

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference on "**Migration, Diaspora and Development in Albania and in the Western Balkans**", 27-28 October 2017, Tirana, Albania.

This conference is supported by the CEI (Central European Initiative). The organiser of the conference is Center for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Tirana, which is part of the Western Balkans Migration Network (WB-MIGNET), in collaboration with Private Mediterranean University of Albania.

The themes of the conference are clear from its title: the relationship between migration, diaspora and development in Albania and the Western Balkans. It is expected that particular foci for papers will be questions relating to savings and remittances, return migration, brain drain/brain gain and developmentally productive links with the region's diasporic populations. Papers should be based on research evidence (surveys, primary and secondary data analysis), or address questions of diaspora-development theory or policy in the region. Papers which compare the experiences of two or more countries are also welcome.

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Russell King, University of Sussex

Prof. Aija Lulle, University of Latvia

Dr. Ferruccio Pastore, International and European Forum on Migration Research, Turin

Key dates:

Abstract submission: 5 September 2017

Acceptance notification: 20 September 2017

Early registration deadline: 22 September 2017

Full paper submission: 10 October 2017

Final registration deadline: 27 October 2017

Conference dates: 27-28 October 2017

Submission process:

The Call for Papers is now open. Submissions of papers are welcome from scholars, experts, policy makers and PhD students carrying out research in the field of migration.



Please submit an abstract of maximum 300 words, in MS Word format, name and email of the corresponding author to cess@cessalbania.al. The selection committee will review abstracts and participants will be notified on the due date.

Venue: The conference will take place at the **Private Mediterranean University of Albania**, Blv. Gjergj Fishta, Nr. 52, Tirana, Albania. Further guidelines for submission of the full paper will be available at the conference website (www.cessalbania.al) soon.

Publication opportunities:

Selected papers from the conference will be considered for publication by two prestigious peer reviewed journals.

Conference fees:

- Early-bird registration (before 1.9.2017): EUR 50
- Late registration (after 1.9.2017): EUR 70
- WB-MIGNET members: free
- Students: free

More information and updates about the conference will be available soon at: www.cessalbania.al

Travel and accommodation:

We are currently negotiating special price for accommodation with several hotel in Tirana for conference participants. Please check the conference website www.cessalbania.al for updates on this.