

Final INFORM Conference

08 February 2019

Hotel Holiday, Conference room "Neretva"
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Conference programme

Thursday 07 February

Arrival of participants

15:00-17:00 – Management and advisory board meeting (Conference room "Pliva")

17:00-19:00 - Organised visit to the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (optional)

20:00 - Dinner with DG Near and National Office representatives at Hotel Holiday

Friday 08 February

08:00 - 08:30 – Registration

08:30 - 09:00 – Welcome speech: Eric Gordy (UCL) and Hariz Halilovich (CISAR)

09:00 – 10:45 – Session I – Everyday Life

Chair: **Vjollca Krasniqi**

Institutions and practices in the fields – Theoretical framework of the INFORM project

– **Predrag Cvetičanin**

Networks of knowledge: informality in private and political life in Montenegro – **Klāvs**

Sedlenieks, Ieva Puzo and **Diāna Kiščenko**

Beyond vote-buying: A typology of clientelist practices in the Western Balkan region –

Jovan Bliznakovski and **Misha Popovikj**

The rise of grassroots authoritarianism in Western Balkans: Testing two alternative

explanations – **Miran Lavrič** and **Florian Bieber**

Discussion

10:45-11:15 – Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00 – Session II - Economy

Chair: **Miran Lavrič**

The socio-economic effects of ethnic diversity in a Western Balkan context operationalised through informal networking – **Adnan Efendic**

From refugees to trans-local entrepreneurs: crossing the borders between formal institutions and informal practices in BiH - **Hariz Halilovich** and **Nirha Efendic**

Formalising Informality and the gendered entrepreneurial subject in Kosovo – **Vjollca Krasniqi**

Informal economy in BiH – an empirical investigation – **Edin Pasovic**
Discussion

13:00-14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 15:45 – Session III - Politics

Chair: **Predrag Cvetičanin**

Telephone justice: Informal influence in judiciary in post-Yugoslav context – **Borjan Gjuzelov**

Who respects the law: external legal culture in six countries of Southeast Europe (a comparative study) - **Nenad Markovikj** and **Ivan Damjanovski**

Private funding of electoral campaigns and clientelist practices in the electoral process in Albania - **Gentiana Kera**

Who are the clients? Predictors of citizen engagement in political clientelism in the Western Balkan region - **Jovan Bliznakovski** and **Misha Popovikj**

Discussion

15:45-16:15 – Coffee Break

16:15-18:00 – Session IV – Other cross-sectional topics

Chair: **Hariz Halilovich**

Informality and its sanctions: is Croatia an unsuccessful European project? - **Ines Prica**

LGBTs in Serbia: Between formal acceptance and informal rejection - **Miloš Jovanović**

Religiosity and informal economic practices in Southeastern European societies - **Nemanja Krstic, Jelena Dinic** and **Danijela Gavrilovic**

Frightening or encouraging examples: Slovenian and Croatian EU membership - **Tea Škokić** and **Reana Senjković**

Discussion

18:00 -19:00 – Policy book presentation and closing remarks

Meaningful Reform in the Western Balkans – Between Formal Institutions and Informal Practices – **Eric Gordy** and **Adnan Efendic (eds)**

20:00 – Conference dinner at Hotel Holiday

Saturday 09 February

07:00 - 09:00 – Breakfast

09:00 – 12:00 – Departure of participants