balkan”, for three years): 84.240,00 €

1.2. Colloquia on Thematic and Methodological-Epistemic Issues: Initiative of the Regional Network for Gender and Women’s Studies in Southeastern Europe

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

The aim of this project is to re-establish and re-invigorate the regional exchange of feminist scholarship that is regionally centered both thematically and epistemologically. The objectives of the Project are to identify the overarching research and study topics which are disciplinarily shared and regionally relevant; to tackle the question of epistemic approaches which are regionally sensitive; to integrate the epistemic tools and thematic focuses into the existing gender/women’s studies curricula in the region, and to re-examine the current and possible set new priorities for the gender equity activist movement in the region.

Activity in year 2009:

Winter Colloquium on Thematic and Epistemic Issues: “Gender Studies of and for the Region of the Balkans” was realized from 30th of October to 1st of November in Skopje. 14 participants coming from 6 countries from the region attended the lectures and discussions delivered and moderated by Prof. Svetlana Slapsak, PhD, Prof. Jelisaveta Blagojevic, PhD, Prof. Miglena Nikolcina and Damir Arsenijevic, PhD.

Project Coordinator: Katerina Kolozova

Project Assistants: Dragana Karovska Cemerska, Sofija Grandakovska

*Supported by: Regional Research Promotion Programme in the Western Balkans (RRPP)
RRPP is run by the University of Fribourg upon mandate of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.*

Budget (for two years): 79.199,00 CHF

1.3. Sexualities in Transition:

Discourses, Power, and Sexual Minorities in Transitional Macedonia

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

This project tends to explore the correlation of hegemonic discourses about sexual minorities, on the one hand, and the social and conceptual development of queer movement and the status and experiences of oppression of sexual minorities in Macedonia in the period of transition on the other hand. This includes mapping the changes that have marked each of the two correlative instances, the social, cultural and political reasons that have been their cause and contesting the hegemonic discursive representations and constructions of sexual minorities by providing conclusions for further action and policy recommendations.

Supported by: Erste Stiftung

Research Supervisor: Katerina Kolozova

Main Researcher: Slavco Dimitrov

Budget: 19.230,00 €

1.4. Regional Research Promotion Program-Western Balkans: *Knowledge, Power and Social Change*

Implementing department: Department for Contemporary Political Thought

Main focus of this research 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 was 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), Prof. Dr. Mitko Panov (Co-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

Budget: 15.664,00 €

1.5. Combating Discrimination: Sharing and Dissemination of Knowledge and Experiences

Implementing department: Department for Contemporary Political Thought

The aim of this project is to contribute in combating discrimination through more active involvement of local self-government decision makers, local NGO activists (direct beneficiaries) and smaller communities which are more often an object of discrimination (indirect beneficiaries).

Project activities:

1. Thematic media monitoring of the electoral campaign for local and presidential election, focused on the treatment of issues of non-discrimination and social inclusion;
2. Organizing five local public forums in the selected municipalities;
3. Organizing three-day summer school on non-discrimination and social inclusion;
4. Establishing a network on non-discrimination and social inclusion;
5. Organizing of a national dissemination conference.

Coordinator of the project: Rubin Zemon

Supported by: OSCE Spillover Monitoring Mission in Skopje

Budget: 13.780,00 €

1.6. Tradition in Transition: Creators and Bearers of the Ethno-Cultural Tradition / Building up the Generation Taste and the Impact of the Turbo Folk *Implementing department: Visual and Cultural Research Centre*

This pilot project represents part of the above mentioned research of “turbofolk” the phenomenon that imposes itself aggressively onto our everyday living, the way that consumers buy it and experience it. Street sellers of goods for wide consumption and hair saloons were targeted in accordance to certain criteria determined in advance. The conclusions of the research could lead to finding ways of intervention into altering and developing the generational taste, formed under a strong influence of the turbofolk, and concurrently in finding the reasons for its occurrence, taking into consideration the relationship: authors - bearers.

Supported by: Ministry of Culture of Republic of Macedonia

Project leader: Vesna Matijasevic Pokupec

Budget: 300.000,00 Denars

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 seventh year, the prospective students were again invited to apply, through a public announcement. Following courses were offered in 2009:

I Semester (April-June 2008)

- Cultural Anthropology of Gender: Steady Transformations in Ethnocultural Traditions
- The Body Between Sex and Gender
- Multiculturalism and Gender

II Semester (October-December 2009)

- Cultural Anthropology of Gender: Steady Transformations in Ethnocultural Traditions (part two)
- Woman in Byzantium through Text and Image
- The Identity in the Contemporary Ethico-Political Thought

30 students were enrolled in Academic year 2009.

Course Director: Katerina Kolozova

Lectures: Vesna Matijasevic Pokupec, Despina Angelovska, Rubin Zemon, Sofija Grandakovska, Slavco Dimitrov

Project coordinators: Dragana Karovska Cemerska, Viktorija Borovska

Supported by: Kvinna till Kvinna

Budget: 10.000,00 €

3. TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS

3.1. Training/Feminist Education Program for Women's NGO's "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 2009, six sessions were held:

1. "Feminism – Between Theory and Politics";
2. "Feminism and Women's Activism: Methodology of Gender Research";
3. "Anthropology of the Family through Tradition and Continuity";
4. "Feminist Reinterpretations of Corporality and Sexuality";
5. "Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Between Formality and Reality";
6. "Claude Lévi-Strauss, Woman, Nature and Culture".

Number of participants: 15

Lectures: Slavco Dimitrov, Bobi Badarevski, Vesna Matijasevic – Pokupec, Despina Angelovska, Jana Lozanoska, Sofija Grandakovska

Coordinator of the project: Dragana Karovska Cemerska

Supported by: Kvinna till Kvinna

Budget: 10.000,00 €

3.2 Advanced Study Institute “The Role of Security Sector Governance for the Democratic Transition of the Western Balkans”

Implementing department: Department for Contemporary Thought

In the period June 25th – July 3rd, 2009, CSEES and the Euro Balkan Institute of Macedonia organised NATO Advanced Study Institute (ASI) on “The Role of Security Sector Governance for the Democratic Transition of the Western Balkans” in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The ASI examined the impact that security sector reform has had on the democratic transition in the Western Balkans. Specifically, the Institute reviewed the achievements of the countries from the region and outline their outstanding tasks as concerned SSR. The ASI also tackled the role of NATO and the EU for SSR, in particular, and the democratic transition at large. Furthermore, the ASI explored opportunities for coordinating efforts to further enhance cooperation between the relevant actors. Last but not least, the ASI will seek to build upon the various security sector education projects for the Western Balkans performed to date with the purpose to enhance local ownership through building adequate capabilities, expertise and competence on national level to manage the SSR.

Co-directors: Maria Tzankova, CSEES, Jovan Donev, executive Director of “Euro Balkan” Institute

Project coordinator for “Euro Balkan” Institute: Mitko Panov

Supported by: NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme

4. PUBLISHING PROGRAM

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

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

Published since 2001, bilingually (in Macedonian and English, French, German, Italian; book reviews published in Macedonian and Albanian). "Identities" is a member of CEEOL (Central and Eastern European Library). For more information, please visit www.identities.org.mk. The website was built with the support of Kvinna till Kvinna.

In 2009, a double issue was published:

**"Identities": Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture
Vol. 7 / No. 1 / 2 Summer 2008/Winter 2009**



Executive Editors: Katerina Kolozova and Zarko Trajanoski

Associate Editor: Katerina Kolozova and Despina Angelovska

Editorial Manager: Dusica Dimitrovska Gajdoska

Supported by: Kvinna till Kvinna

Budget: 6.944,00 €

4.2 Macedonian Archaeological News

Implementing department: Visual and Cultural Research Centre

The electronic newsletter Macedonian Archaeological News (published in Macedonian, English, Italian, German, and French) is a joint project of the Cultural Heritage Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia and the "Euro-Balkan" Institute.

Its basic purpose is to inform the public in Macedonia and worldwide of the results of the archaeological research



undertaken on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mav.mk>

In year 2009, four issues of Macedonian Archaeological News have been published.

Editor in Chief: Pasko Kuzman

Editor in Chief: Pasko Kuzman Members: Elizabeta Dimitrova, Kristina Biceva, Jovan Donev, Dance Golubovska

Secretary: Ivana Krajcinovik

Technical editor: Sasa Krstevski

Budget: 295.200,00 Denars

5. EVENTS

5.1 Days of “Black Athena” in Macedonia

April 9th, 2009

Implementing department: Department for Contemporary Political Thought

“Euro-Balkan” Institute organized a public forum titled: “Macedonia between Ancient and Arian Model”. Panelists at a forum were: Martin Bernal (Professor Emeritus of Government and Near Eastern Studies at Cornell University, USA), Jovan Donev, Petar Hr. Ilieski, Aneta Shukarova, Mitko Panov, Mihajlo Minoski, Dalibor Jovanski, Aristotel Temtov, and Rubin Zemon. The project was implemented by using the opportunity of publishing the Macedonian translation of Martin Bernal’s “Black Athena: Afro-Asiatic Roots of Classical Civilization, Volume 1: Fabrication of Ancient Greece, 1785-1985”.

Number of participants: 150

Coordinator of the project: Rubin Zemon

5.2 “Days of Justinian I”

May 11th – 24th, 2009

Implementing department: Department for Contemporary Political Thought

“Euro-Balkan” Institute in cooperation with The Cultural Informative Centre from Skopje (Kulturno informativen centar - KIC) was engaged in preparation and realization 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 entitled: “Skopje between the ancient and modern times“. In addition, from 11-12th of May, scientific symposia was held, titled: “The Byzantine cultural-historical heritage and Macedonia“.The symposia brought together over 30 eminent historians, art historians, scholars of literature and religion, and philosophers from Macedonia who discussed shared and discipline-specific approaches to the theme of Byzantine heritage and Macedonia.



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

Editor: Mitko Panov

Coordinator of the Project for “Euro-Balkan” Institute: 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. Regional Conference “Integrating Differences – Human Rights, Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion in the Balkans on its Road to the EU” (2008/2009)

Implementing department: Resource Centre for Democracy and Security

The regional conference titled Integrating Differences – Human Rights, Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion in the Balkans on its Road to the EU focused on exploring the significant theoretical and practical (social, economic and political) advantages of adopting a social inclusion approach to developing a holistic understanding of social issues in the Balkans, and thus to their smoother integration within the EU. The conference paid special attention to the analysis of concrete economic, welfare and cultural aspects of social exclusion based on long-term unemployment, unequal access to social rights, and ethnic, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation discrimination in various Balkan countries in the context (of the hope) of EU-level citizenship rights and identities.

The four day conference involved an opening and closing lectures given by well-established European and Balkan academics working in the area of social exclusion and European citizenship, four invited EU keynote speakers with very strong research track records in the area of social exclusion, presentations of research and research methodologies of 24 presenters selected through an open call for papers, and the sponsored participation of 40 invited young scholars, working or wishing to work in the area of social exclusion and European integration. The conference was organized in four broad streams.

The conference proceedings are published on www.seesoc.org.mk and distributed broadly to every interested stakeholder in the field.

Supported by: Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Program 2008

Academic Coordinator: Jovan Donev

Project Coordinators: Jana Lozanoska and Slavco Dimitrov

Budget: 68.680,00 €

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 intended 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. The study has been prepared and its findings presented to the interested stakeholders in December 2009.

Coordinator of the Project: Jana Lozanoska

Experts: Nikica Mojsoska-Blazevski PhD, Jasna Najdova, Aleksandar Stojkov and Ljiljana Asenov

Supported by: European Commission – Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG

Budget: 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. As a result the “Euro-Balkan”’s team has prepared a comprehensive annual report for the year 2008-2009 on pension and health system, reforms, best practices, and challenges.

Coordinator of the Project: Jana Lozanoska

Experts: Fimka Tozija and Zorica Apostolska

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

Project Partner: Euro-Balkan Institute

Budget: 16.000,00 €

4. Independent Context Watch 2009 for Swiss Cooperation Strategy

Implementing department: Resource Centre for Democracy and Security

The analysis aimed to detect the developments in areas such as Decentralization, Civil Society and Democratic Lawmaking by monitoring (observation) of the trends (changes) in the context relevant issues. Cross-cutting aspects such as gender and interethnic relations were also tackled within the above mentioned issues, particularly the problems concerning access of men and women to opportunities and to resources, as well as the control over the resources in according to ethnicity and poverty level (access of economically-socially marginalized groups).

Coordinator of the Project: Jana Lozoska

Main Researchers: Ana Mukoska and Risto Karajkov

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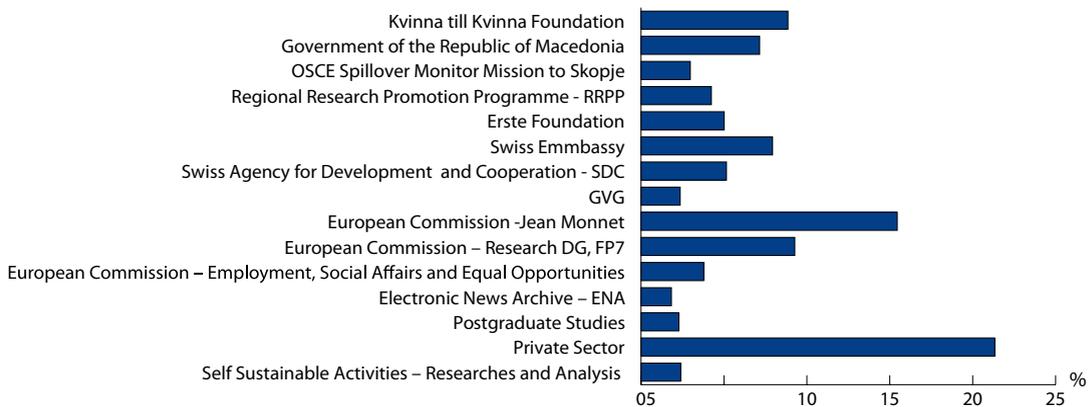
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Government of the Republic of Macedonia	21,746	7.15
OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje	9,023	2.97
Regional Research Promotion Programme - RRPP	12,893	4.24
Erste Foundation	15,256	5.01
Swiss Embassy	24,134	7.93
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation - SDC	15,664	5.15
GVG	7,181	2.36
European Commission -Jean Monnet	47,000	15.45
European Commission – Research DG, FP7	28,198	9.27
European Commission – Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities	11,500	3.78
Electronic News Archive – ENA	5,563	1.83
Postgraduate Studies	6,946	2.28
Private Sector	64,900	21.33
Self Sustainable Activities – Researches and Analysis	7,260	2.39
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