

Youth in East Europe (YEE) Challenges and Perspectives in Times of Transition

Conference

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Programme

Thursday, February 26

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

Friday, February 27

09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 **The FES-project “Youth in East Europe (YEE)” – present state and plans for the future**

Reinhard Krumm, Head of the Central and Eastern Europe Department of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

Michael Weichert, Director, Regional Dialogue South-East Europe (FES)

10:00 **Basic results of the FES Youth Studies in East Europe**

Political attitudes, democratic values and orientation to EU in Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Klaus Hurrelmann, Scientific Coordinator of the FES-project Youth in East Europe, Professor of Public Health and Education, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany

Dane Taleski, Consultant and Researcher of the FES-project Youth in East Europe, Skopje, Macedonia

Discussant: *Siyka Kovacheva*, Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Applied and Institutional Sociology University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 ***Education, employment, economic situation and family relations in Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina***

Miran Lavrič, *Rudi Klanjšek*, *Sergej Flere*, Center for the study of post-Yugoslav societies, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Discussant: *Nenad Zakošek*, tbc

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Panel Sessions**

Panel A: Education, employment and economic situation

Moderator: Klaus Hurrelmann

Mevlyde Hyseni: Education and employment in Kosovo

Petar-Emil Mitev: Potential migration of the young people in Bulgaria

Amer Osmic: Unemployment, (dis)satisfaction as a lifestyle of youth in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Elena Pici and Arbjan Mazniku: Albanian youth - education at any cost, but in doubt about the future?

Mirjana Borota Popovska: Attitudes towards education and employment of Macedonian youth

Dragan Stanojevic: Transition from education to work of young people in Serbia

Panel B: Values, trust, identity and political attitudes

Moderator: Michaela Mahler

Alba Cela: Albanian youngsters: skeptical of the future, confident in the conservative values

Siyka Kovacheva: The social boundaries of trust or why it is difficult for young people in Bulgaria

Nermin Kujovic: Political inactivity of youth in Bosnia-Herzegovina: consequence of the political situation of the country?

Mirko Petric: Issues of trust: politics and values of Croatian youth in "mature transition"

Catalin Stoica: Domains of institutional trust among Romanian youth

Ana Manojlovic: Political Attitudes of youth in Serbia – experiences through the work of the FES

Panel C: Family, religion and leisure time activities

Moderator: Michael Weichert

Zana Bojaxhiu: Family perspective of young people in Kosovo

Geron Kamberi: The family in Albania: A shelter which never gets old-fashioned

Dani Sandu: Christian orthodoxy in Romania: Highly religious or mostly cultural?

Inga Tomic-Koludrovic: Issues of autonomy: "traditional youth" and Croatia's transition to second modernity

Marija Topuzovsk: Life style of Macedonian youth

Lejla Turcilo: Youth in Bosnia-Herzegovina: strong family relations and media-oriented leisure time activities

Smiljka Tomanovic: Family transitions in Serbia

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **The continuation of the FES project "Youth in East Europe (YEE)"**
Extension of the project into all countries of East Europe
Follow-ups and repetition of surveys
Sources for additional financial funding
Policy recommendations
Dissemination and communication of results in the media

Moderators: Michael Weichert, Michaela Mahler, Klaus Hurrelmann

17:00 Time for networking and exchange

18:00 End of conference

19:30 Closing dinner

Saturday, February 28

Departure of participants