



2ND
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

**THE BALKANS IN
THE EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC SPACE**

PROBLEMS OF ADJUSTMENT
AND POLICIES OF DEVELOPMENT

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24 JUNE – 3 JULY 2000

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24 June, Saturday

21.00 Arrival
Orientation meeting - Dinner

25 June, Sunday

20.30 Opening Session: Welcome address

Professor Pantelis Lazaridis, Rector of the University of Thessaly

21.30 Buffet

26 June, Monday

10.00 - 10.30 Ten years of transition in the Balkans: the anatomy of a failure

George Petrakos, Associate Professor, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and Director, SEED.

10.30 - 10.45 Discussion

10.45 - 11.15 Macroeconomic stabilization redux

Dionysis Chionis, Visiting Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Thessaly and Research Fellow, International Center for Black Sea Studies.

11.15 - 11.30 Discussion

11.30 - 12.00 Emigration processes and socio-economic development in Bulgaria

Stoyan Totev, Deputy Director, Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

12.00 - 12.15 Discussion

12.15 - 14.45 EU Regional innovation policies: A new window of opportunity for the Balkan countries?

Giannis Bakouros, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Thessaly and Research Fellow, SEED.

12.45 - 13.00 Discussion

13.00 - 14.00 Buffet

27 June, Tuesday

10.00 - 10.30	Trade relations in the Balkans and the challenge of regional cooperation <i>George Petrakos, Associate Professor, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and Director, SEED.</i>
10.30 - 10.45	Discussion
10.45 - 11.15	Export competition among transition countries <i>Dimitris Kyrkilis, Lecturer, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia.</i>
11.15 - 11.30	Discussion
11.30 - 12.00	Macroeconomic adjustments in Bulgaria <i>Statty Statev, Associate Professor, University of National and World Economy, Sofia.</i>
12.00 - 12.15	Discussion
12.15 - 14.45	European Union policies under the 3 rd Community Support Framework 2000-6 <i>Aggelos Kotios, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and Research Fellow, SEED.</i>
12.45 - 13.00	Discussion
13.00 - 14.00	Buffet

28 June, Wednesday

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| 10.00 - 10.30 | Privatization and enterprise restructuring
<i>Dr. Vagelis Karafotakis, Economist, Research Fellow, Institute for International Economic relations.</i> |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | Discussion |
| 10.45 - 11.15 | The role of capital markets in Transition economies
<i>Spyros Vliamos, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Thessaly and Research Fellow SEED.</i> |
| 11.15 - 11.30 | Discussion |
| 11.30 - 12.00 | The Institutional framework of economic transition in the Balkans
<i>Michalis Zouboulakis, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Thessaly.</i> |
| 12.00 - 12.15 | Discussion |
| 12.15 - 14.45 | Stability policies and their impact on the Albanian economy
<i>Luan Shahollari, Economist, Member of the Albanian Parliament and Dr. Fatmir Mema, University of Tirana.</i> |
| 12.45 - 13.00 | Discussion |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Buffet |

29 June, Thursday

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| 10.00 - 10.30 | Micro and macro-spatial aspects of transition
<i>George Petrakos, Associate Professor, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and Director, SEED.</i> |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | Discussion |
| 10.45 - 11.15 | The spatial aspects of transition in Romania
<i>Ioan Ianos, Professor, Departement of Economic Geography, University of Bucharest.</i> |
| 11.15 - 11.30 | Discussion |
| 11.30 - 12.00 | The spatial dimension of Foreign direct investment in Balkan countries
<i>Lois Labrianidis, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Macedonia.</i> |
| 12.00 - 12.15 | Discussion |
| 12.15 - 14.45 | A Comparative analysis of social and technical infrastructure in Transition countries
<i>Pantelis Skayannis, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and Research Fellow, SEED.</i> |
| 12.45 - 13.00 | Discussion |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Buffet |

30 June, Friday

10.00 - 10.30	Peripherality and integration: The experience of Greece and its implications for the Balkan countries in transition <i>George Petrakos, Associate Professor, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and Director, SEED</i>
10.30 - 10.45	Discussion
10.45 - 11.15	The economy of Turkey and its prospects in the EU <i>Panagiotis Liargovas, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Patras.</i>
11.15 - 11.30	Discussion
11.30 - 12.00	The socioeconomic circumstances in Yugoslavia, the non-growth syndrome, and an urge to conceptualise a new planning approach. <i>Dr. Miodrag Vujosevic, Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning of Serbia.</i>
12.00 - 12.15	Discussion
12.15 - 14.45	European policies for the integration and development of the Balkan countries. <i>Aggelos Kotios, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly and Research Fellow, SEED.</i>
12.45 - 13.00	Discussion
13.00 - 14.00	Buffet

1 July, Saturday

10.00 - 10.30	The determinants of FDI in transition countries <i>Christos Pitelis, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Athens and Director, Center of International Business and Management, University of Cambridge.</i>
10.30 - 10.45	Discussion
10.45 - 11.15	The financial sector reform initiative in the Balkans <i>George Stoumpos, Professor, University of York and Economic Advisor, Bank of Greece.</i>
11.15 - 11.30	Discussion
11.30 - 12.15	Medium-term strategy for economic development in Macedonia <i>Dr. Trajko Slaveski, St. Kyril and Methodious University, Skopje and Minister of Development.</i>
12.15 - 12.30	Discussion
12.30 - 13.30	Round Table: Strategies and Policies for the Development of the Balkans
13.30 - 14.30	Buffet

2 July, Sunday

Sightseeing in Pelion Mountain

3 July, Monday

Departure