



International conference

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**MIGRATION  
IN AND FROM SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE**

Sofia, June 2-3, 2008

Hotel Shipka, boul. Totleben 34 A

**June 2**

**8h30 - 9h**

*Registration*

**9h-11h15**

**Opening**

Chair: Diana KARABINOVA

Felix GAJDUSEK, ASO

Anna KRASTEVA, CERMES

Racko POPOV, Ethnographic institute

**Migrations:**

**Comparisons in Space and Time**

Chair: Diana KARABINOVA

Balkan migrations in a comparative perspective

Anna KRASTEVA, CERMES

From a socialism of migrants towards Europe of mobilities

Ivaylo DITCHEV, University of Sofia  
Migrations in the Former Republics of Yugoslavia  
Milka Bubalo ŽIVKOVIĆ, University of Novi Sad  
Migration, Asylum Refugees Regional Initiative (Albania, BH, Croatia, Macedonia,  
Montenegro, Serbia)  
Mario ZADRO, MARRI, Skopje  
East European immigrants in London and Brighton  
Evgenia MARKOVA, LSE

**11h15 – 11h45**

*Coffee break*

**11h45 – 12h45**

**Migrations:  
Challenges and Policies**

Chair: Margarita KARAMIHOVA, Ethnographic Institute

Migration policy of Croatia

Silva MEŽNARIĆ, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Zagreb

Migration policy of Slovenia

Felicita MEDVED

Migration flows from and to Montenegro

Radovan STOJANOVIĆ, University of Montenegro

**12h45 - 14h**

*Lunch*

**14h – 15h**

**Migrations:  
Challenges and Policies**

(continuation)

Chair: Margarita KARAMIHOVA, Ethnographic Institute

Albania: the challenges of migration

Petrit DOLLANI, University of Tirana

Romania: new trends in migration phenomenon and old policies addressed to it

Lia POP, Research Centre on Identity and Migration Issues, Oradea

Immigration and ethnic nationalism in Greece: impact on boundaries and national identity

Cynthia MALAKASIS, Florida International University

**15h – 15h30**

*Coffee break*

**15h30 – 18h**

### **Labor Migration and Remittances**

Chair: Anastasia CHRISTOU, University of Sussex

Labor migration from and in Bulgaria

Rositza RANGELOVA, Institute of Economics, Sofia

Transborder migration: the example of Western Macedonia

Petko HRISTOV, Ethnographic Institute, Sofia

The role of remittances in the Albanian economy

Esmeralda URUCI, University of Shkodra

Migration trends from Bulgaria to Germany in the transition period (1989-2006)

Mila MANCHEVA, IMIR

Migration and the transformation of the local community: two rural cases from Bulgaria

Magdalena ELCHINOVA, New Bulgarian University

Highly qualified female migration from SEE (presentation of a project)

Andreas BREINBAUER, University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna

**June 3**

**9h – 11h**

**Cultures and Interculturality**

Chair: Magdalena ELCHINOVA, New Bulgarian University

Lifelong learning: a key issue for migration, migrants and professionals working with them (TIPS project, Ldv, funded by the European Commission)

Benedicte HALBA, Institute for Research and Information on Volunteering

Language practice of the first generation Bulgarian immigrants in the Czech Republic

Vesela VLADIMIROVA, Karlow University, Prague

Intercultural education in contemporary Greece

Georgos TSIMOURIS, Pantheon University

Media images of Bulgarian Jews migrations

Fenia DEKALO, journalist

Migration and religion: Eastern orthodox parishes in Vienna

Anelia KASABOVA, Ethnographic Institute

**11h - 11h30**

*Coffee break*

**11h30-13h**

**Asylum and Displacement**

Chair: Silva MEŽNARIĆ, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Zagreb

Forced migrants in Serbia – refugees and IDPs

Mirjana BOBIC, University of Belgrade

Policy developments in managing IDPs waves in B&H

Vanya IVANOVA, CERMES

Refugees in Bulgaria: identities and integration

Albena TCHOLAKOVA, University of Lyon II and CERMES

Employed, empowered – an initiative for reintegration of refugees and IDPs in Serbia

Biljana MESKOVSKA, Centre for democracy and reconciliation in SEE

**13h – 14h**

*Lunch*

**14h– 16h45**

### **Integration and Inclusion**

Chair: Anna KRASTEVA, CERMES

What happens *to* or what should happen *with* the mobile brains? Some theoretical and statistical evidence

Andreas BREINBAUER, University of Vienna

Integration of refugees in Austria

FAILLA , The Austrian Integration Fund

Strategies of integration in a global world: the Bulgarian students in Vienna after 1989

Diana KARABINOVA

Social integration of children-refugees

Siyka KOSTOVA, Sofia University

Social distances towards the new immigrants in Bulgaria

Alexey PAMPOROV, Open Society Institute, Sofia

Migration in Albania – a gender perspective

Ermira DANAJ, Advanced Studies Centre, Tirana

Re-thinking Greek migration. The case of the Pontiacs

Kyrillos NIKOLAOU, Pantheion University

**16h45-17h15**

Coffee break

**17h15 – 18h30**

### **Returns**

Chair: Andreas BREINBAUER, University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna

A new migration figure: the return of Bulgarian emigrants from EU-15

Alexander MALEEV, Embassy of Austria

Depicting, articulating and negotiating the 'changing face' of Greece:  
narratives of everyday life of migrancy in the 'homeland'

Anastasia CHRISTOU, University of Sussex, UK

From forced to voluntary migration: the case of Bulgarian Turks – students in  
Istanbul

Ildiko OTOVA, CERMES

**Closing remarks**