

2nd LSEE Research Network Conference

27-28 March 2014, London School of Economics



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Welcome to:

***Post-crisis recovery in Southeast Europe and beyond:
policy challenges for social and economic inclusion***

**Second Conference of LSEE's Research Network on
Social Cohesion in South East Europe**

London, 27-28 March 2014

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Foreward

Over the last two decades the countries of South Eastern Europe (SEE) have been undergoing lengthy structural reforms as a consequence of the combined processes of economic transition, social change, administrative reform, post-conflict reconstruction, state-building and preparations for accession to the EU. Moreover, these countries are located within a region that over the last twenty years has suffered from political instability, multiple economic crises, growing social polarization, ethnic fragmentation and increasing spatial inequalities, all of which has been exacerbated by the ongoing economic crisis that began at the end of the last decade.

Despite the importance of these issues, the study of social and economic inclusion and cohesion has not developed sufficiently in SEE in comparison with Western Europe or the Central East European countries. In most SEE countries the consequences of growing social problems have been underestimated and social issues have generally remained in the shadow of other priorities on the policy agenda.

The conference aims to provide a forum for the presentation, dissemination and discussion of the latest research findings on topics related to questions of exclusion, inclusion and social and economic cohesion in South Eastern Europe and in countries in the wider 'transition' region. Researchers from all social science disciplines including social policy, political economy, economics, political science, public administration, sociology, and socio-legal studies will have the opportunity to share views and critical perspectives in a supportive and welcoming environment .

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The programme at a glance

DAY 1 – Thursday 27 March 2014

From	To	Session	Description	Room
09:00	09:30		REGISTRATION	NAB.1.04
09:30	09:45		Introduction & welcome	NAB.1.04
09:45	11:00	<u>PLENARY</u>	RCC debate: The SEE 2020 Strategy and Social Cohesion in the Western Balkans	NAB.1.04
11:00	11:30		Coffee break	NAB.2.04
11:30	13:00	<u>Parallel sessions A</u>	Session A1: Poverty Session A2: Education	NAB.1.04 NAB.1.15
13:00	14:00		Lunch	NAB.2.04
14:00	15:30	<u>Parallel sessions B</u>	Session B1: Inequality Session B2: Employment	NAB.1.04 NAB.1.15
15:30	16:00		Coffee break	NAB.2.04
16:00	18:00	<u>Parallel sessions C</u>	Session C1: Gender Session C2: Challenges	NAB.1.04 NAB.1.15
18:00	18:30		Free time	
18:30	20:00	<u>Public event - PLENARY</u>	DG Enlargement debate: Social protection actions in the IPA programme	Wolfson Theatre
20:00	20:30		Reception	NAB LG Foyer

DAY 2 – Friday 28 March 2014

From	To	Session	Description	Room
9:00	10:30	<u>Parallel sessions D</u>	Session D1: Roma Session D2: Migration	NAB.2.04 NAB.2.06
10:30	11:00		Coffee break	NAB.1.15
11:00	12:00	<u>Parallel sessions E</u>	Session E1: Health Session E2: Youth Unemployment	NAB.2.04 NAB.2.06
12:00	13:00	<u>Session F & Advisory Board Meeting</u>	Session F1: Housing Session F2: Advisory board meeting	NAB.2.04 NAB.2.06
13:00	14:00		Lunch	NAB.1.15
14:00	15:30	<u>Parallel sessions F</u>	Session G1: Social Protection Session G2: VET	NAB.2.04 NAB.2.06
15:30	17:00	<u>PLENARY</u>	Roundtable on the future of research on SEE	NAB.2.04
17:00			CONFERENCE ENDS	

Conference sessions

Plenary: Welcome and introduction on behalf of the European Institute, LSEE Research on SEE, LSEE Research Network & Conference partners

Kevin Featherstone, Vassilis Monastiriotis, Will Bartlett

Day 1 - 9:30-9:45 - Room NAB.1.04

Plenary: The SEE 2020 Strategy and Social Cohesion in the Western Balkans

Nand Shani, Barbara Rambousek, Milica Uvalić; Chair: Will Bartlett

Day 1 - 9:45-11:00 - Room NAB.1.04

PARALLEL SESSIONS A

Day 1 - 11:30-13:00

Session A1 - POVERTY - Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis, Room NAB.1.04

Session A2 - EDUCATION - Chair: Will Bartlett, Room NAB.1.15

Author	Title of paper	Author	Title of paper
Ivo Bićanić and Dora Tuđa	Relative wages and wage inequality in Croatia during boom and bust	Nikica Mojsoska-Blazevski and Maja Ristovski	Preventing the dropouts: The effect of school experience on pupils' decision to drop out of school
Maja Gerovska Mitev	Poverty and Social Exclusion in Macedonia, Serbia and Croatia: Trends and Policy Responses	Elena Shomos	Education exclusion and teacher training initiatives in Albania
Vassilis Monastiriotis and Angelo Martelli	Determinants of non-standard employment and paths to informality in Serbia: 'coping' versus 'sorting'	Shpresa Zaplluzha	School violence Prizren

PARALLEL SESSIONS B

Day 1 - 14:00-15:30

Session B1 - INEQUALITY - Chair: Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic, Room NAB.1.04

Session B2 - EMPLOYMENT - Chair: Mihail Arandarenko, Room NAB.1.15

Sally Broughton Micova	Identity vs Cohesion Minority-Language Broadcasting in South East Europe	Alexandra Szőke	Working out the meaning of value - Unemployment and workfare in rural Hungary
Milford Bateman and Dean Sinković	How to destroy an economy and community without really trying - microcredit in Bosnia	Iva Tomić and Daniel Nestić	The NEET population in Croatia: characteristics and dynamics
Irina Ion	The distribution of the adjustment costs of the crisis in Romania	Predrag Bejaković and Viktor Gotovac	Croatian labour market: Existing problems and possible solutions

PARALLEL SESSIONS C

Day 1 - 16:00-18:00

Session C1 – GENDER – Chair: Ivana Prica, Room NAB.1.04		Session C2 – CHALLENGES – Chair: Aleksandra Nojković, NAB.1.15	
Katarina Jirsa	Competitiveness of women victims of domestic violence on labour market	Almina Bešić	Can expatriates of host-country origin meet the challenges in the Western Balkans - An analysis of Austrian multinationals
Sonja Avlijas	Political Economy of Low Female Labour Force Participation	Slavka Zeković and Miodrag Vujošević	Some global challenges for socio-economic growth in the South-Eastern Europe: the role of
Esmeralda Shehaj and Nick Adnett	Modelling the Drivers of Female Labour Force Participation: The case of Albania	Kathleen Scanlon, Christine Whitehead and Will Bartlett	Evaluating the Wider Benefits of Cultural Heritage in the Balkans
Jelena Stanković, Vesna Janković, Marija Andjelkovic and Danijela Stošić	Glass ceiling phenomenon in transition economies - the case of South Eastern Serbia		

Public event - DG Enlargement panel debate: Social protection actions in the IPA Programme

Natalia Dianisova, Miodrag Dragišić, Paolo Marchi; Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis

Day 1 - 18:30-20:00 - Wolfson Theatre

PARALLEL SESSIONS D

Day 2 - 09:00-10:30

Session D1 – ROMA – Chair: Merita Xhumari, Room NAB.2.04		Session D2 – MIGRATION – Chair: Milica Uvalić, NAB.2.06	
Sorin Gog	Advanced forms of marginality and emerging mechanisms of exclusion of Roma communities from Romania	Jana Srbijanko, Neda Korunovska and Tanja Maleska	Anywhere but Here: Are Social Exclusion and Unemployment Pushing Young People out of Macedonia?
Blerjana Bino	Policy discourse on Roma education	Sanela Bašić	Intersections between Migration and Empowerment of Women in Post-Socialist Bosnia through the Women's Lenses
Katya Ivanova and Diana Popescu	Short-term constraints long-term losses	Kitti Baracsi	The Labour Market of the Others
Ajtene Avdullahi and Shpresa Kaciku	Roma community integration in planning of local economic development in Republic of Kosovo		

PARALLEL SESSIONS E

Day 2 - 11:00-12:00

Session E1 – HEALTH – Chair: Nikica Mojsoska Blaževski, Room NAB.2.04

Session E2 – YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT – Chair: Bernard Casey, NAB.2.06

Kristefer Stojanovski	The influence of household wealth on gender empowerment in healthcare decision making and pregnancy intentions among Romani women in Serbia and Macedonia	Mihail Arandarenko and Aleksandra Nojković	Programmes to tackle youth unemployment in SEE
Neda Milevska Kostova and Snezhana Chichevalieva	Out-of-pocket expenditures - increasing health inequalities or improving health outcomes?	Silvia Cristina Marginean and Ramona Orastean	Youth unemployment Romania

PARALLEL SESSIONS F

Day 2 - 12:00-13:00

Session F1 – HOUSING – chair: Vesna Popovski, Room NAB.2.04

Session F2 – ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, Room NAB.2.06

Jovan Pejkovski	Social housing in countries of South Eastern Europe in the post-crisis period	<i>By invitation only</i>
Zoran Kostov	Indicators for social exclusion in housing - Macedonia	

PARALLEL SESSIONS G

Day 2 - 14:00-15:30

Session G1 – SOCIAL PROTECTION – Chair: Adam Fagan, Room NAB.2.04

Session G2 – VET – Chair: Lida Kita, Room NAB.2.06

Zarko Šunderić and Biljana Mladenović	Role and influence of social protection in poverty reduction - case of Serbia	Nina Branković	Selection and efficiency of policy instruments for social inclusion in Vocational Education in Croatia and BiH
Merita Xhumari	Toward a sustainable local government administration for successfully implementation of the social protection system in Albania	Adriana Gashi	Determinants of social exclusion in VET schools: empirical evidence for Kosovo
Nermin Oruc	Formal and informal social protection and inequality during the crisis Evidence from BiH	Ana Vjetrov	Analysis of the access to vocational education and training in Serbia and its relation to social inclusion

Plenary: Roundtable on the future of research on SEE

Lida Kita, Rainer Münz, Mihail Arandarenko, Nikica Mojsoska-Blaževski, Merita Xhumari; Chair: Will Bartlett

Day 2 - 15:30-16:30 - Room NAB.2.04

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LSEE Research on SEE

LSEE is a research unit established within LSE's European Institute with the aim of developing the School's expertise on South East Europe. Drawing on the strength of existing and new academic expertise at the LSE, and complementing the work of the Hellenic Observatory and the Contemporary Turkish Studies Programme, LSEE aims to provide a significant platform on which to build high quality, independent research and facilitate public dialogue and dissemination of information on the region.

LSEE Research Network on Social Cohesion in SEE

The LSEE research network aims to promote fundamental independent research into issues of social cohesion in the region, covering a diverse range of policy themes, all with a focus on providing original research evidence for policy makers to develop effective policy responses to the worsening social situation. The members of the network are leading researchers with expertise in social issues from the region and elsewhere in Europe as well as researchers at LSEE. The promotion of regional cooperation in research activity and the investigation of the benefits of regional cooperation in policy proposals is a key motivation of the research network

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