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THE 2002-2003 INTERNATIONAL POLICY FELLOWS

POLICY NETWORKS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

(The Public Policy Process and European Union Accession)

Dragan Djuric, Yugoslavia. The development of social dialogue: Tripartism and social partnership in Southeast Europe—solutions for Serbia and Montenegro.

The goals of the project are to analyze experiences in the work of tripartite institutions in the countries of Southeast Europe; establish cooperation with experts from those countries dealing with these issues; undertake study visits to interview those responsible for organizing social dialogue (Sofia, Zagreb, Skopje); elaborate recommendations for the development of tripartism and social dialogue in Serbia and Montenegro; prepare seminars for the representatives of unions from the former Yugoslavia working on this issue; and write a research and policy paper for employers' associations and Ministries of Labor as well as other relevant governmental bodies in Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro. E-mail: djuric@policy.hu

Katarina Mathernova, Slovakia. Lessons from Slovakia's transition reform process.

The objectives of the project are to research and document the transformation process in Slovakia and identify key actors, interest groups and influences; analyze challenges to the reform process and its institutional strengths and weaknesses; include several concrete case studies analyzing certain reform areas (e.g. reform of the Labor Code) to demonstrate institutional failures and recommend how reform constituencies can be developed to address particular issues (e.g. reform of the collateral system); summarize Slovakia's experience with the aim of offering lessons for other countries undertaking similar transition reforms; and write a research and policy paper for relevant policymakers in the Slovak and other CEE governments and international institutions including the World Bank. E-mail: mathernova@policy.hu

Gusztav Nemes, Hungary. Rural development policies in Central and Eastern Europe.

The objectives of the project are to explore the evolution of rural policies and institution-building in CEE with special regard to Hungary and contribute to the development of an integrated, sustainable approach to this process; write a research paper and develop policy recommendations for officials, civil organizations and academics including the Rural Development Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Development, regional development councils and agencies, international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including World Wildlife Fund-International, nationwide NGOs including the Hungarian Rural Parliament and Ökoszolgálat, and selected local development groups. E-mail: nemes@policy.hu

Saad Paracha, Pakistan. An evaluation of decentralized governance and Pakistan's current devolution plan.

The objectives of the project are to study the present devolution plan in Pakistan to identify shortcomings, political and administrative repercussions, and the impact on the Pakistani people at both micro and macro levels; compare similar exercises in other countries; suggest strategies for concerned countries and organizations involved in similar exercises or dealing with governments undergoing such massive restructuring in terms of policy and development; and write a research and policy paper for the National Reconstruction Bureau, Ministries of Finance and Economic Affairs, Planning and Development agency and provincial authorities in Pakistan, as well as international development/financial institutions, research organizations, think tanks and the general public. E-mail: paracha@policy.hu

Dusan Pavlovic, Yugoslavia. Rational and irrational Serbian public policies.

The project goals are to identify the key participants of the public policymaking process in Yugoslavia; explore the environment in which public policies are formulated, adopted and implemented; research whether the

policy outcomes match initially established goals and what can be done to improve the policy and decision-making process; conduct instrumental analyses of two distinct policy areas (concerning Kosovo and privatization) and determine the extent to which public policymaking in Serbia's transition period differs from policymaking in the Milosevic era; work out a clear scheme as to how public policies are defined, constructed and introduced into the political agenda in Yugoslavia-Serbia; and write a research and policy paper for the Serbian Ministry for Privatization, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Serbian government in charge of the Kosovo issue, Serbian professionals, and the general public. E-mail: pavlovic@policy.hu

Jiri Schneider, Czech Republic. The role of expert and advocacy bodies in the policymaking processes of Central European societies in transition. The objectives of this project are to analyze existing formal networks in policymaking processes in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and the Slovak Republic as well as informal networks (e.g. the Institutes of Public Affairs in Warsaw and Bratislava, NISPAcee in Bratislava, CEU in Budapest, non-governmental organizations); assess the relevance and impact of these networks and mechanisms in different areas of public policy; create a model for influential policy analysis and advice; prepare the groundwork for a private think tank to be established; and write a research and policy paper on the above-mentioned aspects of the public policy process to be presented to decision- and opinion-makers (politicians, members of parliament, political representatives on the regional level, journalists, the media) primarily in the Czech Republic but also in Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia. E-mail: schneider@policy.hu

Katarina Staronova, Slovakia. The public policy process: Cultural change toward progressive policymaking. The objectives of the project are to analyze the existing organizational and institutional arrangements of progressive policymaking in western countries and compare it with practice in Slovakia and other Central European countries, analyze the relationship between the current status of policymaking culture and desired models of the public policy process, highlight the risks and opportunities in promoting and realizing such cultural change, assert how models can be transferred or new models of progressive policymaking can be developed, and write a research and policy paper on program strategies for the Soros foundation network in the field of public administration and policymaking in the accession countries. E-mail: staronova@policy.hu

Georgina Szilagyi, Romania. The harmonization of regional economic and social policies within the Romanian-Hungarian-Ukrainian border area. The objectives of the project are to define and assess social marginality within the Ukrainian-Romanian-Hungarian border region; identify available resources for poverty reduction; elaborate a plan for the harmonization of legislative frameworks and economic, fiscal, social and employment policies within the region; write a research monograph and a policy paper with recommendations promoting cross-border cooperation initiatives in the field of European integration for concerned national governments (Romania, Hungary and Ukraine), local governments (Satu-Mare and Bihor counties in Romania, Szabolcs-Szatmar-Bereg and Hajdu-Bihar counties in Hungary, and Zakarpapska region in Ukraine) and international agencies such as the European Commission, the Committee of Regions of the Council of Europe, and the Council of the Carpathian Euroregion. E-mail: szilagyi@policy.hu

Koba Turmanidze, Georgia. Models of governance in divided societies: The case of Georgian decentralization. The objectives of the project are to identify weaknesses of decentralized institution-building in Georgia; examine the structure of power and ethnic and social cleavages; analyze informally organized interests enforced by political subcultures; devise recommendations for coherent and participatory local governance; and write a research and policy paper for the Parliament, State Chancellery, local Councils and international donor organizations. E-mail: turmanidze@policy.hu

COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY

CHILDREN'S SERVICES POLICY:

Ibrahim Ismayilov, Azerbaijan. Non-formal education and national youth policies. The aim of the project is to investigate the impact of non-formal education on the development of civil society in general and its specificity in Azerbaijan; research how independent youth organizations can influence national youth policy; identify the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the educational process; determine the distinct instruments and methods necessary to increase the participation and role of youth within society; develop a database of youth NGOs and their non-formal education schemes;

and write a research and policy paper in the field of Children's Services Policy for the Ministry of Youth and Sports, members of parliament, and the National Council of Youth Associations as well as the European office of the World Organization of Scout Movements. E-mail: ismayilov@policy.hu

Mukhtar Aziz Kanshi, Pakistan. Comparative analysis of children's services policies in European and Asian transitional states. The aim of the project is to study the process of formulating and implementing long- and short-term policies and strategies associated with children's services in transitional states in Europe and Asia; identify similarities and differences regarding problems and priorities for policymakers and civil society in these states; and write a research and policy paper to provide guidelines to policymaking institutions in national and local governments and the informal sector in Pakistan including the National Reconstruction Bureau of Pakistan, the Planning Commission of the Pakistani Government and UNICEF-Pakistan. E-mail: kansi@policy.hu

Unurtsetseg Tsedev, Mongolia. Child welfare policy in Mongolia. The objectives of the project are to compare children's services policy in Mongolia during the socialist period and the transition period; conduct a cost-benefit analysis for children's services policy; identify the most effective welfare policy formulation for children in difficult circumstances; and write a policy paper with recommendations for the Mongolian Government and Parliament officials. E-mail: tsedev@policy.hu

CULTURAL POLICY:

Vesna Djukic Dojcinovic, Yugoslavia. Cultural policy in Serbia. The specific goals of the project are to identify Serbia's key cultural policy representatives and leaders on the national and local level; compare decision-making procedures, financial and other instruments in Serbian cultural policy; develop a methodology for the comparative analysis of cultural policies of Southeast European countries; and write research and policy papers for the Ministry of culture of the Republic of Serbia and the City Council of Belgrade. E-mail: djukic@policy.hu

Oleksandr Grytsenko, Ukraine. Cultural funding policies in transitional societies. The objective of the project is to analyze several existing mechanisms of financing cultural organizations and projects, both traditional and newly adopted, in contemporary Ukraine and in several neighboring post-communist countries; write a research paper on cultural finance in transitional post-communist societies; design a set of recommendations for improving culture finance mechanisms and write a policy paper for the Ministry of Culture and the Arts of Ukraine. E-mail: grytsenko@policy.hu

GENDER POLICY:

Amir Hodzic, Croatia. Gender equality and sexuality in the Croatian school curriculum. The objectives of the project are to produce a draft version of Croatia's educational program on gender equality and sexuality to be presented to the Commission of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for Gender Equality as a policy proposal meeting the directive of the National Policy for the Promotion of Gender Equality; formulate recommendations for programmatic interventions and provide a blueprint for implementation; begin regional analysis on gender equality policy, focusing on the educational system in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, and Yugoslavia; organize a database for further research; and write a research and policy paper in the area of gender equality and sexuality education for the Commission. E-mail: hodzic@policy.hu

Semsa Ozar, Turkey. Barriers to the success of women's enterprises in Turkey. The research aims to explore the nature and scope of barriers that hinder the success of women entrepreneurs or those willing to start micro or small businesses in Turkey; design appropriate policy models to reduce gender inequalities in collaboration with women entrepreneurs and their associations at national and regional levels; and write a research and policy paper in the field of gender policy for Turkish governmental agencies such as the Directorate of the Status and Problems of Women, non-governmental organizations such as the Women's Solidarity Foundation KADAV, the Confederation of Small Tradesmen and Artisans of Turkey, and the Small and Medium Industry Development Organization KOSGEB. E-mail: ozar@policy.hu

Joanna Renc-Roe, Poland/Hungary. The representation of women in the Polish parliament. The aim of the project is to critically assess possibilities for the implementation of gender equality legislation in the area of electoral law (quotas) in light of Polish parliamentary elections; constructively

contribute to debate on the issue within Poland and in other Central and East European countries; and write a research and policy paper recommending legislation and related action to increase women's participation in politics for Polish women politicians and parliamentarians interested in equal opportunity, non-governmental organizations working in the area of women's political activism in Poland, and other relevant actors in countries of the region. E-mail: renc-roe@policy.hu

Asima Yanty Siahaan, Indonesia. Women and local government in Indonesia: Seeking gender-sensitive local governance. The goal of the project is to explore the role of women in local governments, non-governmental and community-based organizations in North Sumatera; identify ways of promoting gender-sensitive development among policymakers and other stakeholders at the local level; via focus groups and seminars, bring together diverse stakeholders to analyze problems at the local level and search for strategies to enable both men and women to direct the development agenda; and write a research and policy paper for the local governor, the North Sumatera Women's Caucus, and relevant academics, community-based organizations and women's interest NGOs. E-mail: siahaan@policy.hu

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY:

Sunandan Roy Chowdhury, India. Mapping Minds, Changing Maps: Comparative analysis of the role of universities in societies undergoing change. The goals of the project are to conduct research focusing on universities in Ljubljana, Warsaw, Budapest, Lahore and New Delhi; explore links between ideas and institutions by analyzing dominant ideas in academic circles in Central European countries and reforms in those societies, compare the roles of Pakistani and Indian academic elites in shaping respective national identities and respective relations between academic and political elites; analyze the role of CEU in shaping ideas regarding national identities in CEE countries; interview some one hundred people with past or present affiliations with these universities as students or academicians; and write a research and policy paper for the Role of Universities in Social Transition research project, academics and government officials responsible for higher education policy. E-mail: roychowdhury@policy.hu

Nadezhda Fedotova, Russia. The role of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations – University (MGIMO) in social transformation. The objectives of the project are to analyze principles and models of university education in Russia, examine discussions on higher education reforms in Russia, conduct an empirical case study of MGIMO's education, identify the normative issue of what the role of MGIMO in particular and universities in general should be to contribute to social reforms, and write a research and policy paper on the Role of Universities in Social Transformation for the Ministry of Education and the broader academic community. E-mail: fedotova@policy.hu

Dimka Gicheva-Gocheva, Bulgaria. Legislation for higher education in Balkan countries. The aim of the project is to conduct comparative analysis of legislation regulating higher education institutions in selected Balkan countries; examine the specific legislative norms that regulate educational practices in these countries; identify the most decisive factors sparking education reforms; and write a research and policy paper for the Bulgarian Rectors' Council; the Parliamentary Commission for Education, Science and Culture; and the Ministry of Education and Science. E-mail: gocheva@policy.hu

Oleg Karmadonov, Russia. The role of universities in the construction of new social realities. The objectives of the project are to conduct an analysis of the structure, quality, and content of public affairs in Russian universities; research the impact of universities on society and especially youth; elaborate recommendations regarding innovations and reforms in Russian university policies in general and in the Irkutsk region in particular; and write a research and policy paper to be presented to the Board of Rectors of the Irkutsk Region Universities, Irkutsk State University, Irkutsk State Technical University, and the Department of Higher Education and Science of the Government of Irkutsk. E-mail: karmadonov@policy.hu

Karmo Kroos, Estonia. The Role of Universities in Social Transformation: The case of Estonia. The objective of the project is to offer an explanatory framework of how the role of academics changes in times of social transformation; test the hypothesis that universities experience three clearly definable stages during a transition from a supplier to a recipient of innovative ideas and individuals; and write a research and policy paper for the teaching staff and the Rectorates of Estonian universities, the

Department of Higher Education of the Estonian Ministry of Education, and the Commission of Culture of the Estonian Parliament. E-mail: kroos@policy.hu

INFORMATION POLICY

Judit Bayer, Hungary. Privacy and freedom of expression on the Internet. The objectives of the project are to provide a comparative description of problems of privacy and content regulation on the Internet; devise proposals for legal means to effectively address these problems without threatening civil liberties; and write policy papers in the field of information policy for the Internet Provider's Association for Self-Regulation, alternatives to current legislation for the Ministry of Economic Affairs, and an expert opinion to the data protection ombudsman. E-mail: bayer@policy.hu

Ondrej Cisar, Czech Republic. Information technologies to curb public-sector corruption: The case of the Czech Republic. The objectives of the project are to analyze the link between information technologies, public sector performance, and non-governmental organizations; propose a model of corruption control based on a decentralized information infrastructure to prevent the misuse of new technological tools; and write a research and policy paper for state officials at the Czech Ministry of Interior and relevant non-governmental organizations including Transparency International. E-mail: cisar@policy.hu

Meelis Kitsing, Estonia. Information technology diffusion in Estonia and Slovenia: Lessons for other Central and Eastern European countries. The goal of the project is to explore political and economic factors that have encouraged and discouraged information technology diffusion in Estonia and Slovenia; offer insights into Estonian and Slovenian information and communication technology (ICT) development and devise recommendations for the successful diffusion and utilization of ICT in other Central and Eastern European countries; and write a research and policy paper for relevant government agencies including the Ministries of Information Technology and Communication and the Ministries of Finance and Economy and CEE private sector institutions (foundations, research institutes) involved in issues of information technology diffusion. E-mail: kitsing@policy.hu

Andriy Vyshnevsky, Ukraine. Developing a national policy for government use of internet technology. The aim of the project is to study means for creating e-government in Ukraine, including a technical internet program allowing public access to government bodies; promote the increased effectiveness of government measures and devise the technical foundation for continuing administrative reforms in Ukraine encouraging the development of civil society, a favorable investment climate, and capital inflows into Ukraine; and write a research and policy paper for the Department of Information Technologies and Computer Networks of the State Committee for Communication and Informatization of Ukraine, the Department of Information Technologies of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Department of Public Administration Reform, and the Department of Public Management Effectiveness of the Ministry of Economy and European Integration. E-mail: vyshnevsky@policy.hu

MEDIA POLICY:

Ferenc Hammer, Hungary. Communication and Social Justice: Controversial content and regulation practices in Hungary. The objectives of the project are to identify concerns regarding the representation of disadvantaged groups with special attention to the poor in Hungarian television non-fiction programs; research contemporary media regulation standards and procedures with particular focus on British practice regarding controversial "reality TV" programs; identify a basic framework for the introduction of a self-regulatory process into the Hungarian journalist profession; and write a research and policy paper in the field of media content regulation for the Hungarian National Radio and Television Commission (ORTT). E-mail: hammer@policy.hu

Matus Minarik, Slovakia/Poland. Private television empires in Central Europe and freedom of expression: Comparative analysis of Poland and Slovakia. The objectives of the project are to compare western private mass media standards and analyze their applicability in Central Europe; conduct a comparative analysis of the institutional arrangements and political culture of Polish and Slovak private mass media; and write a research and policy paper on new media regulations in Central Europe for Polish and Slovak media policymakers and independent media organizations. E-mail: minarik@policy.hu

Leonid Raihman, Latvia. Minority languages, media legislation and the integration of minorities: Lessons from the Latvian experience. The objective of the project is to research the interdependence of electronic media and ethnic integration; examine relevant international law and case law in this area; develop policy proposals on language rights and media based on comparative legal research of language regulations affecting electronic media in several countries with substantial linguistically distinct groups; and write a research and policy paper with recommendations for Latvian policy makers in the area of electronic media regulation. E-mail: raihman@policy.hu

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY:

Nigar Baimova, Azerbaijan. Primary and secondary education reform policy in Azerbaijan. The objectives of the project are to investigate corruption issues in the education system of Azerbaijan; explore issues of equity and quality in primary and secondary education; analyze crises in public financing relevant to primary and secondary education; and develop a research and policy paper in the field of education with action-oriented recommendations for the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan and the World Bank. E-mail: baimova@policy.hu

Gayane Ghukasyan, Armenia. Integrating an HIV/AIDS/STI program into the Armenian school curriculum. The main objectives of this project are to investigate the possibility of integrating an HIV/AIDS/STI education program into Armenian schools; identify the current status of Armenian school health education policies and programs; analyze institutional, policymaking, cultural, and societal barriers to the implementation of school-based AIDS education; conduct qualitative and quantitative studies including in-depth interviews, focus groups and surveys among policymakers, parents and teachers; organize seminars and a roundtable discussion with participation of representatives of the Ministry of Education (MOE), the Ministry of Health (MOH), the National Institute of Health, UNAIDS and other agencies to discuss the issue; write articles for local and international audiences to attract their attention to the issue; and prepare a research and policy paper with recommendations for MOE and MOH. E-mail: ghukasyan@policy.hu

Elena Iarskaia-Smirnova, Russia. Creating a Future Together: Perspectives of inclusive education in Russia. The goals of the project are to analyze the potential social consequences of introducing integrative/inclusive education into contemporary Russian society; identify advantages and disadvantages of segregated educational systems and test conditions for integrative schooling; conduct an ethnographic evaluation study as well as focus groups and surveys of school children, parents and teachers; engage mass media and the public in discussion of the issue; write a series of articles and a book on social issues of disability and inclusive education; and develop a policy paper for regional educational policymakers including the head of the City Educational Committee, the Ministers of Education and Social Development of the Saratov oblast, and international organizations including UNICEF. E-mail: iarskaia@policy.hu

Valerian Melikidze, Georgia. The role of formal decision-making in fostering “new corruption” in school education in transitional societies: The case of Georgia. The objectives of the project are to analyze the organization, management and finance practices of primary and secondary education in the Republic of Georgia and to compare such practices with existing western as well as Central European models; determine how unrealistic government policies help to promote and formalize corruption and inequality in school education; develop alternative scenarios for school education reform; and write a research and policy paper for the Ministry of Education of Georgia, the World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF and local practitioners, experts and activists in the field of education. E-mail: melikidze@policy.hu

PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY:

Irina Ghazaryan, Armenia. Developing a national pharmaceutical policy in Armenia. The objectives of the project are to make a comprehensive assessment of pharmaceutical service in Armenia and on-going trends, identify problems and recommend well-researched strategies for reform, formulate the main principles of a national pharmaceutical policy; and produce a research and policy paper for the Ministry of Health. E-mail: ghazaryan@policy.hu

Jury Kalikov, Estonia. Prostitution in the Baltic States. The objectives of the project are to map the situation of prostitution in the Baltic States; collect existing and new data by interviewing experts in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and elaborating and analyzing questionnaires for sex workers; conduct a comparative analysis of the situation of sex workers in the last decade in the region with special regard for human rights, gender issues, the trafficking of women, the HIV epidemic and legal issues; and elaborate feasible recommendations for action in a policy paper for relevant Baltic policymakers. E-mail: kalikov@policy.hu

Nikolay Matveev, Russia. The reform of occupational and environmental medicine informatics in Russia. The objectives of the project are to elaborate criteria for the evaluation of medical informatics systems in occupational and environmental health; perform a comparative evaluation of experiences in this field in several Russian regions, Ukraine, Hungary, Finland and the USA; prepare a scientifically substantiated concept of reform of occupational and environmental medicine informatics in Russia based on collected data; publish a research paper describing and advocating best practices; and produce a policy paper recommending reforms for the Federal Scientific Center for Hygiene of the Healthcare Ministry of Russian Federation. E-mail: matveev@policy.hu

Margit Ohr, Hungary. Developing capacity for cross-sectoral governance: Opportunities and barriers to the use of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) in Hungary. The objectives of the project are to review good practice in HIA in the European Union, conduct a situational analysis of opportunities for and barriers to the use of HIA in Hungary based on a mapping of resources and stakeholder interviews with policymakers, apply the findings to stimulate the use of HIA in Hungary, prepare a workshop on HIA in Hungary together with the Dutch MATRA project and CPS/PMO, write and publish a briefing paper on good practice in HIA in the EU and disseminate appropriately, and produce a policy paper for the Chairman of the Parliamentary Health and Social Care Committee and the Prime Ministers Office. E-mail: ohr@policy.hu

Pavel Ovseiko, Belarus. The politics of health care reform in Eastern Europe and the role of supranational organisations. The aim of the project is to describe, explain and interpret the development of CEE health care systems comparing the aims of initial policies with achieved outcomes; assess the influence of both internal and external political actors and institutions on health care reforms; compare two countries in the CEE region to draw policy lessons for future health care reforms; and produce a policy paper for the Economic Research Institute of the Republic of Belarus Ministry of Economy and the World Bank Representative Office in Belarus. E-mail: ovseiko@policy.hu

Aivita Putnina, Latvia. Reproductive health policy in Latvia. The objectives of the project are to explore public health policy and the delivery of health services, focusing on best practices in policymaking and advocacy in the area of reproductive health policy; evaluate and distribute public health reform strategies to relevant central and local health authorities, professional and lay persons; elaborate recommendations for training necessary to empower participants and strengthen public involvement; and write a research and policy paper for the Institute for Public Policy and municipal and governmental agencies engaged in public health issues. E-mail: putnina@policy.hu

ROMA POLICY:

Eva Sobotka, Czech Republic/Hungary. The formulation and evaluation of public policies on Roma minority political representation in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. The objectives of the project are to examine the process of public policy formulation regarding the political representation of Roma in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland in the 1990s and evaluate international policy alternatives; define the role of informal and formal mechanisms and policy networks via an analysis of case studies and consultations with regional experts and practitioners; and write a research and policy paper for politicians, governments officials, and academics in relevant countries, international organizations such as ODIHR's Contact Point for Sinti and Roma in Europe of the OSCE, and Romani non-governmental organizations such as the Romani Union, Roma National Congress and Opere Roma. E-mail: sobotka@policy.hu

Mihai Surdu, Romania. Desegregating Roma schools: A cost-benefit analysis for Romania. The goal of the project is to conduct statistical research related to segregated Roma schools in Romania; evaluate segregated schools and mixed schools in terms of human and financial resources and scholarly

achievement; identify and evaluate economic and social costs of maintaining segregated schools; elaborate a strategy for desegregating Roma schools in Romania as well as in Central and Eastern Europe; and write a research and policy paper in the field of Roma education for the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research as well as the Department of Minority Education, Roma and non-Roma educators and journalists, and international organizations such as Center Education 2000+ (Open Soros Network Romania), World Bank-Romania, UNICEF-Romania, and Save the Children-Romania. E-mail: surdu@policy.hu

SOUTHEAST EUROPE CONFLICT PREVENTION:

Florian Bieber, Yugoslavia/Luxemburg. Institutionalizing ethnicity in the western Balkans: Building inclusive institutions in multinational states. The project goals are to evaluate existing institutions in the countries of former Yugoslavia seeking to include the participation of different ethnic groups; identify best cases of functional institutions for including ethnic diversity; and write a research paper and two policy papers on conflict resolution in Southeastern Europe, one for international decision-makers including officials at the Balkan desks in the foreign ministries or other units charged with Balkan policymaking (i.e. the planning division/ "Planungsstab" of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and member countries of the European Union as well as foreign policy structures of the EU itself (i.e. the Conflict Prevention and Crisis Management Unit in the GD RELEX of the European Commission); and the second paper for policymakers at the respective ministries (i.e. the Ministry for European Integration in Bosnia, OHR in Bosnia, the Ministry for National and Ethnic Communities in Yugoslavia and Montenegro) and policy advisors in the countries under study (i.e. the Kiro-Gligorov Foundation in Macedonia). E-mail: bieber@policy.hu

Gergana Dimitrova, Bulgaria. Reinvigorating regional cooperation by fostering local initiatives. The objectives of the project are to identify strategies for overcoming the current stalemate regarding the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe; propose recommendations for reform of current structures of Southeast Europe cooperation; and write a research and policy paper for the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stability Pact officials, and relevant non-governmental organizations. E-mail: dimitrova@policy.hu

Marina Skrabalo, Croatia. Toward a peace-building policy framework: Documenting the impact of community peacebuilding efforts in the post-Yugoslav region. The goal of the project is to evaluate community-based peace-building practices in post-Yugoslav countries and regionally; validate and apply contextualized evaluation criteria on a minimum of 12 carefully selected grassroots projects (among which two-thirds are explicitly committed to peace-building, while the remaining third represent a control group of diverse community-development projects); identify patterns of successful practices applicable to the region within the present border areas of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia as well as the entire post-Yugoslav region; and write a research and policy paper for various stakeholders (the Croatian Parliament, the Section for the Stability Pact in SEE and the EU of the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Croatian Ministry of Reconstruction, municipal authorities in the researched areas, the Stability Pact headquarters in Brussels, the European Commission, USAID and other donors and governmental institutions in the region). E-mail: skrabalo@policy.hu

Marijana Trivunovic, Yugoslavia. Managing police reform: Lessons learned, best practices, and remaining challenges for police democratization in Central and Eastern Europe. The goals of the project are to promote the democratization of police organizations in CEE by identifying unmet needs and best practices; propose structural changes and strategies required to achieve systematic and progressive change; develop policy recommendations for national police organizations and donors in advancing their agenda for reforms; and write a research and policy paper for the US Department of State, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE Operations Center in Vienna, Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute partners in the Macedonia police reform project, the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, UNDP, and the European Council regional the Council's police reform initiative currently being developed. E-mail: trivunovic@policy.hu

Islam Yusufi, Macedonia. Security sector reform in Southeast Europe. The objectives of the project are to examine security sector reform and provide a Southeast European perspective regarding such reforms and their role in conflict prevention, devise recommendations for security sector reform in Southeast European countries, and write a research and policy paper on the issue for the Macedonian

Government, Army, and Police as well as international organizations including OSCE, UN and NATO.
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URBAN POLICY:

Mirna Karzen, Croatia. Sustainable towns of Croatia. The goal of the project is explore the state and problems of Croatian towns with a special emphasis on public spaces; encourage partnerships among various sector representatives in developing more creative, livable public spaces by bringing communities together through a variety of activities (entertainment, culture, small business and/or ecotourism); and write a research and policy paper for a multi-sector, community-based approach to urban revitalization and development for national and local governmental agencies including the Ministry of Urban Planning and Environment; local government representatives of cities including Rijeka and Omisalj; international organizations including the Urban Institute, the Project for Public Spaces and the Environmental Partnership for Central and Eastern Europe; private donors including the Mott Foundation and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; and local non-governmental organizations and private sector representatives. E-mail: karzen@policy.hu

Dragana Totovic, Yugoslavia. New urban transportation policies in Serbia as a factor of sustainable development. The objectives of the project are to study European policy in the field of sustainable transport and compare relevant elements with local policies in this field; identify standards and methods of planning for sustainable development, the financing of public transport, the discouragement of private car use, road pricing, and traffic reduction; and write a research and policy paper in the field of Urban Policy for the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunication, the Faculty for Traffic and Transport Engineering at Belgrade University, and the Town Planning Institute in Belgrade. E-mail: totovic@policy.hu

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY FELLOWS

Tamas Meszerics, Hungary. Foreign policy planning institutions and the problem of probability forecasts. The objectives of the project are to focus on the British and American planning bodies in their formative years to produce findings that clearly address problems in the relationship between politicians and bureaucrats/professionals, deepen the understanding of the non-trivial ways in which institutional history affects institutional performance, publish an extended essay and write a policy paper on foreign policy planning institutions directed to specific policymaking bodies and/or individuals. E-mail: meszerics@policy.hu

Judit Sandor, Hungary. Changing concepts in biomedical law and policy. The objectives of the project are to map European legislative debates in genetics to explore and identify European specificity in this policy area, analyze conceptual issues related to genetics, and write a research and policy paper on the issue directed to specific policymaking bodies and individuals. E-mail: jsandor@policy.hu

CONTINUING FELLOWS

Csilla Bartha, Hungary. Perceiving silence: Information access, public awareness and the integration of the deaf in Hungary. The objectives of the project are to conduct research on the deaf community in Hungary; create a Deafness Information Database (DID) containing adequate information on many D/deafness-related issues; organize the two-day conference "Deafness in Hungary: Obstacles and Future Perspectives" with the participation of the Deaf Association and other non-governmental organizations including the Open Society Institute and the Soros Foundation-Hungary as well as deaf educators, sign interpreters, policymakers, and representatives of the government and media; and write a research and policy paper for the Hungarian Deaf Association and the National Disability Affairs Council of the Hungarian government. E-mail: bartha@policy.hu

Izabella Karłowicz, Poland. European Union accession and media freedom in Central and Eastern Europe. The goals of the project are to analyze the current European Commission requirements for enlargement regarding media; organize a seminar on CEE media freedom at the European University Institute with alumni and current media policy fellows; propose a refined list of necessary EU criteria regarding media to be included among the requirements for enlargement; contribute to ongoing research on the monitoring and development of media in CEE by focusing on non-legal aspects of the process from the EU perspective (e.g. economic and political pressure on the

media, journalistic professionalism, ethics, etc.); summarize and define necessary preconditions of democratic media for the accession countries; and write a research and policy paper for the European Commission and media monitoring groups. E-mail: karlowicz@policy.hu

Andrei Makarychev, Russia. International institutions and the globalization of Russian regions.

The objectives of the project are to analyze the roles played by foreign institutions (non-governmental organizations, foundations, individual companies, etc.) in transforming Russian regions into global actors; assess major international assistance programs implemented in regions of the Volga Federal District; and write a research and policy paper for local government bodies including the government of the Nizhny Novgorod region, the administration of the presidential representative of the Volga Federal District, the Nizhny Novgorod City Council and Nizhny Novgorod Public Chamber, and international institutions including USAID, the IMF, the British Council, IREX and the Eurasia Foundation. E-mail: makarychev@policy.hu

Luminita Nicolescu, Romania. The impact of Romanian higher education reforms on university financial and academic management.

The project goals are to study higher educational reforms in Romania focusing on reforms launched in 1998 to decentralize decision-making by giving autonomy to universities with respect to academic and financial decisions; conduct two case studies and a nationwide survey on how the enacted legal framework governing university autonomy is perceived and implemented at the institutional level; and write a research and policy paper for the Romanian Ministry of Education, the Romanian Center for Economic Policies, and relevant university managements. E-mail: nicolescu@policy.hu

Oleg Protsyk, Ukraine. Political institutions and public policies: The effect of institutional choices on legislative decision-making practices in Ukraine and Russia.

The objectives of the project are to analyze the policy implications of adopting a semi-presidential institutional framework in Ukraine and Russia, write a number of research papers on the effects of political institution structure on the character of legislative decision-making and the quality of legislative output in major policy areas, and write a policy paper for parliamentary committees responsible for institutional reform and legal development in the respective countries with recommendations for rationalizing the organization as well as the powers of legislative and executive institutions. E-mail: protsyk@policy.hu

Beata Sandor, Hungary. Policy development and lesbian and gay activism in Eastern Europe.

The goals of the project are to develop a pilot program that establishes an ongoing forum to encourage cooperation among Central and Eastern European lesbian and gay non-governmental organizations; develop a website and compile a handbook (training manual) on non-profit management and strategic planning for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, feminist and other CEE human rights organizations; and write a policy paper for the above-mentioned organizations as well as the Ombudsman's Bureau on Minorities and the human rights commissions of CEE political parties. E-mail: sandor@policy.hu

Mihaly Szilagyi-Gal, Hungary/Romania. Hate speech in the Hungarian and Romanian press.

The goals of the project are to analyze press content that is discriminatory or incites hatred but is not punishable under existing laws; devise policy measures aimed at increasing awareness about hate speech in the Hungarian and Romanian press for both media professionals and the wider public; elaborate a concrete plan for relying on non-governmental organizations, public relations agencies, and the media to monitor and react to incidents of hate speech; and write a policy paper for policymakers working with the Hungarian and Romanian constitutional courts, media and communication departments of colleges and universities, and training schools for journalists. E-mail: gal@policy.hu