

LSEE-KFG RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Environmental Governance in South East Europe and the Western Balkans: The Transformative Power of Europe?

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Liliana Andonova - *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva*

Prof. Miranda Schreurs - *Freie Universitat Berlin*

Prof. Tanja Borzel - *Freie Universitat Berlin*

Other speakers:

Dr. Matthew Gorton - *University of Newcastle, UK*

Dr. Adam Fagan - *Queen Mary, University of London / LSEE*

Dr. Cristina Parau - *University of Oxford*

Dr. Aron Buzogany - *German Research Institute for Public Administration, Speyer*

Dr. Claudiu Craciun - *SNSPA, Bucharest*

Prof. Mina Petrović - *University of Belgrade*

Establishing effective environmental governance across the new member and contender states of South Eastern Europe represents one of the most complex challenges for the EU. In terms of the prospects of future enlargement, and the continued transformative power of Europe, the environmental perspective provides an invaluable empirical and conceptual vantage point to consider whether lessons of previous enlargements have been learnt; to assess the implementation of soft, non-binding forms of regulation; to examine the realities of weak states and limited statehood; and to consider the extent to which limited success, or indeed outright failure, will impact upon the normative authority of the EU. In addition, the nexus of Europeanization, environmental regulation and energy security provides an interesting perspective from which to consider whether EU regulation and conditionality remain relevant in the context of significant non-EU (Russian) investment in regional energy sectors.

At the level of domestic politics, not only is formal compliance with the environmental *acquis* extremely costly and administratively burdensome, but effective implementation ultimately depends upon radical new forms of governance and interaction. Perhaps more than any other policy area, success is contingent upon governments engaging local as well as trans-national non-state actors and fostering regional co-operation in order to respond positively to

global agendas on climate change, global warming and a reduction in GHGs. The extent to which the Commission is effectively driving environmental governance within South Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans also offers a valuable optic on the capacity of the EU to act as the key global player in driving climate change governance.

This workshop aims to bring together scholars and practitioners, both within Western Europe and the region, working on aspects of environmental governance and regulation in new member states (Bulgaria and Romania as well as CEE states), and candidate and potential candidate states within the region (Albania, Montenegro, FYROM, BiH, Serbia and Croatia). Comparative papers and perspectives are particularly welcome, as are contributions focusing on institutional as well as network analysis, or multi-level governance.

The specific aims of the workshop are: (i) to map and critically analyse emergent regional and inter-state co-operation; (ii) to examine the impact of Europeanization via enlargement on environmental governance (institutions and networks) in the context of weak civil societies and limited statehood; (iii) to critically assess the extent to which new forms of multilateral governance and regulation are emerging within the region; (iv) to consider “local” environmental regulation and regional responses in the context of energy sector development, climate change and ‘global’ trans-national environmental agendas and initiatives.



WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2011

Venue:

London School of Economics and Political Science
Cañada Blanch Room (J116), First Floor, Cowdray House

09:00-09:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Adam Fagan, *Queen Mary, University of London / LSE*

09:30-11:00 Environmental governance and the transformative power of Europe Chair: Prof. Kevin Featherstone, *LSE*

Prof. Miranda Schreurs, *Freie Universitat Berlin*)

“European Energy and Climate Politics: Implications for South East Europe and the Western Balkans”

Prof. Tanja Borzel, *Freie Universitat Berlin*

“When Europeanization Hits Limited Statehood: The Western Balkans as a Test Case for the Transformative Power of Europe.”

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Legacies from previous enlargements

Chair: James Ker-Lindsay, *LSE*

Prof. Liliana Andonova, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva*

“Greener Together: Transnational networks and environmental protection in South East Europe.”

Mr. Aron Buzogany, *German Research Institute for Public Administration, Speyer*

“Avoiding the ‘Eastern Syndrome’: Conditionality and post-accession compliance in the new member states.”

Dr. Claudiu Craciun, *SNSPA, Bucharest*

“Green parties in CEE and SEE. Institutionalisation and Europeanization”

Cristina Parau, *University of Oxford*

"Environmental NGOs and The Power of Transnational Networks in Romania"

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Environment, state and society in the Western Balkans

Chair: Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic, LSE

Dr. Indraneel Sircar, *LSE*

“Europeanization and Multi-level Environmental Governance in a Post-conflict Context: the Gradual Development of Environmental Impact Assessment Processes in Bosnia-Herzegovina”

Dr. Matthew Gorton, *University of Newcastle*

“Agri-environmental governance in Serbia and models of European rule adoption”

Prof. Mina Petrović and Jelisaveta Vukelić, *University of Belgrade, Serbia*

“Issues of environmental governance in Serbia: local authorities' perspective.”

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18.00 POLICY DIALOGUE - ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair: Adam Fagan *Queen Mary University of London / LSE*

Regional Environmental Center (REC)

DG Enlargement (environment, WB)

Green 10 / FoE-I

Green Visions (Sarajevo)

18:00-19.00 WINE RECEPTION AND BOOK LAUNCH (*Green Activism in Post-socialist Europe and the Former Soviet Union* – ROUTLEDGE)

Registration details:

Registration for this workshop is free.

To attend the workshop, please register by e-mailing Mr. Ivan Kovanovic at EuroInst.LSEE@lse.ac.uk. Places will be reserved on first come, first serve basis.