



CALL FOR PAPERS

2nd Annual Conference of the Western Balkans Migration Network

"Migration in the Western Balkans: What do we know?"

Sarajevo, 19-20 May 2017

The [Western Balkans Migration Network](#), in cooperation with the [International Burch University](#) (IBU), is organizing 2nd Annual Conference in Sarajevo on 19-20 May 2017. The conference will be hosted by the [Center for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research](#), which is the Network's coordinating institution.

The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars and policy makers from the Western Balkans in order to create forum for exchange of knowledge and discussion of the issues that surround migration research and policy, to challenge existing models and discourses of migration, to address current policy challenges, and to offer solutions for more human treatment of migrants and better utilization of human mobility. Although the regional focus of the conference is on the Western Balkans, we encourage submissions and participation by scholars and practitioners working in other regions as well, since their experience may be very beneficial for our region.

The conference will start with the Plenary session, with keynote speeches by distinguished scholars in migration studies. The rest of the conference will be composed of a series of thematic panels, with several research papers presentations, one presentation by invited practitioner (government institutions, NGO, international organization, ...), followed by a discussion of the issues raised at the panel. The official language of the conference is English.

The conference has a multidisciplinary approach and intends to bring together scholars from a broad range of disciplines including anthropology, demography, economics, law, psychology, sociology, geography, development studies, health sciences, political science, international relations, and other related disciplines with a focus on human mobility. Inter-disciplinary research and comparative perspectives are particularly encouraged. Possible topics include: migration and development; effect of migration on poverty and inequality; remittances; social remittances; diaspora externalities; migration and institutional changes; migration and demographic changes; migration and urbanization; brain



drain/gain; labour market and mobility of labour; forced migration; migration and security; current “refugee crisis”; irregular migration and trafficking; internal migration.

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Russell King, University of Sussex

Prof. Aija Lulle, University of Latvia

Tanja Dedovic, IOM Vienna

Dr. Ferruccio Pastore, International and European Forum on Migration Research, Turin

Key dates:

Abstract submission: 15 March 2017

Acceptance notification: 1 April 2017

Early registration deadline: 10 April 2017

Full paper submission: 1 May 2017

Final registration deadline: 10 May 2017

Conference dates: 19-20 May 2017

Submission process:

The Call for Papers is now open. Submissions of papers are welcome from scholars, experts, policy makers and PhD students carrying out research in the field of migration. Please submit an abstract of 300-350 words, in MS Word format, to conference@wb-mignet.org, no later than 15 March 2017. Please include the title of the paper, name and email of the corresponding author. The selection committee will review abstracts and participants will be notified of acceptance by 1 April 2017. Further guidelines for submission of the full paper will be available at the conference website (conference.wb-mignet.org) soon.



Publication opportunities:

Selected papers from the conference will be considered for publication by:

1. [Croatian Economic Survey](#)
2. [SEEU Review](#)
3. [Journal of Economic and Social Studies](#)

We are also negotiating special issues with several other journals, and will provide updated information on this at the conference website.

“Hristina Cipusheva” Best Paper Award:

Starting this year, we are introducing “Hristina Cipusheva Best Paper Award” to recognize exceptional contributions to the fields within the scope of the conference. Winners will be selected using paper reviews and additional study by an Awards Committee.

The award is named after one of co-founders of the Network who died in 2015.

Conference fees:

- Early-bird registration (before 10.4.2017): EUR 50
- Late registration (after 10.4.2017): EUR 100
- WB-MIGNET members: free (including new members of the Network who are accepted by 10.4.2017.). You can find more information about membership at the Network here: <http://wb-mignet.org/about-us/members>).
- Students: free

More information and updates about the conference will be available soon at: conference.wb-mignet.org.

Travel and accommodation:

We are currently negotiating special price for accommodation with several hotel in Sarajevo for conference participants. Please check the conference website for updates on this.