

Albanian Studies Days 2018

“The state and public goods/services: Regulator or Provider?”

European University of Tirana, Albania

Day I – April 27, 2018 - Plenary Session

17:30 – 18:00 - Registration

18:00 – 19:30 - Opening Ceremony and Key Note Addresses

- **Prof. Dr. Ardian Civici**, President of the European University of Tirana
Welcome Note
- **Prof. Eric Gordy**, University College London, UK
Informality in Southeast Europe: A research agenda
- **Prof. Thomas Herzfeld**, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development, Germany
The role of public policy for agricultural development
- **Prof. Wolfgang Benedek**, University of Graz, Austria
The role of EU human rights policy for the accession process of Albania
- **Dr. Gëzim Visoka**, Dublin City University, Ireland
Nationalism, European integration and regional peace

19:30 - Reception at the main hall of the European University of Tirana

Day II – April 28, 2018

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30

Parallel Panels: Session I: 9:30 – 12:30 / Session II: 14:00 – 17:00



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RP / **POLITICS, COMMUNICATION AND SOCIETY**

Panel I

Session I (9:30 – 12:30) – Session chair: Prof. Ferit Duka

1. **Eric Gordy, University College London, UK** - Initial findings of the INFORM project in informality in Southeast Europe
2. **Gëzim Visoka, Dublin City University, Ireland** – Fluid interventionism
3. **Alessandro Ferrara, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy** - Democracy and the populist challenge
4. **Ferit Duka, European University of Tirana** -
5. **Elda Bagaviki, Embassy of Switzerland in Albania** - Policy dialogue for local government and the role of donors under new aid modalities in Albania

Session II (14:00 – 17:00) – Session chair: Elvin Gjevori, PhD

1. **Bashkim Shehu** - The unholy trinity of new media, post-truth, and populism
2. **Konstantinos Giakoumis and Irena Myzeqari, European University of Tirana** - Memory instruments for women emancipation in communism and memory of women 'emancipation' in post-communist Albania
3. **Kristaq Xharo, European University of Tirana** - National power and the behavior of political elites
4. **Florian Çullhaj, European University of Tirana** - Starting All Over. The politics of protest and the struggle for democratic consolidation in Albania
5. **Blendi Lami, European University of Tirana** - Turkey in its quest for more power over Balkans
6. **Gerti Sqapi, European University of Tirana** - Clientelism Versus Political Ideology: Is the system to be blame?
7. **Klajdi Logu, European University of Tirana** - The power of media to influence voters
8. **Albert Mullai** - Defense Academy, Survival of small states against geopolitical pressures
9. **Valbona Zeka and Kristaq Xharo** - Defense Academy and European University of Tirana, The power of nations and behavior of political elites



Panel II

Session I (9:30 – 12:30) – Session chair: Prof. Asoc. Dr. Tomi Treska

1. **Beata Pawlowska and Katarzyna Stzrala-Osuch, University of Szczecin, Poland** - The role of state in higher education. Scholarships - the state and UE as the regulator
2. **Wioleta Bryniewicz and Żaneta Stasieniuk, University of Szczecin, Poland** – Barriers of Education versus changes of the future
3. **Vahidije Kadiu; Tomi Treska and Nazmi Xhomara, European University of Tirana** - The effect of active students attendance and learning strategies in academic progress of students
4. **Anisa Subashi and Adela Danaj, European University of Tirana** - Technology in Albania and its role in teaching and learning strategies
5. **Odeta Cacaj, European University of Tirana** - Personality traits and stress coping strategies among Albanian young adulthoods

Session II (14:00 – 17:00) – Session chair: Prof. Asoc. Dr. Voltisa Lama

1. **Etleva Haxhihyseni; Dritan Idrizi and Voltisa Lama, European University of Tirana** - A comparison study between second and fifth grade students regarding physical activity and sedentary behavior
2. **Ariel Ora; Roland Sahatçija and Anxhela Ferhataj, Mediterranean University of Albania and European University of Tirana** - Student perception comparison on learning methods based on thinking styles
3. **Kilda Gusha and Voltisa Lama, European University of Tirana** – Ten-year evidence and time trends of psychiatric disorders in Shkodra from 2005 to 2015
4. **Fatjona Haka, University of Tirana** - Factor analysis & psychometric evaluation of the Albanian version of TOSCA - A to measure Shame and guilt
5. **Rovena Lika, European University of Tirana** - Depression and the quality of life among people of the third age
6. **Eskja Vera and Edi Puka, European University of Tirana** – The effects of critical thinking in higher education: The case of the European University of Tirana



Panel III

Session I (9:30 – 12:30) – Session chair Prof. Asoc. Dr. Selami Xhepa

1. **Thomas Herzfeld, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development, Germany** - Agricultural development and EU's Common Agricultural Policy: A role model for Albania?
2. **Reiner Osbild – University of Applied Sciences, Hochschule Emden-Leer** – Fundamental Economic Policy
3. **Sokol Lleshi, European University of Tirana** - Effects of state enterprise privatization on interest aggregation: A comparative study of post-socialist Albania and Slovenia
4. **Arlinda Ymeraj, European University of Tirana** - Public Services as an academic concept and a social responsibility, alike

Session II (14:00 – 17:00) – Session chair: Prof. Asoc. Dr. Arlinda Ymeraj

1. **Qamil Dika dhe Marsida Duli, European University of Tirana** – The role of the private sector in the development and governance of the health sector in Albania
2. **Klodiana Çabiri, State Authority of Financial Supervision** - Evaluating public private partnership (ppp) collaboration in hospital sector (study case Albania)
3. **Pranvera Backlund, European University of Tirana** - Does price pay for the damage?
4. **Silvana Çela and Irena Binjaku, European University of Tirana** - The state's role in planning standards for social care services
5. **Eugena Bisha, University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”** – Best interest of the child



Panel IV

Session I (9:30 – 12:30) – Session chair: Dr. Ledina Mandia

1. **Wolfgang Benedek, University of Graz, Austria** – The importance of independent regulation authorities in the field of the media
2. **Ledina Mandia, European University of Tirana** - Privatising dispute resolutions and its limits- alternative dispute resolutions or state courts?
3. **Erjona Canaj and Afërtida Tepshi, European University of Tirana** - Language and Knowledge Tests for immigrants in the EU: Is it really integration?
4. **Ledina Shkurti, European University of Tirana** - View on the classical concept of the public services and his evolution under the influence of the European Union law
5. **Evelina Çela, European University of Tirana** - Bankruptcy law in Albania today
6. **Renata Kau, European University of Tirana** - Partnership public-private in providing public goods/services. The case of Albania and comparative view mainly with the countries in the region and EU countries

Session II (14:00 – 17:00) – Session chair: Prof. Asoc. Dr. Erjona Canaj

1. **Ardvin Kraja and Edi Spaho, European University of Tirana** - The challenges of legal protection of the environment in Albania
2. **Ermira Çobaj, University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”**- The right to information: the approximation of Albanian legislation with international legislation
3. **Irsida Koplaku and Romina Beqiri, University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi” and European University of Tirana** - The Efficiency and the Effectiveness of the Albanian Judicial System in a Comparative Context with the Balkans and European Union Countries
4. **Orgent Nazaj, European University of Tirana** - Compulsory execution problems of the court’s decision in Albanian jurisprudence
5. **Blerina Sadiku** - Minority Rights in Greece and Albania under the legal framework of European Union
6. **Sokol Bana, Ismail Qemali University, Vlorë** - Free Movement of Students in the EU and the Protection of National Educational Interests
7. **Viktor Mërkuri, European University of Tirana** - European Union Law and the Public Goods for the 21-century

Panel V

Session I (9:30 – 12:30) – Session chair Prof. Dr. Luljeta Minxhozi

1. **Lia Giancristoforo, University "G. D'Annunzio", Chieti Pescara, Italy** - Cultural heritage and historical re-enactments in Abruzzo and Albania
2. **Maria Gabriela Baldarelli, University of Bologna, Italy** - Tourism, gambling and sustainability: myths and paradoxes of accountability
3. **Adriana Galvani, University of Bologna, Italy** - Reflections on the last 20 years of Albania's development
4. **Valentina Ndou, University of Salento, Lecce, Italy** – Entrepreneurial education for tourism innovation: The role of universities

Session II (14:00 – 17:00) – Session chair Prof. Dr. Drita Kruja

1. **Lida Miraj, European University of Tirana** - The Italian Archaeological Mission in Albania before and during World War II
2. **Ana Kekezi, European University of Tirana** – The influence of social media in the promotion of tourism for Albania's protected sites
3. **Mustafë Kadriaj, International University of Struga, Macedonia** - Tourism in Kosovo as a comparative advantage for economic and environmental development
4. **Oriola Musa, European University of Tirana** - Assessment of the potential direct and indirect impacts of tourism on local economies and its potential role in poverty reduction and inclusive growth



Panel VI

Session I (9:30 – 12:30) – Session chair Prof. Asoc. Dr. Arbi Agalliu

1. **Aaro Hazak – Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia** - Effects of work arrangements on creative R&D work outcomes
2. **Danguolė Oželienė - Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania** – Sustainable development in digital transformation: An enterprise case
3. **Teuta Xhindi and Ermela Kripa, European University of Tirana** - Forecasting financial bankruptcy through the Altman Z-Score model: Empirical research with data on large companies in Albania
4. **Holta Kora; Anilda Bozdo and Anila Fureraj, European University of Tirana** - The issues of FDI -s in Albania during transition

Session II (14:00 – 17:00): Session chair Dr. Teuta Xhindi

1. **Joniada Llango; Ermela Kripa and Orkida Ilollari, European University of Tirana** - The main factors affected the insurance market in Albania and their impact on increasing voluntary insurance premiums
2. **Sokol Ndoka; Joana Shima and Grejsi Myslymi, European University of Tirana** - The main determinants of deposit behavior in the Albanian banking system during the period 2005-2016
3. **Tatjana Moçka; Manjola Islami and Krisdela Kacani, European University of Tirana** - Determinants of commercial banks' profitability Panel evidence from Albania



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Panel VII

Session I (9:30 – 12:30) – Session chair Prof. Dr. Engjëll Pere

1. **Engjëll Pere, European University of Tirana** – International trade in Western Balkan countries: Analysis based on the Gravity Model
2. **Ertila Druga and Ermira Qosja, European University of Tirana** - Students' motivations for studying at the economics & it faculty – the case of the European university of Tirana
3. **Mimoza Durrësi, European University of Tirana** – In-line water safety systems based in wireless sensor networks
4. **Irina Canco, European University of Tirana** - Business success support by the decision making methods
5. **Sofjana Veliu, European University of Tirana** - The implementation of e-government in Albania
6. **Eraldo Breshani; Vasil Xhaja and Romela Qytyku, European University of Tirana** - Data leakage from business companies