International Conference on Migration, Diaspora and Development in Albania and in the Western Balkans

Tirana, 27-28 October 2017
Mediterranean University of Albania
Center for Economic and Social Studies

Agenda

Day 1 - Friday 27 October

08:30 Registration

9:00 – 9:10 Open Speech Prof. Anastas Angjeli

9:10-9:20 Mr. Pandeli Majko, Minister of Diaspora

9:20 – 9:30 Mr. Ugo Poli, CEI

9:30 – 10:30 Ilir Gedeshi, Russell King, Albanian Scientific Diasporas

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

Session 1: A macro perspective to socio economic profile of Western Balkans and Albania Diasporas

Moderator: Tanja Dedovic, Përparim Kabo, Niko Pano

10:45 – 11:00 Aija Lulle, Accession to the EU ‘then’ in Baltics and ‘now’ in Western Balkans: relevance of discourses on diaspora, migration, and European borders

11:00 – 11:15 Nermin Oruc, Using census data for analysis of socio-economic profile of immigrants
11:15 – 11:30 Eda Gemi, Transnational mobility in time of crisis: the case of Albanians in Greece and Italy

11:30 – 11:45 Discussions

Session 2: Transnational families dynamics: Family caring, youth and remittances in migration

Moderator: Aija Lulle, Nevila Rama

11:45 – 12:00 Armela Xhaho and Erka Caro, Reconciling work and family conflicts in migration: Care circulation and transnational caring practices among Albanian migrants.

12:00 – 12:15 Albana Canollari, Here, there, and everywhere: Second generation of Albanian youth cycle of migration

12:15 -12:30 Brunilda Zenelaga and Aida Goga, The role of the remittances in the transnational families: Albanian case


12:45 – 13:00 Discussion

(Lunch break 13:00 – 14:00)

Session 3: A comparative analysis on Return and (in and out) integration of migrants; maximizing the role of social capital

Moderator: Ela Tollkuci, Gertjan Veshaj

14:00 – 14:15 Denisa Titili and Irena Nika, Diversity and subcultural integration in region of Korca.

14:15- 14:30 Danica Santic, Jelena Predoevic-Despic, Vesna Lukic, Migration challenges and regional development: The Case of East Serbia.
14:30-14:45 Entela Kaleshi, Merita Zulfiu, Nick Adnet, **Return** migrant as agents of change - From migrants and seasonal workers to job creators.

14:45 – 15:00 Francesco Vietti, Hotel Albania: an **ethnographic** exploration of the migration-tourism nexus in Ksamil.

15:00 – 15:15 Gertjan Veshaj, Ilir Hebovija, Zhanklina Xheraj, **Integration** of the second generation of migrants in Italy: a comparative analysis between North and South.

15:15 – 15:30 Discussions

**Day 2 - Saturday 28 October**

**Session 1: Diaspora and the Local Development: Capitalizing experienced of diaspora involvement in local processes**

Moderator: Ferrucio Pastore (FIERI, Italy), Skënder Demaliaj

9:30 – 9:50 Russell King, Diaspora and Local Development

9:50 – 10:10 Erka Caro, Diaspora Engagement in Local Development of Origin Countries: Cases of Malesi e Madhe and Tropoja Municipalities

10:10 – 10:30 Bresena Demo, Mobilising the diaspora in function of development of the country of origin: the case of Dajc and Hot

10:30 – 10:50 Tanja Dedovic, Mainstreaming migration in local development planning – a tool developed by the Joint Migration for Development Initiative (JMDI)

10:50 – 11:10 Discussions

11:10 – 11:30 Coffee break
11.30 - 12.45 Panel Discussion: Engaging Diaspora in Local Development – Perspectives and Challenges

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

**Session 2: Contemporary Psycho-Social Perspectives on Scientific Diaspora**

**Moderator:** Erka Caro (University of Tirana), Iris Shkreli

14:10 – 14:30 Ferjolt Ozuni, Eros Angjeli, Emilio Cika, The development of the tourism incoming sector in Albania and the role of Patriotic Tourism

14:30 – 14:45 Ela Tollcuci, Migration of Albanian Health Professionals

14:45 – 15:00 Kriton Kuci, Mihal Zoto, Nevila Rama, Digital Diaspora and the Reproduction of National Identities

15:00 – 15:15 Discussions