

5th Young Scholars Forum on Central- and South East Europe Vienna, 1.-3. December 2016



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Press Release

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For the 5th time the IDM has organised the Young Scholars Forum (YSF) on Central- and South East Europe. The University for Applied Sciences bfi Vienna kindly hosted the event from 1.-2. December 2016. The academic coordinator of the project was Heinz Faßmann, vicerector of the University of Vienna.

During the two days of the forum, 24 young scholars from 17 different countries presented their research and discussed in four different panels under the general topic **“Challenges and Opportunities of Migration in and from South East Europe”**.

The four panels were chaired by experts and dealt with the sub-topics:

- Brain Drain or Brain Ciruclation – highly qualified migration (Andreas Breinbauer, University for Applied Sciences bfi Vienna)
- Liquid migration – split households, split identities (Erhard Busek/Sebastian Schäffer, IDM)
- Return migrants and remittances – impact and empirical facts (Elisabeth Musil, University of Vienna)
- Emigration and expectations – what do we know (Ursula Reeger, Austrian Academy of Sciences)

The forum also held a special panel on the topic „Migrant Deaths Along The Romanian Border During Communism, And The STASI's Hand In Them” chaired by Oliver Vujovic (SEEMO). The discussant were Marina Constantinoiu and Istvan Deak, editors at Mişcare de Rezistenţă, Bukarest, as well as Georg Herbstritt, Agency of the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records, Berlin.

Within the Social Programme, the participants will visit, amongst others, the exhibition “Fremde Nachbarn” from refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

The result of the forum will be published in “Der Donauraum”, the IDM publication series, end of 2017.