

CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN FORMAL AND INFORMAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE BALKANS

A Joint Conference of Researchers and Policy Makers

**16 – 18 November 2018
Bled, Slovenia**

Programme

Thursday 16 November

- 14:00 - 18:00** Arrival of participants and registration
- 18:45 - 19:15** Welcome address: Janez Fajfar, Mayor of Bled
- 19:30 - 20:30** Dinner at the hotel restaurant

Friday 17 November

- 7:00 - 9:00** Breakfast
- 8.30 - 9:00** Registration
- 9:00** Welcome, the INFORM research agenda and current state of the project: Eric Gordy

SESSION 1: INFORMALITY IN ECONOMIC AND EVERYDAY LIFE

Chair: **Miran Lavrič**

- 9:15** Perceptions and experiences in relation to (in)formal institutions: **Predrag Cvetičanin**
- 9:35** Informality in economic life in the Balkans – survey results and a case study: **Adnan Efendić**
- 9:55** Discussion

10:10 Short break

10:20 PANEL DISCUSSION ON INFORMALITY IN ECONOMIC LIFE

Moderator: **Rudi Klanjšek**

- Geoff Pugh**, Director of the Centre for Applied Business Research, Staffordshire, UK
- Alena Ledeneva**, INFORM expert, University College London, UK
- Adnan Efendić**, INFORM researcher, Centre for Applied Interdisciplinary Social Research, Sarajevo
- Artan Çollaku**, Director of Department of Coordination of the Stabilization and Association Process, Kosovo*

11:20 Coffee Break

SESSION 2: INFORMALITY IN POLITICAL LIFE

Chair: **Gentiana Kera**

11:50 Informality in political life – survey results: **Borjan Gjuzelov, Misha Popovikj**

12:05 A case study on informal political decision-making: **Vjollca Krasniqi**

12:20 Ethnographic report on informal practices: the case of Albania: **Armanda Hysa**

12:35 A case study on political clientelism: **Misha Popovikj, Danijela Gavrilović**

12:50 Discussion

13:05 Lunch

14:15 PANEL DISCUSSION ON INFORMALITY IN POLITICAL LIFE

Moderator: **Predrag Cvetičanin**

Introductory note: **Jadranka Kosor**, Former Prime Minister of Croatia

Dragan Barbutovski, Director at Stratego & Think Europe, European Ideas Hub, Ljubljana

Christian Giordano, Institute of Social Anthropology at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Ilina Mangova, Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis”-Skopje, Macedonia

15:30 Short Break

SESSION 3: EUROPEANIZATION OF WESTERN BALKANS

Chair: **Enriketa Papa-Pandelejmoni**

15:40 Attitudes towards the EU in six Western Balkans countries: **Ivan Damjanovski, Miran Lavrič**

15:55 A case study on enforcement of EU rules in the area of home slaughter: **Reana Senjković**

16:10 Ordinary Montenegrins on the road to EU: **Klavs Sedlenieks**

16:25 Discussion

16:40 Coffee Break

17:10 PANEL DISCUSSION ON EUROPEANIZATION OF WESTERN BALKANS

Moderator: **Vesna Vuk Godina**

Srdjan Majstorović, European Policy Centre, Belgrade, Serbia

Hristina Koneska-Beroska, Secretariat of European Affairs, Macedonia

Lorela Simoni, Specialist at the Ministry of European Integration, Albania

Zorka Kodrić, Ministry of European Affairs, Montenegro

David Hudson, Senior Expert at the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, Brussels

18:10 Short Break

CLOSING SESSION

18:20 Creating a conference declaration: **Eric Gordy**

20:00 Dinner



Saturday 18 November

- 7:00 - 9:00** Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00 Meeting of management board and advisory board
10:30 Departure of participants

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