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Conference

Challenges of Welfare Policies in Central and Eastern Europe

University of Zagreb, Centre for Advanced Academic Studies

F. Bulića 4, Dubrovnik, June 17 2019

9:15–9:30 Welcome and Introductions

Gojko Bezovan, University of Zagreb

Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland

Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley

Georg Fischer, former director, Analysis, Evaluation, and External Relations, European Commission [ret.]

9:30–10:45 Trends in Income, Welfare, and Inequality in Europe

European Perspective on Current Social Issues

Ana Carla Pereira, Head of Unit for Modernisation of Social Protection Systems, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Convergence and divergence in inequality developments in Central and Eastern Europe, almost three decades after the transition

Istvan Toth, Tárki Social Research Institute, Budapest; and Budapest Corvinus University

10:45–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:15 Welfare and Pension Systems in Central and Eastern Europe

Inequality in Income, Wealth and, Consumption in the Western Balkans
Zsóka Kóczán, Research Department, IMF Washington and EBRD London

*Population Aging and Financing Consumption of the Older Generation in the European Union*

Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak, SGH- Warsaw School of Economics

12:15–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:45 Policy Challenges for Central and Eastern Europe

*The Hasty Privatization of Pension Systems in Post-communist Europe*

Martin Potucek, Institute of Sociological Studies and Center for Social and Economic Strategies (CESES); and Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

*Reforming Social Assistance: the Challenges of Activation Policy in Post-communist Countries?*

Pawel Polawski, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw

*Formal Long-term Care in Central and Eastern Europe in the Making: Practices and Challenges*

Slavina Spasova, European Social Observatory (OSE) and European Social Policy Network (ESPN)

15:45–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 Panel Discussion on Social Policy Challenges, Research and Education in the Field

Moderator: Gojko Bežovan, University of Zagreb,

Panelists:

Mirna Jusić, Charles University

Jelena Matančević, University of Zagreb

Jekaterina Navickë, Vilnius University

Lucie Novotna, Masaryk University

Anis Ben Brik, Qatar Foundation

18:00 Guided Tour of Old Dubrovnik (optional)

19:30 Business Dinner

Restaurant Mimoza, Branitelja Dubrovnika 9

**Dinner talk:** Lynn Videka (chair) with comments from Young Jun Choi, Marit Skivenes, Birgit Pfau-Effinger, James Blackburn, and Martin Potucek: *Declining Birthrates (Almost) Worldwide.*