

Tuesday, 28 April 2015

- 9.00 – 9.30 **Opening and welcome addresses:**
- Mr. Tomaž Zalaznik**, Director of Inštitut Nova revija
Dr. Miha Brejc, President of steering committee
Mr. Lien-gene Chen, Ambassador of the Republic of Taiwan to Austria
Mr. Teh-Fu Huang, President of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
- 9.30 – 13.00 **The Development of Democracy**
Moderator: Tomaž Zalaznik
- dr. Anđelko Milardović:**
Post Democratic Condition. Democracy in the age of globalization
- dr. Nedžma Džananović Mirascija:**
Daytons etnodemocracy: old myths and new challenges
- dr. Žarko Korać:**
Problems of delayed democratic transition - the case of Serbia
- dr. Davor Boban:**
Democracy after joining: EU and the crisis of democracy in Croatia
- dr. Ching-Hsin Yu and dr. Tzu-Chiao Su:**
To be Presidential Supremacy or Not: Taiwan's Evolving Semi-Presidentialism
- dr. Alex Tan:**
An Etiology of Party System Development and Voter Alignments in Democratic Taiwan
- Discussion**
- 15.00 – 17.00 **Public administration, Justice and Human Rights**
Moderator: dr. Miha Brejc
- dr. Elmir Sadiković:**
Public administration reform in the context of the territorial reorganization of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- dr. Milan Antonijević:**
Building institutions, the state relates to independent institutions and civil society
- mr. Davorka Budimir:**
An impact of corruption on the development of democracy in Croatia
- dr. Hrvoje Butković and dr. Višnja Samardžija**
The Fight against corruption in Moldova: What can be learned from Croatian experiences?
- Discussion**

- 17.15 – 19.00 **Specific Aspects of Security in Region**
Moderator: dr. Miha Brejc
- Andrej Grošelj:**
Stabilization and association process as an instrument of security in the region?
- Bakhtyar Aljaf:**
Collapse of Arab spring, the birth of the parastatal terrorist ISIL, the expansion of radicalism in the Danube region
- Discussion**

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- 9.00 – 11.00 **Economic Development of the Region**
Moderator: Tomaž Zalaznik
- dr. Vladimir Gligorov:**
Recessions in the Balkans
- dr. Cheng-Hao Pao:**
Does Economic Decay and Inequality Undermine Democracy in Taiwan?
- dr. Jenn-Jaw Soong:**
Economic Development, Social Equality and Democracy in Taiwan since 1949
- Discussion**
- 11.15 – 13.30 **Society, Culture, Religion**
Moderator: dr. Anđelko Milardović
- dr. Žarko Paić:**
Totalitarianism and Decadence: The Production of Culture as Resistance and Subversion
- dr. Dean Komel:**
Post-Yugoslav Syndrome of Dehumanization and the Ethos of Democracy
- dr. Ugo Vlaisavljević:**
The Local Ethnic Cultures as Sediments of Past Empires
- Discussion**
- 13.30 **Conclusions**

International conference

The Development of Democracy

The Danube region (DR) lags behind economically as well as politically compared to the old EU members. Their development is being limited by various historical, cultural, political and economic reasons and religious frameworks. Notwithstanding numerous initiatives, we are beginning to see the absence of any serious progress.

The DR is – due to its potential – the space of the future as well as a bridge between Europe, the Near East and central Asia.

The conference will mark the beginning of a long-standing project Potentials of DR (PDR) which will in the coming years concentrate on the problems of democratic development, economic integration, security and co-existence of various identities.

We expect from conference the beginning of the processes which will speed up the development of democracy, economics and consequently greater competitiveness, stability and integration in the DR region. These are also the aims of the long standing project PDR.

The following topics will be held at the conference *Development of Democracy*:

1. Views on the development of democracy in various environments.
2. The impact of democracy on various economic settings and examples of good practices.
3. Security as a guarantor of democracy and stability
4. Co-existence of identities

Whit the conference we wish to create open spaces for communication, integration and cooperations in DR region.

The aim is to involve in the participation at the conference the discussants and guests from all countries of the DR and Taiwan:

- to create the environments for cooperation in all four fields, the conference topics,
- to create a higher level of integration, cooperation between the countries of the DR,
- to create conditions for the development of democracy, competitive development of the countries of the region, and consequently make an impact on economic growth, sustainable development and life quality.

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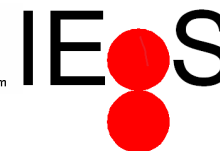


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