

2017



23rd Central European Initiative International Summer School

*"Envisioning Moving Frontiers:
Migration Management, Minority Protection and
the Enhancement of Territorial Cooperation"*



University Residential Center of Bertinoro • 11-15 September





Framework, Rationale and Purposes

Established in 1995 with the aim of creating an arena for dialogue and cooperation for youngsters from the Yugoslav successor states in war, the School has become a CEI recurrent event since then. With a strong international dimension, thanks to the active involvement of IECOB Institute for Central-Eastern and Balkan Europe, the EBIN Europe and the Balkans International Network (established in 1992 with a financial contribution of the EU), the CEI International Summer School has been attended by MA students, NGO activists, and young professionals not only from the Balkans, but from all CEI countries. In the last 20 years, the School has offered year by year from 1 to 3 courses on the following topics: diversity management, post-communist transition challenges, economic and entrepreneurship, cultural tourism, agricultural and environmental problems.

With the 23rd edition of the School, IECOB and CEI aim to promote a one week international forum of experts and young professionals in human rights issues with the aim of stimulating a dynamic discussion on over the prospective developments related to the implementation of minority rights in our increasingly diversified societies; the principles of territorial integrity and territorial cooperation. Furthermore, the relationships between migrant and diaspora communities will be investigated as broad global phenomena, and discussed in the framework of both the existing nation-states and the EU integration processes, while elaborating on the CEI role in these contexts.

The Thematic Foci of the School

The 23rd CEI summer school will scrutinize the prospective developments related to a

twofold research focus: the implementation of Migration management and security issues, involving both the internal migration related to the war in Eastern Ukraine and the external migration faced by Western Balkans in the recent years, as well as the rise of new internal frontiers in Europe, conceived to face the escalating migration crisis.

The current situation can be considered an actual 'testing ground' for the European Union's commitment to human rights and open borders. Especially, it was the South East European area that faced the most serious challenges, following the rise of the Western Balkans migration route in 2015. The emerging obstacles in finding a collective and cross-border approach based on cooperation between the countries along the route reflected the difficulties in establishing a common strategy in EU in order to face the emergency situation.

Following this focus, the relationships between minority and majority groups in CEI member states will be investigated through the lenses of the recent 'encounter' between local and migrant communities. The making of 'inclusive' and 'exclusive' identities, in the aftermath of both the Ukraine Crisis and the Migration Crisis, will lie at the core of the research focus. On the one hand, the discussion will be focused on the political and cultural dynamics of the migration phenomena involving the Ukrainian Russophone community during the last years, in an attempt to understand the transformation of the complex dynamics of belongings following the 'shifting borders' between Western and Eastern Ukraine.

On the other side, the School will give space to discussion of political and cultural dynamics of drawing frontiers and population movements in the Balkans. The presentations will analyze processes of



boundary making, both in political and material, every-day, aspects of multiple negotiations of belonging, mostly in post-Yugoslav space ranging from Bosnia and Herzegovina to Macedonia, following the impact of the migration phenomena on the self-perception of local communities. These topics play a crucial role in strengthening a democratic development built on diversity management and respect /preserving of cultural diversities.

As a result, the 23rd CEI International Summer School has been designed to address and discuss the challenges faced by the European and Nation-State governance in relation to security issues, and sociopolitical developments in the area following the above-mentioned twofold perspective. Events concerning Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Albania, Macedonia and Ukraine are some of the case-studies that will be analyzed. In addition, the school will focus on the new conceptualizations (such as métissages, cultural nomadism, interculturality, diversity management and deliberation), gender relations, and existing legal, social and cultural instruments for the protection of minorities in the broader sense.

Also, given the traditionally academic nature of the initiative, the CEI summer school 2017 will be complemented by a set of methodological seminars and workshops aimed at strengthening participants' ability in dealing with presentation and reporting of research results in academic writing and papers to be published in academic journals. The focus will be on the main aspects of academic writing style, referencing, argument-based writing, data display, and issues of plagiarism.

Moreover, the summer school teaching curriculum will include a soft skills building seminar aimed at the development of a multi-cultural mindset and at stimulating

students' ability in cross-cultural communication and negotiation, as well as adaptability and flexibility in heterogeneous co-working contexts.

Finally, the last day of the week will be devoted to the international conference *Restructuring Identities vs. Managing Minorities. Fostering Intercultural Dialogue and Preserving Cultural Diversity in Southeastern Europe*, which will take place at the castle of Bertinoro, co organized by the University of Bologna – Department of Social and Political Sciences.

The Organizing Institutions

CENTRAL EUROPEAN INITIATIVE

The summer school is realized thanks to the support of the Central European Initiative. CEI is a regional intergovernmental forum committed to supporting European integration through cooperation between and among its Member States and with the European Union (EU), other interested public institutions or private and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as international and regional organizations. In order to offer a solid contribution to European integration, the CEI combines multilateral diplomacy and project management, both as donor and recipient, while also bridging European macro-regions. In this context, the aim of the political cooperation is to supply the countries and their institutions with a flexible, pragmatic platform for regional cooperation, while focusing on their preparation to a future accession to the European Union (EU). In doing so, special attention is given to capacity building of the non-EU CEI Member States which, thanks to its ideal location, is pursued through know-how transfer and exchange of experience among those countries which are members of the EU and those which are not.



CEI MEMBER STATES

Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

THE INSTITUTE FOR CENTRAL-EASTERN AND BALKAN EUROPE

IECOB is a leading institute for research and training regarding Central Eastern and Balkan Europe, focused on topics ranging from politics, economics, and law to language, culture, and diplomacy. The Institute was founded in 1995, only two years after the advent of the "Europe and the Balkans International Network" (EBIN), a number of newly-connected scholars from all over the world. In December 1995, the organization was granted full non-profit status in Bologna, Italy. IECOB has since received strong support from the University of Bologna, the European Commission, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Region of Emilia-Romagna, and the City Councils of Forlì, Cervia and Bologna, as well as from the main banking foundations of Emilia-Romagna. The IECOB has its headquarters at the University of Bologna, Forlì Campus. Across the years, ties between the IECOB and the University have strengthened, largely due to their collaboration in building the Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES) and the European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe (ERMA). IECOB has established strong relations with other institutions as well, including the Italian Foreign Trade Institute, the Italian Diplomatic Institute, the Central European Initiative (CEI), The Virtual University of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (UniAdriion), and the Conference of European Rectors (CRE). IECOB is also connected to major

international organizations, including UNESCO and the World Bank.

EUROPEAN REGIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

ERMA is a double degree master program coordinated by the University of Sarajevo, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (CIS) and the University of Bologna, Institute for Central Eastern and Balkan Europe (IECOB) and co-financed by the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy. The program promotes the creation of a young generation of perspective officials for state management, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, universities and think-tanks in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo, as well as in the countries belonging to the EU, the rest of Europe, and worldwide. ERMA is partner of the EU's Global Campus of Human Rights, a unique network of more than one hundred participating universities around the world, seeking to advance human rights and democracy through regional and global cooperation for education and research.

The Organization Committee

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The Venue

Lecturers and students will be accommodated at the premises of the [Bologna's University Residential Center of Bertinoro \(CEUB\)](#) in Santa Sofia.

The picturesque town of Santa Sofia, Emilia-Romagna, rich in history and popular traditions and situated in Central Italy in the heart of the wonderful Foreste Casentinesi and Campigna National Park.

Summer School Lecturers & Timetable

SEMINARS ON METHODOLOGY		
VICTOR BOJKOV	European Commission, DG NEAR (Belgium)	
MARJAN ICOSKI	CIS - Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sarajevo (BiH)	
DENEŠ VARGA	EAN - ERMA Alumni Network, Sarajevo (BiH)	
THEMATIC LECTURES		
ADRIANO REMIDDI	IECOB - University of Bologna (Italy)	<i>"A Nursery for Ethno-Nationalism? Homeland, Territory and Belonging: the case of the Yugoslav and post-Yugoslav Diaspora in Australia"</i>
MOJCA PAJNIK	Peace Institute Ljubljana (Slovenia)	<i>"Contesting Migrant Integration: What Prospects for Citizenship?"</i>
CELINE CANTAT	Central European University (Hungary)	<i>"Migration, Repression and Solidarity in the European Union and South-East Europe"</i>
VIKTOR KOŠKA	University of Zagreb (Croatia)	<i>"Challenging the Notion of the Humanitarian Approach to the Refugee Crisis: Croatia and the Balkan Route"</i>
DAVID RAPHAEL SOLOMONS	International Consultant (United Kingdom)	<i>"Developing Multicultural Skills in Global Contexts"</i>

SUMMER SCHOOL TIMETABLE					
	Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th	Friday 15 th
morning	Deneš Varga Viktor Bojkov Marjan Icoski		Celine Cantat (h. 09,30-12,30)	Viktor Koška (h. 09,30-12,30)	International CEI Conference 2017 at the Bertinoro Castle
afternoon		Adriano Remiddi (h. 15,00-18,00)	Mojca Pajnik (h. 15,00-18,00)	David Solomons (h. 14,30-19,00)	