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The Conference Program

FRIDAY 1 JUNE, 2001

- 19.30 – 20.00 *Registration*
- 20.00 – 20.15 *Welcome Addresses*
- 20.15 – 20.30 *Opening Address*
- 20.30 – 22.30 *Welcome Reception*

SATURDAY 2 JUNE, 2001

10.00 – 11.30 **Plenary Session I**

ECONOMIC PROCESSES & POLICIES IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE I

Chairman: **Jackson Marvin**, *Emeritus Professor of Economics, LICOS - Centre for Transition Economics, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium*

The Balkans in the New European Economic Space: Problems of Adjustment and Policies of Development

Petrakos George, *Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly, and South and East European Development Center, Greece*

Economic Environment In Albania, Bulgaria, F.Y.R. of Macedonia and Greece: A Cross-Country Study

Minassian Garabed, *Member of the President of Bulgaria Advisory Board and Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy Sciences, Bulgaria*

The Convergence of Monetary Policy between Candidate Countries and the European Union

Brada Josef, *Department of Economics, Arizona State University, USA*

Kutan Ali, *Department of Economics, Southern Illinois University, USA*

Discussion

11.30 – 12.00 *Coffee Break*

12.00 – 13.30 **Plenary Session II**

ECONOMIC PROCESSES & POLICIES IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE II

Chairman: **Totev Stoyan**, *Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria*

Beyond Conflict or Domination: A Proposal for a Just and Viable Settlement of the Albanian Problem in the Balkans

Karakostanoglou Veniamin, *Institute for Balkan Studies (Ή xÁ) and Law Department, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*

Foreign Direct Investment in the Framework of Cross-Border Co-operation in Selected Balkan Countries (Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, and Macedonia)

Slaveski Trajko, *Faculty of Economics, St. Kyril and Methodius University, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

Pece Nedanovski, *Faculty of Economics, St. Kyril and Methodius University, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

European Political Integration after Kosovo: a Damaged Project?

Hadjimichalis Costis, *Geography Department, Harokopio University, Greece*

Discussion

13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch Break*

15.00 – 16.45 **Parallel Session I**

EVOLUTION AND DETERMINANTS OF TRADE AND FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS

Chairman: **Minassian Garabed**, *Member of the President of Bulgaria Advisory Board and Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy Sciences, Bulgaria*

Greece's Trade with the Balkan Countries: is it too little?

Chionis Dionysios, *Department of Economics, University of Thessaly, and South and East European Development Center, Greece*

Liargovas Panagiotis, *Department of Economics, University of Thessaly, Greece*

Zanias George, *Department of International and European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece*

The Locational Determinants of Direct Investments in the Bulgarian Manufacturing

Anastassopoulos George, *Department of Business Administration, University of Aegean, Greece*

Maroudas Leonidas, *Department of Business Administration, University of Aegean, Greece*

Rizopoulos Yorgos, *CRIISEA, University of Picardie, Pole Universitaire Cathedrale, (University of Amiens), France*

The Determinants of FDI in Transition Countries; Incentives and Barriers Based on a Questionnaire Research: the Case of Bulgaria, 1989-2000

Bitzenis Aristidis, *Business Consultant in Ovoplast S.A, Greece*

Regional Allocation of Direct Investment in Bulgaria by Municipalities

Manov Arso, *Department of Statistics and Econometrics, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria*

Parallel Session II

STRUCTURAL AND SECTORAL ISSUES

Chairman: **Skayiannis Pantelis**, *Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly, and South and East European Development Center Greece*

Delocalisation of Labour Intensive Industries: An Argument in Favour of “Triangular Manufacturing” Between Developed Countries – Greece - Balkans

Labrianidis Lois, *Department of Economics, University of Macedonia, Greece*

Structural Adjustment of Yugoslav Agriculture: Transition from Sectoral to More Rural Oriented Policy

Njegovan Zoran, *Strategic and Development Department, Economics Institute, Yugoslavia*

Agricultural Transformation in South Bulgaria

Margaris Nicos, *Department of the Environment, University of the Aegean, Greece*

Technology Assessment in the Balkans. The prospects and the obstacles

Bakouros Ioannis, *Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Thessaly, South and East European Development Center and ITCB (Initiative for Technology Cooperation with the Balkans), Greece*

Parallel Session III

THE TRANSITION PROCESS AFTER 10 YEARS

Chairman: **Kotios Angelos**, *Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and South and East European Development Center, Greece*

Ownership and Control Structures in Transition to "Crony" Capitalism: The Case of Bulgaria

Peev Evgeni, *Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria*

Economic and Social Problems Created in the Transition Period in Albania

Telo Elia, *Labor Institute, Trade Union, Albania*

Hysa Bajram, *Tirana University, Albania*

The Monetary Policy and its Impact on the Process of Transition to Market: The Bulgarian Experience after 1990

Sotirova-Petkova Ekaterina Stephanova, *University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria*

Trade, Corruption and Foreign Direct Investments in the Balkans: A Comparison of Albania, Bulgaria and Macedonia

Todor Yalamov, *Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy and Sofia University, Bulgaria*

Discussion

16.45 – 17.15 *Coffee Break*

17.15 – 19.00 **Parallel Session IV**

STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION I

Chairman: **Liargovas Panagiotis**, *Department of Economics, University of Thessaly, Greece*

Regional Integration in South-Eastern Europe

Nikolaides Evangelos, *University of Crete, Greece*

Kirkilis Dimitrios, *University of Macedonia, and Black Sea Trade and Development Bank, Greece*

New regionalism in the South Eastern Europe: Problems and prospects

Tsardanidis Charalambos, *Institute of International Economic Relations, Greece*

The Effects of Regional Integration on Exports

Sekulovska-Gaber Biljana, *Faculty of Economics, St. Kyril and Methodius University, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

Regional Initiatives in South Eastern Europe: an Assesment - Essay in Methodology

Lopandic Dusko, *Institute for International Politics and Economics, Yugoslavia*

Parallel Session V

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES FOR CROSS BORDER COOPERATION

Chairman: **Chionis Dionysios**, *Department of Economics, University of Thessaly, and South and East European Development Center, Greece*

Cross-Border Cooperation: The Enterprise's Point of View

Dimitrov Mitko, *Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria*

SMEs Development In Cross Border Co-operation Region: Romania - Hungary (CBCRoHu)

Platon Victor, *Institute for National Economy, Romania*

Antonescu Daniela, *Industrial Economics Institute, Romania*

Experiences of the Cross-Border Cooperation between Greece and Bulgaria. The Case of Nestos River

Papachristou Eleftheria, *Department of Civil Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*

Darakas Efthymios, *Department of Civil Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*

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Conditions For Cross-Border Co-operation in Southern Bulgaria

Roukova Poli, *Institute of Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria*

Greek Bulgarian Trade Relations – Possibilities for Cross Border Cooperation

Boyadjieva Maria, *State expert, South-Eastern Europe Department, Ministry of Economy, Bulgaria*

Parallel Session VI

ECONOMIC AND STABILIZATION POLICIES

Chairman: **Labrianidis Lois**, *Department of Economics, University of Macedonia, Greece*

Bulgarian Economic Stabilization - Realities vs. Illusions

Statev Statty, *Faculty of Economics, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria*

Macroeconomic Stabilization Policies and their Impact in Albania during the Period of Transition (1991-2000)

Shahollari Luan, *Member of the Albanian Parliament, Economic, Financial & Privatization Commission, Albania*

Rethinking Privatization in Serbia

Hadzic Miroljub, *Kapital Banka, Belgrade, and Department for Privatization, Foreign Investment and Securities, Yugoslavia*

Mass Privatization in Albania and Post Privatization Problems

Mema Fatmir, *University of Tirana, Albania*

Southeastern Europe and the Euro Area: the Euroization Debate

Kotios Angelos, *University of Thessaly, and South and East European Development Center, Greece*

21.00

Dinner

SUNDAY 3 JUNE, 2001

10.00 – 11.40

Plenary Session III

ECONOMIC PROCESSES & POLICIES IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE III

Chairman: **Deric Branislav**, *University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia*

A Supply-Side Strategy of Competitiveness and Convergence for the Balkan Region

Pitelis Christos, *Department of Economics, University of Athens, Greece and Centre of International Business and Management, University of Cambridge, UK*

Domestic Migration and Economic Policies in the Post-Totalitarian Romania

Ianos Ioan, *University of Bucharest, Romania*

Developing New Schemes for the Integration of the Balkan Space/Environment: First Experience from the Ospe Project

Vujosevic Miodrag, *Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning of Serbia, Belgrade, Yugoslavia*

Getimis Panagiotis, *Institute of Urban Environment and Human Resources, Panteion University, Greece*

Economic Performance and Structures of South East European Countries

Totev Stoyan, *Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria*

11.40 – 12.00

Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.40

Plenary Session IV

ECONOMIC PROCESSES & POLICIES IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE IV

Chairman: **Mema Fatmir**, *University of Tirana, Albania*

Politics and Transition Lags in South-eastern Europe: Will, Ability, or (Im)Possibility

Jackson Marvin, *Emeritus Professor of Economics, LICOS - Centre for Transition Economics, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium*

Economic and Monetary Developments during Transition in Albania

Haderi Sulo, *Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana and Supervisory Council, Bank of Albania, Albania*

Hida Sybi, *Fiscal Analysis and Policy Section, Ministry of Finance, Albania*

Banking Reform and Banking Needs of Transition Economies in Southeastern Europe

Stoumbos George, *Bank of Greece, Greece and University of Toronto, Canada*

Supporting stability through economic reconstruction and development in

Southeastern Europe; the role of the European Investment Bank

Kavvadia Helen, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

13.40 – 15.00 *Lunch Break*

15.00 – 17.00 *Round Table Discussion*

17.15 – 19.00 **Parallel Session VII**

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Chairman: Vujosevic Miodrag, Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning of Serbia, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Regional Disparities in Unemployment and their Implications for Economic Restructuring in Transition Economies

Kotzeva Mariana, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Regional Inequalities and Policy Implications for a Balanced Development: The Case of Southeastern European Countries in Transition

Giannias Dimitrios, Department of Economics, University of Crete

Liargovas Panagiotis, Department of Economics, University of Thessaly

The Potential of Entrepreneurial Urban Public Transport in Transition Economies

Hedges Charles, Sofia University, Bulgaria

Regional Development Integration Prospects in South-East Europe (Yugoslavia Case Challenge)

Deric Branislav, University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Parallel Session VIII

POPULATION AND MIGRATION DYNAMICS

Chairman: Dimitrov Mitko, Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

Domestic Migration and Economic Policies in the Post-Totalitarian Romania

Ianos Ioan, University of Bucharest, Romania

Changes in the Dynamics and Composition of the Albanian Population

Telo Elia, Labor Institute, Trade Union, Albania

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The Use of Low-level Comparisons for Estimation of Scarce Data Processes: Migration

Tsvetarsky Sergey, Head of "Regional Statistics" division, National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria, Bulgaria

The Greeks in the Balkans: A Capitalist Diaspora

Kamaras Antonis, Hellenic Observatory, European Institute, London School of Economics, UK

Parallel Session IX

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Chairman: **Statev Statty**, Faculty of Economics, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria

The Effects of Defence Spending Reductions: a CGE Estimation of the Foregone Peace Dividend in the Case of Greece

Athanassiou Emmanuel, KEPE and Department of Economics, University of Athens, Greece

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Development Limitations and Possibilities in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Filipovic Milorad, Belgrade University, Yugoslavia

Geography and Integration: The Greek Case, a Lesson for the Balkan Transition Countries

Panteladis Giannis, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly, and South and East European Development Center, Greece

The role of transport in the development of Balkans

Skayiannis Pantelis, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and South and East European Development Center, Greece

Skyrgiannis Xaralambos, University of Thessaly, Greece

17.15 - 19.00

Parallel Session X

STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION II

Chairman: **Shahollari Luan**, Member of the Albanian Parliament, Economic, Financial & Privatization Commission, Albania

Measuring and assessment of regional disparities and their policy implications: the case of Bulgaria

Marinov Vassil, National Centre for Regional Development Ltd, Bulgaria

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The Role of the Local Government for Stability and Development in Greece
Gkekas Rallis, *Department of Geography, Harokopio University of Athens, Greece*

Paleologou Susanna, *Ministry of National Economy, Unit of Economic Analysis and Research, Greece*

The Institutional Functioning of Regional Development in Bulgaria

Kolev Boris, *Institute of Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria*

Introducing Performance Management to Local Governments in Albania: First Results

Mark Katharine, *Urban Institute, Hungary*

PARALLEL SESSION XI

THE ROLE OF POLITICS IN THE STABILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BALKANS

Chairman: Tsardanidis Charalambos, Institute of International Economic Relations, Greece

International Political Economy: The events in Kosovo and their social and economic consequences on Serbia

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Conditions of Democracy and Civil Society in the Balkans

Kouskouvelis Ilias, *University of Macedonia, Greece*

The Geopolitics of Energy in the Balkan Region

Pramagioulis Ioannis, *Department of Geography, University of the Aegean, Greece*

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21.00

Dinner

MONDAY 4 JUNE, 2001

Departure from Volos

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