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Albanians on the move - Citizenship, Identity and Development

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM: 13th NOVEMBER 2015

10:30 – 11:00 Registration

11:00 - 11:20 Opening Welcome Speeches

11:00 - 11:05 **Prof. Fatos Tarifa**, Rector, University of New York Tirana

11:05 - 11:15 **Dr. Erka Çaro**, ICM Project Coordinator, UNYT, Jyväskylä Finland & University of Tirana

11:15 - 11:20 **Magdalena Solska**, RRPP Programme Advisor, IICEE, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

11:20 – 11:50 Plenary Session: Labor Migration and Industrial Citizenship: Citizenship, identity and Development

11:20 - 11:30 **Mr. Valon Murati**, Minister of Diaspora, Kosovo

11:30 - 11:40 **Mrs. Elona Gjebrea**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs in Albania

11:40 - 11:50 **Mrs. Gentjana (Mara) Sula**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Youth in Albania

11:50 – 14:50 Keynote speakers

11:50 - 12:20 **Prof. Nathan Lillie**, Professor of Social Policy, University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

12:20 - 12:50 **Prof. Russell King**, Professor of Geography (Geography, Sussex Centre for Migration Research), University of Sussex, UK.

12:50 - 13:00 Discussions

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch/cocktail

14:00 - 14:20 **Dr. Ajay Bailey**, Assistant Professor in Population Studies, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

14:20 - 14:40 **Dr. Marc Hill**, Assistant Professor in Migration and Educational Studies, University of Innsbruck, Austria

14:40 – 15:20 Migrant Experience

14:40 - 15:00 **Mr. Faton Topalli**, Migrant experience

15:00 - 15:20 **Mr. Lulzim Voca**, Migrant experience

15:20- 15:50 Closing Remarks & Discussion

Moderator: **Prof. Ass. Mimoza Dushi**, ICM Project Partner, University of Prishtina, Kosovo

16:00 - 17:00 Book Launch and Photo Exhibition

Book: Spaces of Discordance: Ethnography of Space and Place in the village of Dhermi/Drimades, Southern Albania and Exhibition: Routes of Dhermi/Drimades in Southern Albania by **Nataša Gregorič Bon, PHD**

17:00 Wine Reception

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: 14th NOVEMBER 2015

9:00 - 11:00 Session 1 on Theme: **MIGRANT'S PERCEPTIONS; CITIZENSHIP, IDENTITY, DEVELOPMENT / Room: 3E**

Moderator/Discussant: Russell King, University of Sussex, UK

- Industrial Citizenship and Migration from Western Balkans, Case Studies from Albania and Kosovo migration towards Greece, Germany and Switzerland (Preliminary Results of RRPP Project)
Erka Çaro and Mimoza Dushi (University Jyväskylä & University of Prishtina)
- Estonian Migrants in Finland and the ‘Regime Shopping’ Argument: Perceptions of the Workers on the Use of Social Benefits
Markku Sippola (University Jyväskylä)
- Between the Two worlds – Mobilizing Diaspora and Transnational Relations in a Rural Community
Bresena Kopliku (University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”)
- Home” for now or “Home” for life. Migration memories of Kosovan Albanian Migrants in West European Countries
Mimoza Dushi (University of Prishtina)
- Employment, Immigration and European Challenges in Albania
Donila Pipa and Matilda Kaleshi (Professional Business Academy, Albania & University of Tirana)

9.00 - 11:00 Session 2 on Theme: **THE LOCAL IMPACT ON/OFF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION** **Room: 3D**

Moderator/Discussant: Marsela Dautaj, University of New York Tirana

- Social Inclusion and Empowerment for Asylum Seekers
Somita Sabeti (University of Gothenburg)
- Post-migration educates: Youth from migrant families are shaping diversity in new ways!
Marc Hill (University of Innsbruck)
- School Achievement among Children Left Behind in Kosovo by Migrant Fathers
Aliriza Arenliu, Stevan Merrill Weine, Linda Hoxha and Liridona Jemini Gashi (University of Prishtina & University of Illinois)
- International Migration in Gjirokastra Region and the Impact
Valbona Duri and Jostina Dhimitri (University of Gjirokastrë “Eqrem Çabej” & University of Tirana)

- Reducing Labor Migration by Increasing Local Employment and Talent Engagement Through Social Business
Laura Riolli, Xhimi Hysa and Shkelzen Marku (California State University, Sacramento, Epoka University, Yunus Social Business (YSB) Balkans)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:30 Session 3 on Theme: **MIGRATION TRENDS IN THE BALKANS**

Room: 3E

Moderator/Discussant: MIMOZA DUSHI, University of Prishtina, Kosovo

- Albanian Migration: An Analysis of Trends, Causes and Consequences
Eda Dokle (Charles University, Prague)
- Testing the Reliability of Human International Migration Flows Data Using Benford's Law: Albania's Case, January 1992 – July 2015
Fejzi Kolaneci and Xhulia Dushku (University of New York Tirana)
- Estimating the Associations Between Human Migration and Unemployment Rate by Applying Kendall Tau and Spearman Rho Metrics: The Case of Albania
Fejzi Kolaneci, Juxhen Duzha and Enxhi Lika (University of New York Tirana)
- Why this Second Wave of Immigration of Albanians
Rita Loloçi, Anjeza Toçi (Professional Business Academy & Ministry of Energy and Industry)
- Migration Process in Presheva Valley - Causes, Consequences and Benefits
Arsim Ejupi (University of Prishtina)
- Why Bulgarian Nurses Want to Emigrate?
Rumyana Stoyanova (University-Plovdiv, Bulgaria)

11:30 – 13:30 Session 4 on Theme: **MOBILISED LABOR AND TRADE UNIONS**

Room: 3D

Moderator/Discussant: MAURIZIO AMBROZINI, University of Milan

- Emigration and Trade Unions in Eastern Europe: The cases of Albania and Estonia
Sonila Danaj, Kairit Kall and Erka Çaro (University of Jyväskylä)
- Migrants and Labor Trade Union in Switzerland
Osman Osmani (Labor Trade Unions, UNIA, Bern, Switzerland)
- Albanian Immigrants' Attitudes towards Trade Unions in Italy
Sonila Danaj (University of Jyväskylä)

- Outsourcing the Finnish Welfare State - Mobilization Against Incorporating of Cleaners in Public Services
Laura Mankki and Helena Hirvonen (University of Jyväskylä)
- Union Strategies to Organize and Represent Migrants
Dastidë Hajdari (University of Prishtina)

13:30 – 14:15 Lunch Break

14.15 – 15.45 Session 5 on Theme: RETURN MIGRATION, IMPACT AND REINTEGRATION / Room:3E

Moderator/Discussant: Veronica Duci, University of Tirana

- “In Greece they call me Meti, in Albania they call me Menelaos”: Reshaping identity under the impact of returning to native country to pursue higher education
Albana Canollari and Enila Cenko (University of New York Tirana)
- The Role of Return Migration in Economy, in Post socialist Economic Development: Benefits, Risks, and Politics in Albania
Florinda Ndoja (Municipality of Suburbs, Shkoder)
- Return Migration and Reintegration Strategies
Miranda Boshnjaku and Dritan Shema (University of Tirana & Police Academy, Ankara)
- Conceptualizing Reintegration and Sense of Belonging; An Analytical Model for Return Migration
Kwaku Arhin-sam (BIGSSS, Germany)

14:15- 15:45 Session 6 on Theme: DIASPORAS, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL REMITTANCES / Room: 3D

Moderator/Discussant: Juna Miluka, University of New York Tirana

- Diasporas and Social Remittances: A Transnational Perspective
Sylë Rexhep Krasniqi (Kosovo Agency of Statistics)
- Trends in Remittances Flows, Comparative Analysis of Albania and Macedonia
Agim Mamuti (University of New York Tirana)
- Remittances and Migration Level on behalf of Economic Crisis
Emanuela Buci and Bora Kokolari (Epoka University)
- The Impact of the Financial Crisis on the Realization of Remittances: Evidence from the Region of Dukagjin
Fisnik Morina, Armend Mehmetaj and Ibish Mazreku (University of Peja “Haxhi Zeka”)

14:15 - 15:45 Session 7 on Theme: GENDER AND MIGRATION /Room: 3A

Moderator/Discussant: Mirela Arqimandriti, Gender Alliance for Development Centre

- Albanian Women Migration in Greece: Nature of Work and Retirement Implications
Veronika Duci and Elton Noti (University of Tirana & University “Aleksander Moisiu” Durrës)
- Engendering Empowerment in the Private/Public Dichotomy. The New Breadwinners of the Families: Albanian Migrant Women in Greece.
Armela Xhaho, Erka Çaro and Elvira Fetahu (University of New York Tirana, University of Jyväskylä & University “A. Xhuvani” Elbasan)
- Conditions of Cultural Citizenship: Intersections of Gender, Race and Age in Public Debates on Family Migration
Karina Horsti and Saara Pellander (University of Jyväskylä & University of Helsinki)

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00 Session 8 on Theme: SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL IMPACT OF INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION / Room: 3E

Moderator/Discussant: Erka Çaro, University of Jyväskylä Finland & University of Tirana

- Rural-Urban Migration: Its Implication on Living Arrangement of Older Persons in Rural Malaysia
Wan Ibrahim Wan Ahmad, Jamuladdin Mustaffa, Ahmad Shukri Abdul Hamid and Rusimah Sayuti (University Utara, Malaysia)
- Internal Migration and the Urban Territorial Dynamics: The Case Study of Shkoder City
Ervis Krymbi and Alkida Hasaj (University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”)
- Migration and Its Effects on the Economic Development: Kosova’s Case
Donjeta Morina, Prespë Gashi and Kadë Morina (University “Haxhi Zeka” Pejë & University “Hasan Prishtina”)
- The Effect of the Brain Drain in the Sustainable Development of Albania
Megi Marku (University “A. Xhuvani” Elbasan)

16.00 – 18:00 Session 9 on Theme: MIGRATION AND LABOR MARKET SEGMENTATION AND INTEGRATION / Room: 3D

Moderator/Discussant: Nathan Lillie, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

- The Trade-off Between Precarious Jobs and Labour Market Segmentation in Albania
Arjan Tushaj and Pranvera Elezi (University of Tirana)
- Long Path to Equal Opportunities; Albanian Diaspora in Swiss Labor Market from 1999 to 2012
Juliana Çanga and Philipp Lutz (University of Bern, Switzerland)
- Challenges of Albanian Immigrants Community Including Second Generation in Increasing Their Social Capital and Their Economic Development
Elvira Fetahu, Besa Xhaferi, Ledia Canga (University “A. Xhuvani” Elbasan, University of Tetovo & University of New York Tirana)
- The Integration Paths of Albanian Labor Migrants in Italy
Sonila Papathimiu and Sabri Laçi (University of Tirana)
- Differences in Labour Market Behavior and Tendency to Migrate: The Case of Albanians
Lion Jashari (University “Hasan Prishtina”)

18:00 - 18.15 CONCLUDING REMARK (Room 3E)

Poster Session (ongoing during the conference) (Room 3A)

- Impact of Migration on Tourism Sector. Case of Albania
Rakela Thanu and Ergita Kokaveshi (University of Tirana)
- The Role of International Labor Organization in relation to Labor Migration in Albania
Elva Zeneli Urci (Universiteti A. Xhuvani, Elbasan)

Information on the ICM Project

This conference is organized as a joint collaboration between University of New York Tirana (Albania), University of Prishtina (Kosovo) and the University of Jyväskylä (Finland), in the framework of the project “Industrial Citizenship and Migration from Western Balkans: Case studies from Albania and Kosovo migration towards Greece, Germany and Switzerland”. This project is supported by [Regional Research Promotion Programme](#).

For more information on the project please visit our website www.icm-westernbalkans.com

RRPP website <http://www.rrpp-westernbalkans.net/en/research/Current-Projects/Migration/Industrial-Citizenship-and-Migration.html>

Book launch: Spaces of Discordance: Ethnography of Space and Place in the village of Dhermi/Drimades, Southern Albania

This monograph is about the ongoing, unstable reconstruction of spaces and places in the village of Dhërmi/Drimades of Southern Albania. It is based on twelve months of anthropological field research in that village. Particular consideration is given to the process of reconfiguration and redefinition of the meanings that pertain to the village and its people. The monograph focuses on local peoples’ biographies, oral histories, rhetorical claims, and their everyday discourses, through which it is shown how the meanings of the village are reconstructed through interrelations of the locals with other people and places. The underlying theme is the continuity of movements and interrelations through which the local people of Dhërmi/Drimades recreate and reproduce the sense of locatedness of »their« village and themselves.

Ethnographic photo exhibition: Routes of Dhërmi/Drimades in Southern Albania

Photo: Nataša Gregorič Bon (ZRC SAZU) and Daniela Vávrová (James Cook University)

This exhibition takes us through the footsteps of past and present movements in the village of Dhërmi/Drimades in Himarë/Himara area (Dhërmi/Himarë is the official Albanian name and Drimades/Himara the local, Greek name) in Southern Albania. The exhibition is divided in two parts: the first part portrays the Orthodox pilgrimage to Stavridi, which brings together local population and emigrants, who originate from Himarë/Himara area but live mainly in Athens in Greece. The second part of the exhibition leads us through paths and places, constructed by story-telling, remembrances and biographical contexts of local residents born between 1928 and 1945.

Dr. Nataša Gregorič Bon is a social anthropologist and a Research Fellow at the Institute of Anthropological and Spatial Studies, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Her research interest includes spatial anthropology, (non)movements and (im)mobility, border dynamic, Europeanisation, anthropology of future, Southern Albania. She is the author of the Spaces of Discordance (2008, ZRC Publishing house) and co-author of the forthcoming volume Moving Places (2016, Berghahn Books). Since 2008 she is a book review editor of the journal Anthropological Notebooks and co-editor of the Series Space, Place, Time at the ZRC Publishing House.

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