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European Perspectives in the Western Balkans and in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the EU

An esteemed guest at the MIREES

The Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ferenc Somogyi, honoured us with his presence in Forlì on May 25th. He met a delegation of Italian entrepreneurs in the morning, then held a lecture entitled *European Perspectives in the Western Balkans and in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the EU* in the afternoon for our MIREES students. Mr. Somogyi, who has just been re-elected as a member of the winning centre-left coalition, described the key factors which make his country favourable for foreign investments and the tight bilateral connections between Hungary and Italy. The present and future challenges at both national and EU level, though, did not escape his analysis, especially the massive efforts which shall be required in order to meet and consolidate the Maastricht criteria.

An interesting issue the Minister dealt with was the current idea of “Hungarian unification”: Hungary does not intend to keep on looking back at the past and feel a victim of past injustice, but rather accomplish its unification peacefully within the framework of the European Union: most Hungarians abroad already live within the EU, and if Romania joins the Union, the Magyar “re-unification” will be almost complete. Budapest will do its utmost to encourage the integration of the only two other major countries inhabited by considerable numbers of Hungarians, namely Serbia and Ukraine.

A picture gallery of the event can be viewed in our Website.

The Institute is expanding in Central Asia!

On 11th April 2006 *Hamshahri*, the most popular newspaper of Teheran (Iran) published an article on page 22 called “The King of Raw Materials” (a clear reference to petrol). The article reports an interview with Professor **Albert Bininashvili**, one of our MIREES lecturers. Albert Bininashvili is currently a Visiting Professor of Political Science at the Columbia University, as well as an expert in security and energy issues, especially those relating to the Persian Gulf and the Caspian. He has written numerous articles on Iran, Central Asia and the Caucasus. In his interview, Professor Bininashvili mentioned the *Istituto per l’Europa centro-orientale e balcanica* – that is us! – as you may see in the picture below. If you cannot read Farsi, please trust us...

هم اکنون استاد روابط بین الملل و علوم سیاسی در دانشگاه
کلمبیا (ژنوپلنیک انرژی و امنیت خلیج فارس) و مرکز
دانشگاهی بولونیا برای مطالعات اروپای شرقی است و عضو
مؤسسه مطالعات خاور میانه خاور دور رم در ایتالیا، آکادمی
علوم طبیعی روسیه و مؤسسه بین المللی مطالعات
استراتژیک لندن است.
دکتر بینیناشویلی همچنین سابقه تدریس در مؤسسه
مطالعات آسباب روسیه، دانشگاه مسکو و دانشگاه میلان

Yes! That is US!!!

CULTURAL TOURISM IN BULGARIA
PROJECT “TRAINING OF CULTURAL OPERATORS AND
DEVELOPING MUSEUM FACILITIES”
CLOSING SEMINAR
ACADEMIC YEAR 2005-2006

BOLOGNA, 7TH - 11TH JUNE 2006

The *Closing Seminar*, organised under the aegis and with the support of the ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, is the final activity of a broader “Project on Cultural Tourism in Bulgaria” jointly implemented by the University of Bologna, the “Istituto per l’Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica”, the New Bulgarian University, the “Paisiy Hilendarski” University of Plovdiv, the Institute of Folklore of the Bulgarian Academy of Science, the Institute of Ancient Plovdiv, and the Ethnographic Museum of Plovdiv. It was sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (act 212/92).

The project focussed on topics relevant to the political transition and to the need of inventing new forms of social coexistence among Bulgarian communities, identities, and histories.

Cultural and sustainable tourism supports economic cooperation, international relations, the promotion of training activities and of intercultural exchanges, and makes also a real impact on the public local administrations. Within this context, the present project completes the training of cultural operators who will eventually become trainers themselves, as well as the arrangement of the instruments necessary for the subsequent realisation of a Multi-cultural Museum of Bulgaria and the Balkans (MuBa).

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IUCN Bulletin Announcement

On behalf of the Regional Education and Information Centre for Sustainable Development (REIC) Sarajevo, BiH in partnership with UNESCO – BRESCE and the Centre for Central and Eastern Europe Studies at the University of Bologna, it is our pleasure to announce the Summer School 2006 in ‘Environmental Integration in Territorial Management and Planning’.

The Summer School 2006 will be held from 28th August to 10th September. The theoretical part will be conducted in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, while the residential week will take place in the Lonjsko Polje National Park, Croatia.

This year’s programme is conceptualised as an ‘interdisciplinary territorial laboratory’ combining a theoretical part and case studies spread out across the 4 study areas:

1. TERRITORIAL CERTIFICATION (including protected areas designed schemes);
2. NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (with special emphasis on wetland);
3. TOURISM (with a specific focus on eco-tourism approaches);
4. CULTURAL HERITAGE (with a specific attention to the involvement of the local population).

The ultimate objective is to offer an interdisciplinary approach to young professionals from SEE region in the field of sustainable territorial management which will be equally applicable to other areas.

The application deadline is Monday, July 3rd, 2006.

For more details about the Summer School programme and application procedures, please consult REIC Office in Sarajevo on info@reic.org.ba or www.reic.org.ba.

NEWS FROM THE NETWORK!

MA IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN STUDIES

HUNGARY

The Institute for Social and European Studies (ISES), in collaboration with the Corvinus University, Budapest, provides students with the opportunity to obtain theoretical and practical knowledge in the fields of international relations, economics, political science, history and sociology. The courses will include approximately 30 students and involve professors from around the world. For more information on the MA program and its requirements see www.ises.hu.

The course duration will be 3 semesters: 2 semesters of course work in Kőszeg and one semester elsewhere for the writing of the thesis. The application fee is 60 Euros, whereas the tuition fee is 2700 Euros/semester. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31st, 2006, whereas the deadline for payment of tuition fees is September 15th, 2006 for the 1st semester, February 8th, 2007 for the 2nd semester. A limited number of tuition scholarships may be available for the most outstanding and needy applicants.

The list of subjects includes: The Role of New Europe in the EU, The Foreign Policy of the EU, International Economic Organizations and Institutions, Change in the Theory and Practice of International Relations, Theatre in Social Context: Historical Examples; Theatre as a Tool to Understanding Behavior, Strengthening the UN System, EU Diplomacy: From Theory to Actor, Globalism vs. Civilization: Changing European Values 1950-2000, Philosophy, Psychology and Power, Liberal World Order and Their Malcontents: A Comparative Study of Communism, Fascism and Fundamentalism, A Multi-Stakeholder World: Global Governance and Global Civil Society, International Economics: Global Poverty, Exclusion and Inequality, Comparative Statistics of European

Societies, Perception of the Other in Central Europe: Jews, Gypsies and Women, The European Construction, The EU Integration Policies: The EU and World Development, Problems of Small States in Eastern Europe, European Unification – Global and Regional Integration, Regional Economics: Europe vs. Global, Scapegoating in Modern European History, Eastern and Central European Identity (in Russian), Topics on the Economics and Political Economy of EU Integration, The Politics of International Cooperation and Regional Integration, European Civilization and Identity, International Economics: Comparative Theories and Policies, Markets, Competition and the Business World, European Regional Development: The Dynamics of Exclusion and Integration in SE Europe, Security, Peace and Democratization on the Territory of Ex-Yugoslavia, International Polity and Policy: Diversity + Nation States in South-Eastern Europe.

OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE NETWORK!

M.A. IN ADVANCED EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

ISTANBUL-NICE-BERLIN

Academic year 2006/2007

This is a nine months' intensive academic program committed to the studies of European integration as well as international relations. Scholarships are still available for highly qualified candidates.

Location: Istanbul, Nice, Berlin.

Duration: 9 months (From October to July).

Curriculum Highlights: Students who successfully complete the program acquire 60 ECTS credits. In addition to the stays in Istanbul, Nice, Berlin, the Institute offers a study trip to European and international organizations in Geneva, Strasbourg, Brussels, and Paris.

Program Value: The program consists of academicians from various European countries, as well as experts from research institutions and international organizations. Over the last few years, the Institute has graduated 5000 students coming from more than 80 different countries.

Deadline: 31st July 2006

Subject Areas: International Relations, European Integration, Democracy and Society, Federalism.

This program receives the financial support of European Union.

For further information, consult the web site www.iehei.org.

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**NEW
PUBLICATIONS
FROM IECOB**

NEWLY RELEASED!

**«Guida ai Paesi dell'Europa centrale, orientale e balcanica.
Annuario politico-economico 2005. Speciale: Società e culture in
trasformazione nell'Europa centro-orientale e balcanica»**
Edited by **Luisa Chiodi** and **Francesco Privitera**, Il Mulino, Bologna.
ISBN 9 788815 110176

Year in, year out, IECOB publishes a guide to Central-Eastern Europe and the Balkans (in Italian). Each volume is made of two parts: the first one is a series of thematic essays, whereas the second one is a collection of data sheets, updated yearly, providing basic information and a summary of the most relevant recent events of each country. This year's topic was "Societies and cultures undergoing transformations in Central-Eastern Europe and on the Balkans". It includes works by G.Meardi (trade unions in post-communist Europe), J.Forbrig (associations of entrepreneurs in central Europe), D. Vaughan-Whitehead (social guarantees in a wider Europe: what perspectives?), A.Kosic (emigration from Poland and Albania), L.Zanoni (sexual minorities in the Balkan region), F.Salomoni (young Turks of today), A.Rossini (the International Law Court of The Hague and Yugoslavia), M.Richter Malabotta (women writers and women's movements in time of war), G.Tomassucci (Polish literature after the fall of Berlin wall).

**A NEW BOOK FROM THE "SERIES OF BALKANS AND EAST EUROPEAN
STUDIES"**

N°24

**«The Borders of the Polity.
Migration and security across the EU and the Balkans»**
Edited by **Luisa Chiodi**
Longo Editore, Ravenna.

FORTHCOMING:

N°25

«Ten Years of Post Communist Transition - Lights and Shadows»
Edited by **A. Krasteva** and **F. Privitera**

N°26

«A Common Space of Justice in a Enlarging Europe»
Edited by **J. Orlando Frosini**, **M.A. Lupoi** and **M. Marchesiello**,

«Guida ai Paesi dell'Europa centrale, orientale e balcanica. Annuario politico-economico 2006»

Edited by **Luisa Chiodi** and **Francesco Privitera**
Il Mulino, Bologna.

The new, updated version of our guide is about to be published. Besides the usual updated information about each country in Central, Southern and Balkan Europe, this year's issue will include essays by Mateusz Werner (Polish cinema after 1989), Zoran Lapov (Romas in the former Yugoslavia), Galina Denissova (literature and society in Putin's Russia), Sabrina P. Ramet (Orthodox churches in Eastern Europe) and more.

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Education Policies for Students at Risk and those with Disabilities in South Eastern Europe: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, FYR of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and Serbia

This book, edited by the OECD, provides detailed reports on special needs education policies in the abovementioned countries. The OECD project is the first coherent inventory of national policies on special needs education since the disintegration of the former Republic of Yugoslavia and the armed conflicts in the region. This book is part of the OECD project on Education Development for Students at Risk and those with Disabilities in South Eastern Europe and a follow-up to the *Reviews of National Policies for Education, South Eastern Europe* (OECD 2003).

The first section is a description of the education systems, whereas the second section consists of country reports written by experts from the region.

This book is available in English and French, and sections will also be available in languages of South Eastern Europe. For further information, visit the website www.oecd.org/edu/nonmembereducation.

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