



3. Summer Academy Freiburg (31 August – 3 September 2012)

Dynamics of institutional change under EU's toolkit of conditionality. Judicial reform and fighting corruption in Eastern Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey

Submission deadline: 25 June 2012

In partnership with: International Graduate Academy, University of Freiburg, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, European Consortium for Political Research- Standing Group on CEE, EFOR, Landeszentrale für politische Bildung-Aussenstelle Freiburg, New Europe College, Romanian Center for European Policies, Southeast Europe Association, Studienhaus Wiesneck, West University Timsoara



Aim of the conference

In light of multiple challenges posed by future enlargements, it seems necessary to review the impact of the EU's democracy promotion and to understand which lessons can be learned when the EU's conditionality is put to the test. Which lessons can we draw from the troubled contexts of the democracies in Eastern Europe and the EU's use of conditionality in strengthening judicial reform and fighting corruption?

A completed 'big-bang' enlargement in 2004 with 8 Central and Eastern European countries and Romania and Bulgaria in 2007 offers a reasonable timetable and data to analyze divergent patterns and domestic responses to the EU's conditionality. Further, important lessons of the CEE's experience with EU conditionality can be drawn for Western Balkans and Turkey. We aim to analyze domestic reactions to EU's benchmarks and how political elites choose to (not-) comply with external mechanisms of pressure. At the center of the debates we put the search for causal mechanisms in the interplay between external, domestic elites and domestic peculiarities.

To approach the complex interaction between the EU's strategies to foster reform, institutional as well as behavioral change, and finally domestic reactions, we invite PhD researchers and experts to the conference, who will present their research and experience from various interdisciplinary perspectives (in particular from a political science, legal and economical perspective).

Following main theoretical and empirical research areas shall be addressed:

1. Theoretical concepts and pitfalls of EU's democracy promotion and compliance in Eastern Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey

- Conceptual and methodological refinements of external democracy promotion

2. Judicial and anti-corruption reforms in reluctant contexts

- Defining troubled contexts: the political, legal and cultural contexts of the CEE, Western Balkans and Turkey
- Constituents of judicial and anti-corruption reforms
- Measuring compliance
- Effects of non-compliance

3. Political and institutional actors involved in domestic reforms

- Power elites
- The Role of Constitutional Courts
- The Role of Judicial Councils
- Anti-corruption institutions

4. The EU's strategy to strengthen judicial and anti-corruption reform in Eastern Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey

- Assessing pre- and post- accession political conditionality
- Mechanisms and strategies of political conditionality
- Learning by doing? EU's strategies under review

In partnership with: [International Graduate Academy, University of Freiburg, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, European Consortium for Political Research- Standing Group on CEE, EFOR, Landeszentrale für politische Bildung-Aussenstelle Freiburg, New Europe College, Romanian Center for European Policies, Southeast Europe Association, Studienhaus Wiesneck, West University Timsoara](#)



5. Domestic compliance to severe political conditionality

- Adoption versus implementation: institutional building, maintaining and disrupting
- Unintended consequences
- Domestic strategies of derailing compliance

6 Lessons learned

- Tailor-made approaches versus 'one size fits all'

Conference details

Target group: Researchers (PhD candidates, Post-docs), policy makers and practitioners

Costs: Due to the generous funding of the International Graduate Academy (University of Freiburg) we are able to cover all the accommodation and lodging costs. We offer several travel grants based on a letter of motivation.

Conference venue: Studienhaus Wiesneck of the Institute for Political Education of Baden-Württemberg (www.wiesneck.de)

Submission deadline: Abstracts must be received electronically by the chair committee* by 25 June 2012. Notification: 30 June 2012

Applications: The recommended length for abstracts is 500 words. They must be drafted in English and must connect an empirical question with a theoretical approach and concept in order to be accepted. Comparative approaches (across countries and across time) are encouraged. Applications for participation should include a short CV (1 page).

Guest Speakers

- Monica Macovei, Member of the European Parliament/former Minister of Justice, Romania
- Dr. Anneli Ute Gabanyi
- Laura Stefan, EFOR, Anticorruption expert
- Horia Georgescu, President of the Romania's National Integrity Agency
- Dr. Daniel Hough, Director of Centre for the Study of Corruption Sussex University
- Experts from regional, international economical organisations (tba)

Programme

- Lectures by high level experts, debates and workshops
- Presentation of research papers/projects
- Working Paper sessions

*Academic management and chair of the conference

Anitta M. Hipper, University of Freiburg (anitta.hipper@ies.uni-freiburg.de)

Committee of the summer academy

Dr. Petra Guasti, University of Mainz
Dr. Dan Lazea, West University of Timisoara
Dr. Anne Wetzel, MZES, University of Mannheim
Dr. Özgür Ünal Eris, University of Bahcesehir

In partnership with: [International Graduate Academy](#), [University of Freiburg](#), [Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations](#), [European Consortium for Political Research- Standing Group on CEE](#), [EFOR](#), [Landeszentrale für politische Bildung-Aussenstelle Freiburg](#), [New Europe College](#), [Romanian Center for European Policies](#), [Southeast Europe Association](#), [Studienhaus Wiesneck](#), [West University Timsoara](#)



31. August- 3. September 2012



In partnership with: International Graduate Academy, University of Freiburg, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, European Consortium for Political Research- Standing Group on CEE, EFOR, Landeszentrale für politische Bildung-Aussenstelle Freiburg, New Europe College, Romanian Center for European Policies, Southeast Europe Association, Studienhaus Wiesneck, West University Timsoara