

More than twenty years ago, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, SE Europe saw the beginning of changes of historical significance. The nature, scale, and implications of the transformation of the Balkan countries during the process of transition has rare precedents in world history. They have had to face the dual challenges of radical societal modification and the need to reverse the decline in the economic activities that had characterized the last decades of the communist period.

While Albania, Bulgaria and Romania were facing the first steps of transition to democracy and market economy, the violent collapse of the former Yugoslavia brought back on to European soil the ghosts of the past with a long war and population displacement.

Today, twenty years later, these problems are relegated to the past century and the new countries, in collaboration with the European Union, are overcoming internal divisions and weaknesses. The Adriatic-Balkan area is quickly assuming its rightful position in Europe: after Romania and Bulgaria, other countries are also moving ahead towards integration into the European Union. In the two-day Conference historians, economists and sociologists will provide direct evidence and scientific reports on various aspects of the transition, analyzing the transformation of the last decades and discussing the main forms and perspectives of the integration process.



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The Adriatic-Balkan Area from Transition to Integration



International Conference
Ancona, May 21st-22nd

Facoltà di Economia "Giorgio Fuà"
P.le Martelli, 8



PROGRAMME

FRIDAY MAY 21ST

9.00 • OPENING

Marco PACETTI (Rector, Università Politecnica delle Marche)

Gian Luca GREGORI (Dean, Faculty of Economics “Giorgio Fuà”)

Gian Mario SPACCA (President, Marche Region)

Alessandro GRAFINI (Permanent Secretariat Adriatic & Ionian Initiative)
The Adriatic & Ionian Initiative and the Balkans between Past and Future

10.30 • 1ST SESSION

The Balkans from Socialism to European Integration

Chairperson Francesco CHIAPPARINO

Giorgio CINGOLANI (Università Politecnica delle Marche - Italy)
Twenty Years of Transition: Issues and Problems

Milica UVALIĆ (Università di Perugia - Italy)
Which Development Model for the Balkans? (1989-2009)

Vladimir VULETIĆ (University of Belgrade - Serbia)
The New Economic Elite in Post Socialist Serbia

Dušan JANJIĆ (University of Belgrade - Serbia)
Confronting Ethno-Nationalisms: The Case of Kosovo

15.30 • 2ND SESSION

Economic Development and Capital Flows

Chairperson Giuseppe CANULLO

Iraj HASHI (Staffordshire University - United Kingdom)
Entrepreneurship and SME Growth: Evidence from Advanced and Laggard Transition Economies

Muhamet MUSTAFA (President, AAB Riinvest University - Kosovo)
Challenges of Reindustrialization in Kosovo

Andrea PRESBITERO and Alberto ZAZZARO (Università Politecnica delle Marche - Italy)
IMF Lending in the Wake of the Global Crisis

Artane RIZVANOLLI (AAB Riinvest University - Kosovo)
The Effect of Human Capital on FDI: A Meta Regression Analysis

Eleonora CUTRINI, Giorgio GALEAZZI and Francesca SPIGARELLI (Università di Macerata - Italy)
Foreign Direct Investment and Financial Crisis: Spotlight on Italy-Balkan Countries Flows

Hyrije ABAZI (South East European University - Macedonia)
Ownership Change, Innovation Activities and Firm Performance-Evidence from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe

Nebojša STOJČIĆ (University of Dubrovnik - Croatia)
The Impact of Innovation Activities on Firm Performance Using a Multi-Stage Model: Evidence from the Community Innovation Survey 4

SATURDAY MAY 22ND

9.00 • 3RD SESSION

Mobility and Integration

Chairperson Ugo ASCOLI

Ivo BIČANIĆ (University of Zagreb - Croatia), Saul HOFMAN, (University of Delaware - USA) and Oriana VUKOJA, (University of Zagreb - Croatia)
Wage inequality and Wage differentials in Croatia after the transformation

Nadan PETROVIĆ (Università La Sapienza - Italy)
Immigration from Balkans to Italy from the Early Nineties to 2010

Eralba CELA and Eros MORETTI (Università Politecnica delle Marche - Italy)
Migrations and Remittances: the Case of Albania

Paolo PETTENATI and Ida SIMONELLA (Università Politecnica delle Marche - Italy)
The Maritime Traffic in the Adriatic Sea: The Last Decade

Sarda CAMMAROTA (Marche Region - Italy)
The Marche Region and the Territorial Cooperation in SEE Area