



Albanian Political Science Association

**Political Science and Society.
Challenges of Democratization, Development, and European Integration.**

19-20 November 2004

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2004

9:30-11:00 am: Keynote speaker
The Western Balkans and Europe: The Stabilization/Integration Dilemma."
(Prof. Nicole Lindstrom, Central European University, Hungary)

11:00-12:30am Panel 1: The EU's relations with Albania

An Insight at the Idea of Europe Within the Albanian Political-Intellectual Imaginary
(Adrian Brisku, George Welton, University of Tbilisi, Georgia)

Integrating Albania: The Role of the European Union in the Democratization Process
(Judith Hoffmann, Humboldt University, Germany)

Marrëdhëniet Tregtare në mes Shqipërisë dhe Bashkimit European
(Jehona Gjurgjeala, London School of Economics)

Chair: Sonila Danaj, University of Tirana

12:30-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-4:00pm

Panel 2: Albanian Politics

Mbi Hibridizimin e Hapsires Politike. Transformimi i Hapesires Politike ne Shqiperi nen Efektin e Tensionit mes Legjitimitetit qe Vjen nga Jashte dhe Legjitimitetit te Brendshem.

(Henri Çili, University of Tirana, Albania)

Mbi Shkaqet e Brishtesise se Demokracise ne Shqiperi

(Johana Shahini, Charles University, Prague)

Albanian Political Parties – Amidst Dilemmas and Challenges

(Blendi Kajsiu, Albanian School of Politics, Albania)

The Role of the Albanian Media in Enhancing the Image of Albania in the West: Failures and Hopes

(Gezim Alpion, The University of Birmingham, UK)

Chair: Hysamedin Feraj, *University of Tirana*

4:00-4:30pm

coffee break

4:30-6:30pm

Panel 3: Political Economy

Tax Evasion in Transition: Outcome of an Institutional Clash? Testing Feige's Conjecture in Albania

(Klarita Gërxfhani, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

How can Emigration Help Development in Albania: Thoughts on Policies that are Lacking and Policies that Need to be Adjusted

(Etleva Germenji, Lindita Lati, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium)

Political Economy of Euroization in Albania

(Altin Ilirjani, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA)

Marredheniet Shqiptaro-Greke dhe Investimet Greke ne Shqiperi

(Elda Papa, Albanian Political Science Association)

Chair: Neritan Sejamini, *University of Tirana*

SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2004

9:00-10:30am Panel 4: Kosova Politics

International Institutions and Nation-Building: Shaping Political Cleavages in Post-Conflict Kosova

(Shinasi Rama, New York University, NY, USA)

The Rise of the Kosovar Parallel State, 1988-92

(Besnik Pula, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA)

Harboring Misconceptions and Introducing New Pathologies of Failure in the Balkans: A Critical Assessment of EU/UN Administration in Kosova and How can we Teach it.

(Isa Blumi, Trinity College, CT, USA)

Chair: Aldo Bumci, *Albanian Institute of International Studies*

10:30-11:00am coffee break

11:00-1:00pm Panel 5: Regional Politics

Decentralization Process and Democratization in Macedonia

(Zidas Daskalovski, Marija Risteska, Center for Research and Policy Making, Macedonia)

Institutional Forms of Transition in Southeast Europe: Ombudsman and its Contribution to Democracy

(Irena Mitro, University of Sarajevo, BiH)

The NATO Policy of Conditionality and the Process of Democratization in Southeastern Europe

(Angel Angelov, Sofia University, Bulgaria)

Can We Welcome Them Now? The Difficult Path Toward Asylum Capacity Building in the Balkans.

(Ridvan Peshkopia, University of Kentucky, USA)

Chair: Adri Nurellari, *University of Tirana*

1:00-2:30pm Lunch

6:00-7:00pm

Keynote presentation

How to Measure and Analyze Consolidation of Democracy
(Prof. Philippe Schmitter, European University Institute, Italy)

Refreshments to follow.

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2004

5:00-7:30pm

Workshop: Teaching Political Science

Discussants:

Hysamedin Feraj (*University of Tirana*)

Altin Ilirjani (*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA*)

Elton Skendaj (*University of Tirana*)

Sonila Danaj (*University of Tirana*)

Adri Nurellari (*University of Tirana*)

Besnik Pula (*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA*)

Blendi Kajsiu (*University of Tirana, and Albanian School of Politics*)

Aldo Bumci (*Albanian Institute for International Studies*)

Elda Papa (*Albanian Political Science Association*)

Henri Çili (*University of Tirana*)

Location: Seminar Room, Hotel President

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Prof. Philippe C. Schmitter

(European University Institute, Italy)

Born in 1936, is a graduate of the Graduate Institute for International Studies of the University of Geneva, and took his doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley. Since 1967 he has been successively assistant professor, associate professor and professor in the Politics Department of the University of Chicago, then at the European University Institute (1982-86) and at Stanford (1986-96). He has been visiting professor at the Universities of Paris-I, Geneva, Mannheim and Zürich, and Fellow of the Humboldt Foundation, Guggenheim Foundation and the Palo Alto Centre for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences. He has published books and articles on comparative politics, on regional integration in Western Europe and Latin America, on the transition from authoritarian rule in Southern Europe and Latin America, and on the intermediation of class, sectoral and professional interests. His current work is on the political characteristics of the emerging Euro-polity, on the consolidation of democracy in Southern and Eastern countries, and on the possibility of post-liberal democracy in Western Europe and North America.

Professor Philippe C. Schmitter was Professor of Political Science at the European University Institute in Florence, Department of Political and Social Sciences until September 2004. He was then nominated *Professorial Fellow* at the same Institution.

Prof. Schmitter's talk in the ALPSA conference was titled "How to Measure and Analyze Consolidation of Democracy."

Prof. Nicole Lindstrom

(Central European University, Hungary)

Nicole Lindstrom received her MA and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. Before joining the CEU faculty in 2001, she taught courses at Syracuse and Cornell University. She was awarded research fellowships from the Institute for the Study of World Politics and the National Security Education Program to carry out her dissertation research, which compared domestic politics surrounding Europeanization in Croatia and Slovenia. Her main research interests include examining varieties of Euroscepticism in East European applicant states, comparative capitalisms of Central and Eastern Europe, EU enlargement and regional policy, and Balkan regionalism and Balkan identity.

Prof. Lindstrom's talk in the ALPSA conference was titled "The Western Balkans and Europe: The Stabilization/Integration Dilemma."