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European Interdisciplinary Studies:
(New) Challenges for Europe in a Changing World/
Knowledge - a Key Tool for a Better Europe



Time and place:

20th - 21st October 2014
**University Campus/
Student Centre - "Akvarij"**
Trsat, Radmile Matejčić 5,


Day 1, October 20th
9.00 – 9.20 / Registration

9.20 - 9.30 Opening Welcome:

Pero Lučin (Rector of the University of Rijeka)
Hrvoje Marušić (Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs)
9.30 - 11.00 1st Panel European and International Studies: New Challenges for Europe in a Changing World
Moderator:

Vedran Džihic, CAS – SEE and Petar Bojanić, CAS – SEE

Keynote speakers:

Joseph H.H. Weiler (President, European University Institute, Florence)

- Sleepwalking Again? Europe and the End of the Pax Americana 1914-2014.

Paolo Magagnotti (President, European Journalists Association – The Communication Network)


- European Public Space and Media in the Framework of Interdisciplinary European Studies

Hrvoje Marušić (Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs)

- The transformative power of European Integration

Snježana Prijic-Samaržija (Vice Rector, University of Rijeka)

- What competences and learning outcomes European interdisciplinary studies need to disseminate in social, political and economic context of Europe?



In the last century, Europe has changed drastically. In the 20th century, Europe has experienced two devastating world wars and a sharp political division, but it was also a century of reconciliation and integration, which led to the creation of the EU and an increasing economic prosperity and political stability. Everything was set for an ever deeper and better Union, with ever deeper and better relations with its neighbours. The violent conflicts in the Balkans in the last decade of the 20th century, the acute economic crisis in the first decade of this century and finally the crisis in Ukraine were loud wake up calls. It is painfully evident that Europe is facing a variety of internal and external challenges, which require thorough analysis and strategic thinking, but at the same time a vigorous and clearly articulated action. Nevertheless and despite all its difficulties, Europe still remains a role model of peace, stability, prosperity and democracy on a global scale. By creating new models of cooperation, more social equality and democratic consensus, Europe can surely maintain its leading role and provide inspiration and stimulus for the countries willing to become members of the European family or looking to acquire democratic and functional standards based on the European model. Can the European policy-makers successfully define a new narrative for Europe? What is the role of media in the process of defining a new narrative of EU? Can the transformative power of European and International Studies deliver substantive

results in regions like South East Europe?

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.00 Presentation

- Presentation of the Center for Advanced Studies South Eastern Europe: Sanja Bojanić, Executive Director Center for Advanced Studies South Eastern Europe
- Educational programs of the Croatian MFEA:
 - a) The Centre of Excellence: Mirna Vlašić Feketija, Advisor to the Minister, Coordinator of the Centre
 - b) International Postgraduate University Study on Diplomacy: Ambassador Mladen Andrić, PH.D., Director for Diplomatic, European and Predeployment training, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs; Nikolina Herceg Kolman, Advisor in the Office of the Minister

12.00 – 14.00 2nd Panel What are European studies? What European studies we need in the context of Western Balkan Countries/South East Europe?

Moderator:

Vjeran Pavlaković, University of Rijeka

Keynote speakers:

Hans-Ake Persson (University of Roskilde)

- European Studies as a Field of Knowledge theoretical, methodological and practical reflections

Christopher Lamont (University of Groningen)

- Academic Engagement through Research and Teaching: Europe and Beyond

Jo Shaw, Law School (Edinburgh University)

- How can studying the law contribute to the interdisciplinary approach to European studies

Discussants:

Nenad Mišćević (Central European University, Budapest)

Predrag Šustar (Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Rijeka)



The states of Southeast Europe/Western Balkans have a clear European perspective. The failure to “communicate” with Europe is often cited as a reason for growing euro-skepticism among citizens. What kind of knowledge diffusion strategy wins citizens’ attention and support for the EU? What are the vision and mission of the European Interdisciplinary Studies? Can we find a way of thinking about European Interdisciplinary Studies outside of boxes? How to encourage young people to participate in knowledge diffusion in the context of European Interdisciplinary Studies aimed at energizing EU integration?



14.00 – 15.30 Lunch

Host: Pero Lučin (Rector of the University of Rijeka)

15.30 – 17.00 3rd Panel European Interdisciplinary Studies: financing and funds issues

Moderator:

Sanja Bojanić (CAS, University of Rijeka)

Keynote speakers:

Boško Nektarijević (Balkan Security Network, Belgrade)

- European funds and programs between institutional culture deficits, adequate competences and demanding procedures

Ines Marinković (WBC – INCO.NET, Vienna)

- Western Balkan Regional Research and Development strategy for Innovation

Matija Derk (Assistant Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds)

- Using ESIF to support competitiveness and innovation: Integrated approach

Discussants:

Heri Bezić

(Dean of Faculty of Economics, University of Rijeka)

Nataša Jakominić Marot

(Head of Department for EU projects at University of Rijeka)

Aleš Lipnik

(University of Primorska, Science and Research Centre,
Centre for Cooperation with Economy, Slovenia)



The ongoing crises hit many European countries causing social imbalances and political tensions. The future of the entire European project depends in the highest degree on appropriate strategies and actions for growth and jobs. These must be based on knowledge and better valorization of scientific research, development of innovation policies, smart specializations. How will it be possible to finance activities that improve the knowledge for Europe? How will it be possible to finance the development of institutional culture and competence that insures a sustainable knowledge based European system in the long run?

17.00 - 17.30. Summary of panels

Vedran Džihic (Institute for Political Sciences, Vienna and CAS – SEE)

20.00 - Dinner

Host: Vojko Obersnel, Mayor; City of Rijeka (Presentation of Rijeka, Rijeka European Cultural Capital (candidate))

 **Day 2, October 21st**

Place: University Campus/ Restaurant “Kampus”- “Akvarij” /Trsat, Radmile Matejčić 5

09.30 – 10.00 Welcome coffee

Welcome:

Ivo Josipović (President of the Republic of Croatia - Video Message)

Zlatko Komadina (Head of Primorsko – Goranska County)

Vojko Obersnel (Mayor of Rijeka)

10.00 – 12.00 4th Panel: Main session: European Interdisciplinary Studies - mission and vision in the context of SEE

Moderator:

Snježana Prijčić – Samaržija (University of Rijeka, CAS- SEE)

Keynote speakers:

Pero Lučin (Rector of the University of Rijeka)

Vedran Mornar (Minister of Science, Education and Sports)

Vesna Pusić (First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs)



Experts and distinguished political leaders with remarkable experience in European issues will provide their views on the main issues concerning Europe. What is the mission and vision of European Interdisciplinary Studies? What competences and knowledge about institutional procedure and social practice we should disseminate to the citizens of the European Member States and our partners through courses and modules of the European Interdisciplinary Studies? How can we innovate the EU studies as a catalyst for enthusiasm and commitment for reinigorated European Integration?

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee break

12.30 – 13.30 5th Panel Challenges ahead: Panel discussion with ambassadors

Moderator:

Hrvoje Marušić (Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs)

Keynote speakers

H.E. Branko Baričević

(Head of the European Commission Representation in the Republic of Croatia)

H.E. Keiji Ide

(Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia)

H.E. Michèle Boccoz

(French Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia)

H.E. David Slinn
(British Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia)
H.E. Henrik Ofstad
(Norwegian Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia)

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

Host: Zlatko Komadina, Head of Primorsko- goranska County

**14.30 – 16.30 6th Panel Reinventing the European Project – What Europe? What SEE?
What Democracy?**

Moderator:

Hedvig Morvai (European Fund for the Balkans)

Keynote speakers:

Erhard Busek (Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe – IDM Vienna)

- EU, Europe and the World

Haki Abazi (Program Director, Western Balkans Rockefeller Brothers Fund)

- What will make an EU project a unique, successful and sustainable model: 1. Enlargement Unfinished Business; 2. Compliance: right balance between sovereignty and shared responsibility; 3. Model of participatory democracy

Discussants:

Senada Šelo Šabić

Institute for Development and International Relations

Elvio Baccharini

(Member of the Steering Committee of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy)

Vjekoslav Perica

(Chair of History Department, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Rijeka)

Nikola Petković


(Department of Cultural Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Rijeka)

Daniel Mondekar

(Chairman of European Affairs Committee of the Croatian Parliament)

Svein Mønnesland

(Professor of Slavic Studies, University of Oslo)

 Leaders, experts, policy makers, civil society actors have intensively searched for a new narrative for European Union and a new successful and sustainable model in the global village. At the same time, many of them have emphasized the serious democratic deficit in EU. How can democracy be reinvented? How to guarantee the sustainability of the European project? What development goals do we need in Southeast Europe and which governance system is necessary to achieve them? What is the role of a project such as European Interdisciplinary Studies regarding the recent European and world complexities?

16.30 – 18.00 7th Panel The Trends 2020: European Interdisciplinary Studies: courses and modules

Moderator:

Sonja Licht (Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence)

Keynote speakers:

Alfred Steinherr (Sacred Heart University, Luxemburg)

- The content of the economics/finance dimension of the interdisciplinary master in European studies

Maja Vehovec (Institute of Economics Zagreb)

- The Role of SSH in European Scientific Platform of H2020

Discussants:

Nada Bodiroga Vukobrat

(Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka (Jean Monet Chair))

Veronique Charlety

(Head of European Governance Department, European Affairs Directorate, ENA)



There are different scientific perspectives on the European project. Besides, the world of power and the world of ideas often seem to give us two divergent perspectives on this issue. Only a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary approach can ensure better understanding of societies and effective dealing with the interconnected challenges. We would like to discuss economic/financial dimension, law perspective as well as the perspective of social sciences and humanities on the European project. Our goal is to offer the list of potential topics or even key modules and courses of European Interdisciplinary studies.

18.00. Conclusions and closing remarks

18.20 Dinner

Host: Pero Lučin (Rector of the University of Rijeka)

