

## International online conference 4-5 December 2020 **Western Balkans in comparative perspectives – European Social Survey**

The aim of this conference is to bring together researchers and policy makers in the region to present and discuss research findings based on data of the European Social Survey and other comparative data collections. This forum will provide a framework for discussing possible collaborations and joint efforts in advancing scientific research in the region, including practical issues such as funding, collaborative research grant applications, methodological and data archiving problems, and so on. It will also put significant focus on connecting researchers and policy makers in order to promote usage of the scientific data for evidence-based policy making.

The conference will be a two-day event. One day will be focused on solely academic content, including paper presentations and discussion about data collections and prospects of joint cooperation and publications. The second day will be dedicated to connecting with the policy-makers in the region and discussing how the academic work can become more used in evidence-based policy making with focus on cooperation among research infrastructures in the Western Balkans and European Research Area.



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## FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

LINK (for the entire day)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_NHL5aotvSXWccZX7KIDM7Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NHL5aotvSXWccZX7KIDM7Q)

09:45-10:00 Technical checking for speakers

### **10:00-11:00 Regional cooperation, Science Diplomacy and EBPM**

*Moderator: Olivera Komar, MNE*

- Rory Fitzgerald, Director ESS
- Maria Theofilatou, Representative of European Commission (tbc)
- Goran Basic, Director of Institute for Social Sciences
- Alessandro Lombardo, Coordinator of EU project unit, Central European Initiative
- Siniša Marčić, Expert on Human Capital Development, Regional Cooperation Council (tbc)
- Blerjana Bino, Co-founder, Center for Science and Innovation for Development (SCiDEV)
- Katarina Tadić, Programme Manager, European Fund for the Balkans

### **11:00-11:30 Discussion, questions and answers**

### **11:30-12:00 Break**

### **12:00-13:15 Research infrastructures and synergies**

*Moderator: Bojan Todosijević, Nataša Krivokapić*

Key note: Professor Dr. Albert Simkus, Professor Emeritus, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway

- Kseniya Kizilova, Head of Secretariat of the World Values Survey Association
- Dave Howell, Institute of social research, University of Michigan
- Sanja Damjanović, Chair Person of the SEEIIST [www.seeiist.eu](http://www.seeiist.eu)
- Marija Bulat, Regional Youth Cooperation Office
- Gjergji Murra, Western Balkan Fund (tbc)
- Erna Kralija, H2020 GRRIP

### **13:15-14:00 Discussion, questions and answers**



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## SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

09:45-10:00 Technical checking for speakers

**10:00-11:00**

**Panel 1: Studying identity in comparative perspective**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvduCrrzsrGdLKugM0wYmlg0nvNkR1M\\_Wy](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvduCrrzsrGdLKugM0wYmlg0nvNkR1M_Wy)

*Moderator: Dragan Stanojević*

10:00 What if the Transit Country Becomes the Final Destination – Attitudes of Serbian Citizens Towards Immigration in a Comparative Perspective - Dunja Poleti Ćosić

10:10 Sources of anti-immigration attitudes in Serbia, Bulgaria and Croatia – Branka Matijević, Marko Jovanović, Ksenija Marković

10: 20 BANAL BALKANISM? Rethinking Banal Nationalism and Regional Identity in Post-Yugoslav Media Space - Martina Plantak i Edina Paleviq

10:30 Discussion, questions and answers

11:00 Break



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**11:10-12:00**

**Panel 2: Studying clientelism in comparative perspective**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91912420000>

*Moderator: Olivera Komar*

- 11:10 Voting, clientelism and identity: Experimental evidence from Montenegro - Nemanja Stankov
- 11:20 Who are the clients? Predictors of citizen engagement in political clientelism in the Western Balkans, Jovan Bliznakovski
- 11:30 Discussion, questions and answers
- 12:00 Break

**12:20-13:20**

**Panel 3: Studying gender in comparative perspective**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91912420000>

*Moderator: Olivera Komar*

- 12:20 Gender-equality Paradox and Benevolence: a Multilevel Analysis across European Countries - Vladimir Mentus, Jovana Zafirović, Milan Urošević
- 12:30 Gender differences in perception of the appropriate maturity age for men and women - Bojan Todosijević i Suzana Ignjatović



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- 12:40 Gender differences in left-right ideology: A comparative view of the Balkan countries - Aleksandra Trogrlić i Bojan Todosijević
- 12:50 Discussion, questions and answers
- 13:20 Break
- 13:30-14:30 Panel 4 (parallel panel): Studying solidarity and family life in comparative perspective**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcu2vqTovE91XlqkSTOEEUKMqf9KDZ9X2>  
*Moderator: Olivera Komar*
- 13:30 Family transitions of young adults in the South East Europe - Aleksandar Tomašević i Dragan Stanojević
- 13:40 Engagement during Everyday Life and Depression in Western Balkan Region: a Comparative Study between Albania and Kosovo - Merita Mece
- 13:50 Loneliness, Health and Community Capacity - Dragana Vidović
- 14:00 Discussion, questions and answers
- 14:30 End of the day



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**13:30-14:30**

**Panel 4 (parallel panel): Studying economic prospects in comparative perspective**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzMtc-urrTooEtJMd3DT9at-0EuDX0-VX6px>

*Moderator: Nataša Krivokapić*

- 13:30 Determinates of female (in) activity: a comparative perspective between countries from Western Balkan and South Mediterranean - Marija Andonova
- 13:40 Fairness of Retirement Income in Serbia: A Comparative Analysis - Željka Manić i Anđelka Mirkov
- 13: 50 Minishengen as an opportunity for economic growth and raising the standard of living for the countries of Western Balkans - Shkumbin Misini, Arta Hoti, Pranvera Dalloshi
- 14:00 Discussion, questions and answers
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