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THE 2003-2004 INTERNATIONAL POLICY FELLOWS

THE POLICY PROCESS

Nikolai Jounda, Russian Federation. Municipal Development Planning and Public Involvement in Russia. The objectives of the project are to conduct a survey of current practices in Russian municipal development planning; analyze key problems in respect to public involvement in that process and compare Russian practices in municipal development planning with internationally recognized approaches; provide Russian municipal authorities and community leaders with appropriate recommendations concerning municipal development; and write a research and policy paper for the Russian Municipal Development Resources Center and Association of Specialists in Local Economic Development. E-mail: jounda@policy.hu

Ashot Khurshudyan, Armenia. Improving the Public Policymaking Process in Armenia. The objectives of the project are to analyze the policymaking process of the Armenian National Assembly with a special focus on existing lobby groups and other influences; compare the policymaking practices in Armenia with those of other countries; identify the weaknesses of the policy process in Armenia and the capacity of the Armenian National Assembly; develop a strategy to improve constituency relations; organize a training and a seminar devoted to the research and proposed strategy; and write a research and policy paper to promote the research findings with the National Assembly Administration, deputies and other stakeholders. E-mail: khurshudyan@policy.hu

Casandra Bischoff, Romania. Challenges to Regional Development Policymaking in Southeast Europe: From Strategy Exhaustion to Participation. The objectives of the project are to promote demand-driven versus supply-driven regional development policymaking in Romania; conduct a case study by assessing the policymaking processes in the Jiu Valley—a depressed region of Romania exemplifying the application of a supply-driven perspective; identify best practices in regional development in Southeast Europe with a special focus on regional development programs with the participation of diverse stakeholders interested in the development of the region such as those in the Sibenik-knin and Zadar counties in Croatia; develop policy recommendations for various stakeholders interested in the development of the Jiu Valley region; and write a research and policy paper for policymakers in the Jiu Valley including the local government and the Association of Valea Jiului, international organizations active in the Jiu Valley such as the European Union Delegation, the World Bank and the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom, and local NGOs interested in the development of the valley. E-mail: bischoff@policy.hu

Edi Suharto, Indonesia. Accommodating the Urban Informal Sector in the Public Policy Process: A Study of Street Enterprises in Bandung Metropolitan Region (BMR), Indonesia. The objectives of the project are to analyze social and economic factors underlying street vending activities; discuss relevant policy issues and develop policy options in the urban development planning of BMR; and write a research and policy paper for city administrators, urban planners, member of parliament, academia, NGO workers, mass media reporters, and street traders (including street trader associations) in BMR. E-mail: suharto@policy.hu

Zhanna Nauryzbayeva, Kazakhstan. The Policymaking Process In Modern Kazakhstan: Mapping The Current Situation. The objectives of the project are to study the policy formation and policy decision-making process in modern Kazakhstan; describe its main actors, stages, procedures, and inter-relationships; contribute to advancing understanding of the policy decision-making process within the local policy community; and write a research and policy paper for the Center for International Affairs and Analysis, Public Policy Research Center, Institute of Philosophy and Political Science, Institute for Social Research, Department of Political Science of the Kazak State University, Department of Political Science of Almaty State University, and the “Strategy” Center for Political Studies. E-mail: nauryzbayeva@policy.hu

BUILDING INSTITUTIONS

Milena Minkova, Bulgaria. Defining the New Role of Regions in Overseeing and Coordinating Regional Development in Bulgaria. The objectives of the project are to define the new role of regions and regional governors in overseeing and coordinating regional development in Bulgaria; analyze regional development issues in light of the country's preparations for EU membership; analyze capacities for improving coordination and cooperation among local, regional and central administrative units on regional development issues; explore the relevant experience of Hungary and Poland as well as relevant EU requirements; devise proposals for necessary changes in the normative legal framework concerning regional development; and write a research and policy paper in the field of building institutions for the working group 21 negotiating regional development issues with the EU, the Ministry of Regional Development in Bulgaria and the local, regional and central governance units. E-mail: minkova@policy.hu

Renata Treneska-Deskoska, Macedonia. The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Macedonia: Proposals for Legal and Administrative Reforms. The objectives of the project are to explore the position, competence and actual role of the Constitutional Court of Macedonia; formulate proposals for legal and administrative reform of the Court; draft constitutional amendments and outline future legislation on the Constitutional Court; design a popular brochure to inform citizens about the competence of the Constitutional Court; and write a research and policy paper for the Macedonian Ministry of Justice, Constitutional Court of Macedonia, and Macedonian Parliament. E-mail: treneska@policy.hu

Andrea Barsova, Czech Republic. Enhancing the Effectiveness of Human Rights Protection Mechanisms in the Czech Republic. The objectives of the project are to map out and analyze the functioning of human rights protection mechanisms in the Czech Republic with the understanding that such mechanisms function within a complex, interdependent structure that involves state institutions and civil society actors and their mutual interactions; formulate proposals for achieving greater access, affordability and effectiveness of human rights protection; and write a research and policy paper on human rights institution-building for the Human Rights Commissioner of the Czech Government. E-mail: barsova@policy.hu

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION

Alexander Sergounin, Russian Federation. The Future of Kaliningrad: A Pilot Region or Exclave? The aim of the project is to examine the role of cross-border cooperation in solving the Kaliningrad problem and integrating this Russian enclave into a single European economic and legal space; study the research issue in the context of the EU's Northern Dimension Initiative; and write a research and policy paper in the field of cross-border cooperation for the European Commission, European Parliament, Nordic Council and Council of Baltic Sea States. E-mail: sergunin@policy.hu

Ruben Safrastyan, Armenia. Armenian-Turkish Relations: From Interstate Dispute to Neighborly Relations. The objectives of the project are to conduct current research on interstate relations between Turkey and Armenia, identify the possibilities for the improvement of relations, prepare an appropriate course on the research topic for students at Yerevan State University, and write a research and policy paper for the office of the President, Parliament, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Armenia. E-mail: safrastryan@policy.hu

CULTURAL POLICY

Bilyana Tomova, Bulgaria. Market Mechanisms for Financing Culture in Accession Countries: The Case of Bulgaria, Hungary and Lithuania. The objectives of the project are to examine the implementation and effectiveness of market methods for financing culture in accession countries; propose recommendations for their development within the process of EU enlargement; write articles on the topic in selected Bulgarian journals; and write a research and policy paper for the Ministries of Culture in Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania as well as the Bulgarian Parliamentary Culture Committee and National Civil Forum for Culture in Bulgaria. E-mail: tomova@policy.hu

Malgorzata Sternal, Poland. Cultural Comparative Analysis of Management Education and Policy in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. The objectives of the project are to analyze and compare approaches to cultural management education and policy in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary; map professional profiles of cultural

managers in those countries and the relevance of available education to those profiles; define methods and tools for the evaluation of cultural management education; formulate recommendations for the development and evaluation of cultural management education and the professional development of cultural managers and policymakers; and write a research and policy paper for the respective Ministries of Culture and Education and local government units responsible for culture. E-mail: sternal@policy.hu

ENHANCING THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Irina Starikova, Russian Federation. New Policies in Higher Education for People with Hearing Disabilities: Enhancing the Learning Experience. The objectives of the project are to monitor policy developments in the area of higher education for hearing-impaired people in Eastern and Western Europe; highlight policy lessons relevant to the reform of higher education for people with hearing disabilities in the Siberian Region; propose a set of policy recommendations specific to the needs of the Novosibirsk Institute of Social Rehabilitation (one of the leading specialized higher education centers in Russia); and write a research and policy paper for the Novosibirsk Institute of Social Rehabilitation and work with and present the project results to the Association for Disabled People, Russian Association for the Deaf, and Administrative Department for Special Education of the Russian Federation Ministry of Education. E-mail: starikova@policy.hu

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY

Svetlana Durkovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Learning from Classrooms: A Study of Educational Policies in Elementary Schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The objectives of the project are to examine the learning and teaching experience in the classrooms of Bosnia and Herzegovina's (BiH) elementary schools with a special focus on the presence and promotion of ethnic political agendas/values and national ideologies of three ethnic majority groups in BiH; analyze whether and how civic values, cultural tolerance, and respect for "cultural" differences and diversity in BiH are being promoted through primary education; develop suggestions on how to improve the implementation of sound educational policies in BiH; and write a research and policy paper for international and local human rights agencies (such as OSCE, OHR, UNICEF, and UNOHCHR) and local authorities and ministries regarding education and human rights. E-mail: durkovic@policy.hu

Shaji Varghese, India. Civil Society Organizations and Education in Developing Economies: A Study of Policy and Practice in India. The objectives of the project are to analyze the reconfiguration of state-civil society relations in the educational sector and consequent ongoing changes in educational policy in India; map the current status of policy and practice in this area; and write a research and policy paper for the Indian Government Departments of Education and civil society organizations including the Azim Premji Foundation and MV Foundation. E-mail: varghese@policy.hu

Bojan Aleksov, Serbia and Montenegro. Religious Education in Public Schools: The Role of the State in the Promotion of Tolerance and Understanding. The objectives of the project are to investigate the educational content and practices of religious instruction in public schools in Serbia; determine instruments and methods which could improve the Ministry of Education's implementation of such instruction; analyze the applicability of positive examples from other countries; develop recommendations for regional policymakers and relevant international organizations for the positioning and possible integration of religious instruction within existing educational structures while enhancing its role in the formation of a democratic and tolerant society; and write a research and policy paper for the Ministry of Education in Serbia, the Commission for the Implementation of the Religious Instruction, religious communities, educational experts, and educational international and local NGOs. E-mail: aleksov@policy.hu

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

Radmilo Pesic, Serbia and Montenegro. Flexible Mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol in Central and Eastern Europe. The objectives of the project are to conduct research on the non-Annex I countries and their needs for exploiting potential Kyoto Protocol benefits with an emphasis on Serbia; analyze their potential for project-based mechanisms; develop a guidebook on criteria for project selection and evaluation; develop a concept of a new host country institutional system; and write a research and policy paper for the Ministry of Environmental Protection in Serbia. E-mail: pesic@policy.hu

Olga Gassan-Zade, Ukraine. Making Flexibility Mechanisms Work for Countries of the Former Soviet Union.

The objectives of the project are to analyze current economic, political, and institutional conditions affecting the implementation of carbon-financed investments in countries of the former Soviet Union (FSU); advance knowledge about the carbon market in FSU countries by exposing the risks associated with carbon-financed projects in the region and developing a system of checks and balances to ensure transparency and effectiveness in implementing such projects; develop policy recommendations for establishing strong and effective institutional frameworks for emissions trading and project-based mechanisms; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for relevant climate change focal points, energy and investment agencies in FSU countries, potential project hosts and donor governments. E-mail: gassan-zade@policy.hu

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL AS POLICY-MAKING TOOLS

Gábor Szarvas, Hungary. The Policymaking and Strategic Environmental Assessment of Hungarian Local Governments. The objectives of the project are to establish a research framework for analyzing of the decision-making process at local governments in Central European countries; investigate how strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and other environmental assessment tools can be most effectively integrated into these processes; and write a research and policy paper for representatives of the municipalities of Aba, Hatvan and Miskolc, the Central Transdanubian Regional Development Agency, and the Regional Development Department of the Prime Minister's Office. E-mail: szarvas@policy.hu

Kaja Peterson, Estonia. The Role of Strategic Environmental Assessment in Increasing Transparency in National and Sectoral Policy Complex Decision-Making. The objectives of the project are to study the role of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in the preparation of complex policy documents elaborating national and sectoral programs in the Baltic States with special focus on Estonian cases; review relevant international experience in the field of SEA; analyze the possible impact of SEA on the drafting process of various policy processes and documents; and write a research and policy paper for the Ministries of Environment, Financial Affairs, and Economic Affairs in the Baltic States as well as environmental experts consulting the ministries on SEA issues in those states. E-mail: peeterson@policy.hu

GENDER POLICY: INTRA-ENTERPRISE LEVEL GENDER INEQUALITIES IN POST-SOCIALIST SOCIETIES

Beata Nagy, Hungary. Equal Opportunity Policies of Hungarian Companies. The objectives of the project are to examine gender equal opportunity experiences and policies of private companies of various size and status (head offices as well as branches) and various ownership (Hungarian and foreign companies); identify differences in gender equality approaches and their correlation with ownership status; identify good practices in the area of equal opportunity programs and present them to relevant public administrations and academic communities via publications in business journals; and write a research and policy paper for the Hungarian Ministry of Employment and Labor and interested academics. E-mail: nagy@policy.hu

Yelena Istileulova, Kazakhstan. Gender Inequalities at the Level of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Kazakhstan. The objectives of the project are to conduct a comparative socio-economic analysis of gender inequalities in Kazakhstan; examine the influence of market transition reforms on SMEs from a gender perspective; compare various models of relevant gender policies; develop an appropriate set of qualitative and quantitative indices of gender inequality; prepare a course on Gender Economics for students at Kazakh Universities; write a research monograph on issues of intra-enterprise level gender inequalities in Kazakhstan; and write a research and policy paper for the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection in Kazakhstan and the International Labor Organization office for Central Asia. E-mail: istileulova@policy.hu

Sabina Qureshi, Pakistan. Girls' Education: A Lifeline to Development. The objectives of the project are to conduct a situational analysis of the impact of education on the life of Pakistani women in light of the low participation rates of women in education; critically assess the Pakistani government's gender dimension in primary education policies; contribute to the dissemination of knowledge on how education adds to quality of life; develop a database to promote the notion that a sound base of facts should replace the common use of beliefs as a foundation for formulating education

policies; gain fresh insights in advance practices through comparative studies and develop a framework for Pakistan's Affirmative Plan of Action; and write a research and policy paper for the Ministries of Education, Women and Information; National Commission on the Status of Women; international development organizations; human rights groups and NGOs engaged in gender and education development programs. E-mail: qureshi@policy.hu

Fanzia Yazdani, Pakistan. The Policy of Critical Mass Representation of Women in Local Governments in Pakistan: Impact Analysis and Future Policy Imperatives. The objectives of the project are to study the impact of introducing 33 percent women in local government as it relates to elected women's social, economic and political empowerment; presence in the mainstream politics; role and representation in internal political party hierarchy; and impact on policies affecting women; identify best practices, gaps and requirements of the system for policymakers at the national level as well as the international community to replicate this political reform policy; and write a research and policy paper for the National Reconstruction Bureau, Ministry of Local Government, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Women Development, Planning Ministry, and bilateral and multilateral donor agencies. E-mail: yazdani@policy.hu

INFORMATION POLICY

Yaman Akdeniz, Turkey. Civil Society Participation in the Policymaking Process of the Turkish Government in Relation to the Development of an Information Society in Turkey. The objectives of the project are to conduct research on legal and policy developments involving the establishment of an information society in Turkey; assess the impact of civil society participation on the current policymaking process in Turkey and develop recommendations for future action; provide training to NGO and civil society representatives and academics working in the field of law and policy issues involving e-democracy, human rights and the Internet in Turkey; and write a research and policy paper for the Turkish government and parliamentarians, NGOs such as Turkiye Bilisim Vakfi and Internet ve Hukuk Platformu, and the Turkey offices of the European Commission and Council of Europe. Email: akdeniz@policy.hu

Nurlan Djenchuraev, Kyrgyzstan. Developing a New Paradigm for Scholarly Communication: The Case of Kyrgyzstan. The objectives of the research are to analyze the current state of scholarly communication in Kyrgyzstan, develop and evaluate new network-based sustainable models for improved access to scholarly information and publishing research data by the academic society in Kyrgyzstan, and write a research and policy paper on electronic scholarly communication for the Academy of Sciences and the Council on Information and Communication Technologies of Kyrgyzstan. E-mail: djenchuraev@policy.hu

Pradhumna Dutt Kaushik, India. The Role of Rural Institutions in Information- and Communication Technology-Based Initiatives: A Sustainable Business Model for the Delivery of Public Services in South Asia. The objectives of the project are to study selected successful Information and Communication Technology (ICT) initiatives delivering e-services in rural South Asia; identify roles and barriers of rural institutions in ICT-based initiatives in the delivery of public services; devise a sustainable business model for integrating official agencies and civil society in offering a broad-based spectrum of services including education, health care, government services etc.; suggest suitable changes in government management structures for the electronic delivery of public services; and write a research and policy paper for Indian Ministry of Information Technology, National Informatics Center and selected local governments, the National ICT Strategy Information Solution Group in Sri Lanka, Bangladeshi Ministry of Planning, Grammen Bank, Bangladesh Development Gateway and Sustainable Development Network Program, and Nepali Ministry of Science and Technology, National IT Coordination Committee and National IT Development Council, as well as selected ICT initiatives at different levels in all the countries of the project's focus. E-mail: kaushik@policy.hu

MEDIA POLICY

Liisi Keedus, Estonia. The Role of Media in the Integration of Estonians and Russian-Speaking Minorities. The objectives of the project are to research Estonian media and media regulations relevant for ethnic minority rights, compare Estonian media regulations and other ethnic minority rights acts with European standards, analyze the Estonian- and Russian-language media aspects of minority-majority relations and relevant policymaking, assess the role of the media in the integration process, and write a research and policy paper for the Integration Foundation of Estonia, the Presidential Roundtable on Ethnic Questions, and the Bureau of the Minister for Ethnic Affairs. E-mail: keedus@policy.hu

Hara Prasad Padhy, India. Public Service Broadcasting in Transition: Identifying Major Trends in Public Service Broadcasting in Central Asia. The objectives of the project are to identify major trends in public service broadcasting (PBS) policies in Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan); analyze major legal, financial, administrative and technological problems confronting these countries in the field of PSB; compare major media policies (specially pertaining to broadcasting) in countries with Western and/or Asian media standards and identify policies that contribute positively to the adoption of PSB; devise policy recommendations proposing new media policies in the countries of Central Asia on major aspects of PSB; and write a research and policy paper for the Khabar Agency, Kyrgyz State Radio and TV, Uzbek TV and Radio, Company (UzTV), Radio and TV Committee of Tajikistan, Radio and TV of Turkmenistan, and relevant subdivisions of UNESCO. E-mail: padhy@policy.hu

Irina Kouznetsova-Moreno, Russian Federation. The Representation of Islam in the Russian and Tatar Mass Media: Devising Media Policies Promoting Interconfessional Tolerance. The objectives of the project are to examine the influence of the Russian and Tatarstan mass media on interconfessional tolerance; organize the seminar “Islam and the Mass Media: Perspectives and Interconnections”; prepare course material on the role of mass media in building interconfessional tolerance to be included into sociology courses for social workers at Kazan State Medical University and offer suggestions for similar course modifications in university courses for sociologists and journalists at Kazan State University; and write a research and policy paper for the Religious Affair Council of Tatarstan, Moslem Church Authority of Russia and Tatarstan, the Ministry of Mass Media, and information agencies of Tatarstan. E-mail: moreno@policy.hu

POLICY PRIORITIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Aida Ghazaryan, Armenia. Reproductive Rights and Health in Armenia. The goals of the project are to evaluate the current situation of reproductive rights and reproductive health-related rights in Armenia in light of internationally recognized human rights; contribute to the discourse on reproductive rights promotion with a focus on Armenia, raise professional and public awareness on reproductive rights; develop a research and policy paper for key stakeholders including women’s consultancies and other reproductive health service providers, the Ministries of Health, Justice, and Education; the National Health Agency, National Institute of Health Care, and other centers for SRH research, as well as other relevant agencies and NGOs. E-mail: ghazaryan@policy.hu

Lina Jaruseviciene, Lithuania. Adolescents’ Reproductive Health Promotion Policy in Lithuania. The objectives of the project are to investigate the historical background and legislative frameworks affecting the current status of sex education and adolescents’ reproductive health care; make an assessment of the implications of the 1994 UN Cairo Program on adolescent reproductive health promotion policy in Lithuania, and write a monograph and a policy paper for the Ministries of Education and Health of Lithuania. E-mail: Jaruseviciene@policy.hu

Gabor Hoffer, Hungary. Revisiting Pharmaceutical Policy in Hungary. The aims of the project are to examine the formulation of Hungarian pharmaceutical policy including pricing, reimbursement and access regarding medicines; examine the process of Hungarian pharmaceutical policymaking; identify the main actors in the policy process since the foundation of the Health Insurance Fund in Hungary; examine the effects of cost-containment policies on access to medicines in previous years; review the evidences regarding best practices in international pharmaceutical policy initiatives and their applicability in Hungarian context; and produce a policy paper for the Hungarian Health Insurance Fund, the Ministry of Health and intergovernmental organizations responsible for pharmaceutical policymaking in Hungary. E-mail: hoffer@policy.hu

Irakli Katsitadze, Georgia. An Evaluation of Fairness in Health Financing Among Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) and Non-IDP Populations in Georgia. The aims of the project are to measure the fairness of health financing among Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) and non-IDP populations residing in the Samegrelo Region of Western Georgia; examine selected households’ contributions to the health system through taxes, social insurance, private insurance and out-of-pocket payments in relation to their capacity to pay; analyze the success of health financing reforms in Georgia since 1997 in achieving greater fairness; and produce a policy paper and elaborate specific recommendations for the Georgian Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs and various policy making agencies and stakeholders. E-mail: katsitadze@policy.hu

PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY: TOBACCO ECONOMICS RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

Tibor Szilagyi, Hungary. Strengthening Tobacco Policymaking Capacity in Hungary. The objectives of the project are to review existing Hungarian tobacco control policies and measures for their implementation; monitor and evaluate their impact; compare Hungarian achievements in tobacco control with the best international practice; identify pro- and anti-tobacco control stakeholders involved in or influential in tobacco policy development; identify the main directions of future tobacco policy development and devise further tobacco policy alternatives and supportive background evidence and other information to promote tobacco policy advocacy by improving communication and collaboration with the media, decision-makers and professionals working in tobacco control; and produce a policy paper for the Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs and the Parliamentary Committees on Health and Social Affairs. E-mail: szilagyi@policy.hu

Cornel Radu-Loghin, Romania. Political Mapping and Advocacy Strategy in Tobacco Control in Eastern Europe: Case Study of Romania. The objectives of the project are to develop practical political mapping and advocacy strategy in tobacco control; identify promising entry points to the policymaking process as well as bureaucratic and political obstacles, active supporters and opponents, and existing and potential tobacco control advocacy coalitions and networks of advocates; prepare a course on tobacco control for students at Romanian universities; and write a research paper/monograph and a policy paper for the Romanian Parliament, Romanian Government, World Health Organization, and UICC. E-mail: radu@policy.hu

Irina Zatusevski, Moldova. Tobacco Policy in Moldova and the Role of Civil Society. The objectives of the project are to analyse the peculiarities of tobacco policymaking in Moldova with a focus on the sincerity of the government's declaration to control tobacco; identify the supporters and opponents of tobacco control policy and establish the role of foreign tobacco producers, particularly British-American Tobacco, in the formation of tobacco control policy and public opinion; prepare a set of materials on tobacco control for journalists, NGOs activists and parliamentarians; write a research paper and develop a guide in the field of anti-smoking advocacy for local journalists, youth and women NGOs; monitor publications about tobacco in the 18 leading newspapers of the country and maintain an anti-tobacco web site; and produce a policy paper for the Parliamentary Committee on Education, Public Health and Social Maintenance; Information Council of the Ministry of Health; National Center for Preventive Medicine; Youth and Sport Department of Moldova, and the Council of Youth Organizations of Moldova. E-mail: zatusevski@policy.hu

Maksim Mashliakivsky, Ukraine. Achieving Tobacco Control Policy Goals in Ukraine. The objectives of the project are to analyze the situation with tobacco control in Ukraine and evaluate effectiveness of the existing tobacco control policy; analyze international experience in applying economic tobacco control tools; perform economic modeling of Ukraine's tobacco market; determine most effective tools for tobacco control in Ukraine and evaluate their impact; write a research paper and produce a policy paper for Ukraine's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance. E-mail: mashliakivsky@policy.hu

Konstantin Krasovsky, Ukraine. Establishing a Mechanism for Tobacco Control Advocacy in Ukraine. The objectives of the project are to monitor the tactics of the tobacco industry in Ukraine; conduct country-specific research in tobacco control legislation and economics; establish a mechanism for tobacco control advocacy to counter tobacco industry lobbying tactics; support tobacco control initiatives in Ukraine's changing socio-political environment; and produce a policy paper for the Ministry of Health and the Public Health Committee of the Ukrainian Parliament. E-mail: krasovsky@policy.hu

Sevak V. Lalayan, Armenia. Tobacco Control Measures in the Context of Extreme Poverty. The objectives of the project are to estimate the effectiveness of tobacco control policy affecting poor segments of the population with particular focus on economic and administrative aspects of tobacco control; estimate the effectiveness of tobacco control policy for the poor population; identify the optimal strategy in tobacco control for smoking reduction amongst poor while preventing the target group from negative economic impacts (job loss etc.); highlight more acceptable tool for tobacco control applicable for the target group; identify market shares for cheaper cigarettes and consumption trends amongst the poor population; and produce a policy paper for Armenian Parliament, the Government, in particular the Ministry of Finance and Economy and Ministry of Health, as well as the State Committee of Poverty Reduction; mass media, and NGOs involved in health and poverty problems. E-mail: lalayan@policy.hu

Paruyr V. Amirjanyan, Armenia. Tobacco Control Measures in the Context of Extreme Poverty. The objectives of the project are to estimate the effectiveness of tobacco control policy affecting poor segments of the population with particular focus on economic and administrative aspects of tobacco control; identify the optimal strategy in tobacco control for smoking reduction amongst poor while preventing the target group from negative economic impacts (job loss etc.); highlight more acceptable tools for tobacco control applicable for the target group; identify market shares for cheaper cigarettes and consumption trends amongst the poor population; and produce a policy paper for the State Committee for Poverty Reduction and the Tobacco Control Program of the Armenian Ministry of Health. E-mail: amirjanyan@policy.hu

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

Algirdas Petkevicius, Lithuania. Social Responsibility and the Policy Process in Global Governance Institutions: The Social Consequences of the Policy Approaches of the World Bank, International Labor Organization and European Union. The objectives of the project are to analyze the impact of the official and informal positions of selected international organizations on policy outcomes in Lithuania and other EU accession countries with a special focus on public investment management and international aid distribution; identify the role of objective policymaking versus the willingness to accept international recommendations in the policy process in accession countries; examine the interplay of national policymaking actors' interests as a factor strengthening possibilities for international institutions to influence national political arenas; illustrate these presumptions with sufficient empirical evidence; develop policy recommendations on how an accession country can maximize its policy interests when dealing with international organizations; and write a research and policy paper for the Lithuanian Parliament, Cabinet Office, relevant ministries, and county governments and municipalities. E-mail: petkevicius@policy.hu

STATE CAPACITY AND THE LEADING ECONOMIC SECTOR IN POST-SOCIALIST EASTERN EUROPE

Vlad Mykhnenko, Ukraine. Post-Communist States and the Politics of Steel: Rusting Away? The objectives of the project are to examine the process of the post-communist transformation, restructuring, and adaptability of the iron and steel sector in Poland and Ukraine; compare the interaction between the state and industry in both countries; identify the key industrial restructuring issues; develop policy recommendations on increasing state institutional capacities in shaping the performance of the iron and steel sector for Polish and Ukrainian industrial policymakers and international financial institutions; and write a research and policy paper for Poland's Ministries of Economy and Industrial Policy and the State Treasury, and Ukraine's Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Industrial Policy, the State Property Fund, and Ukrainian Parliamentary Committee on Economic Policy, Property and Investments. E-mail: mukhnenko@policy.hu

Ivan Tchalakov, Bulgaria. Eastern European Economic Transition Policy Revisited: The Neoschumpeterian Model. The project objectives are to explore patterns of economic behavior exhibited by innovative private small and medium firms in three sectors of the Bulgarian economy—information technology, pharmaceuticals and the food industry; collect macroeconomic as well as “time dimensional” data about the way firms are coping with various types of uncertainties during the economic transition by studying approximately 30 SMEs in each sector; develop policy strategies regarding state capacity and the leading economic sector; and write a research and policy paper for the Bulgarian Government's Agency for SME and Bulgarian Industrial Associations with special attention paid to Bulgarian Association for Information Technologies BAIT and the Bulgarian Association of Pharmaceutical Companies. E-mail: tchalakov@policy.hu

STATE RESPONSES TO THE CHALLENGE OF MULTIETHNICITY AND ROMA POLICY

Tatjana Evas, Estonia. Language Policy and Employment in Estonia. The objectives of the project are to examine the effect of the state language policy on the labor market in Estonia; analyze the compatibility of Estonian language policy with EU/international standards; develop policy recommendations in the area of language and employment policy in Estonia; and write a research and policy paper for dissemination in Estonian and Russian languages among Members of Parliament, representatives of local municipalities, and relevant nongovernmental organizations and international organizations such as the Council of Europe, European Commission, International Labor Organization and citizens affected by current policies. E-mail: evas@policy.hu

Pavel Barsa, Czech Republic. Managing Immigration and the Integration of New Minorities in Central Europe: The Case of the Czech Republic. The objectives of the project are to summarize the main experiences and map out current developments in the field of immigration and integration policies at international, EU and national levels; outline the major alternatives for future strategies in the area of immigration and the integration of new minorities in the Czech Republic; and write a research and policy paper for the Migration and Asylum Department of the Interior Ministry and the Migration Unit of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in the Czech Republic. E-mail: barsa@policy.hu

Ana Cosima Rughinis, Romania. Projecting Change for Romanian Roma: From Micro-Projects to Macro-Policy. The objectives of the project are to conduct comparative analysis of public policies affecting Roma and the implementation of such policies in European countries with a special focus on Romania; underline the major debates in the field; and write a research and policy paper for the National Office for the Roma within the Ministry of Public Information (coordinated by State Secretary Gheorghe Ivan), the Minorities' Department within the Ministry of Education and Research (Inspector for Roma issues Prof. Gh. Sarau), and the Anti-Poverty Governmental Commission (coordinated by Prof. dr. Catalin Zamfir). E-mail: rughinis@policy.hu

Maria Spirova, Bulgaria. Political Representation of the Ethnic Minorities in Bulgaria: The Roma Situation. The objectives of the project are to evaluate the current status of Roma representation in Bulgarian political life; examine legal, institutional and political policies of the Bulgarian state and the ways in which they impact the political representation of the Roma minority; identify ways in which state policies have impeded the appearance of a viable and strong Roma political party and the promotion of more active Roma political participation at the individual level; and write a research and policy paper for the International Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations (IMIR) in Sofia, the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, United Roma Union, Confederation of Roma "Europe", and the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Culture and Ministry of Labor and Social Policy. E-mail: spirova@policy.hu

REFORM OF MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY WITH A VIEW TOWARD ENHANCED GROWTH

Dario Cziraky, Croatia. Stimulating the Fiscal Policies of the War-Affected Areas in Croatia. The objectives of the project are to evaluate the effectiveness of the current Croatian fiscal policy with a special focus to the policies concerning profit tax reductions for business entities in war-affected regions; conduct research with a special focus to enterprise characteristics and behavior as well as profit-reinvestment tendencies; investigate the impact of enterprise characteristics on investment behavior; provide input for more elaborate fiscal policy aimed at stimulating investment in war-affected regions; and write a research and policy paper for the Advisory Council of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Public Works, and the Ministry of Crafts and Small and Medium Enterprises of Croatia. E-mail: cziraky@policy.hu

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