

CENTER FOR POLICY STUDIES INTERNATIONAL POLICY FELLOWSHIPS

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THE 2004-2005 INTERNATIONAL POLICY FELLOWS

ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Group Mentor: Daniel Smilov (Central European University Center for Policy Studies)

September working group discussions planned with Anti-Corruption fellows.

Ana Pavlovska-Daneva, Macedonia. Establishing an Administrative Judiciary in the Republic of Macedonia: Ideas and Prospects. The objectives of the project are to conduct an analysis of the existing system of legal remedies for internal control regarding the legality of administrative acts in the Republic of Macedonia; develop concrete suggestions for reducing the existing number of special legal remedies; introduce a concept of a new system of judiciary control over the administration into the Macedonian context; point out the need for further modification regarding the Macedonian Law on the Public Attorney (Ombudsman); and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the Macedonian Ministry of Justice, Ombudsman Institution in the Republic of Macedonia, Macedonian Supreme Court, Macedonian Constitutional Court and Faculty of Law in Skopje. E-mail: pavlovskadaneva@policy.hu

Syed Bokhari Anwar-ul-Hasan, Pakistan. A Comparative Study of Ombudsman Offices in Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand: Evolution, Efficacy and Challenges. The objectives of the project are to conduct a comparative study of ombudsman offices in Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand, following their evolution and role in the respective societies; identify similarities, differences, successes and failures of the ombudsman institution in various political and cultural contexts; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the Pakistani National Reconstruction Bureau, concerned government institutions, ombudsman offices, donor institutions, other researchers and interested individuals in the relevant countries. E-mail: bokhari@policy.hu

CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS

Group Mentor: Zsolt Enyedi (Central European University Political Sciences Department)

Aurelian Daniel Muntean, Romania. Church-State Relations in Romania: Towards Centralization or Modularity? The objectives of the project are to analyze the current framework of church-state relations in Romania; identify the premises for collaboration between churches established for secular purposes and those creating special-purpose associations; write a research and policy paper in the field of church-state relations in coordination with mentors for the leaders of Romanian recognized churches, government officials (State Secretariat for Cults), legislative officials (Romanian Parliament), and the NGO sector (especially organizations that offer or administer funds available to churches as well such as the Open Society Foundation Romania and Civil Society Development Foundation). E-mail: muntean@policy.hu

Nonka Bogomilova Todorova, Bulgaria. The Democratic Structure and Development of Church-State Relations in Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, and Macedonia: Monopoly or Market Relations? The objectives of the project are to analyze the legal regulation of church-state relationships in the studied countries; explain how political interests of the parties are reflected in the Law on Religious Confessions; describe the social-psychological context in which the legal regulations operate; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the State Departments of Religious Confessions, the Parliamentary Commissions of Human Rights and Religion, European Consortium for Church and State Research, International Center for Minorities Studies and Intercultural Relations, and church and political party leaders. E-mail: todorova@policy.hu

CORRUPTION IN REVENUE COLLECTION AND BUDGET EXPENDITURE

Group Mentor: Daniel Smilov (Central European University Center for Policy Studies)

Several working group discussions scheduled with Administrative Remedies fellows.

Ilia Iliev, Bulgaria. Public and Personal Involvement in Corruption Scandals in Bulgaria. The objectives of the project are to investigate the mechanism of corruption-related public scandals in Bulgaria and the way various social groups become involved; explain why some issues are more susceptible than others in attracting public attention and

whether corruption scandals can provoke civic action; help bridge the gap between the impressive amount of publicly available data on corruption and the lack of resulting action; offer explanations as to why information about corruption practices often fails to impact confidence levels among politicians or institutions; devise suggestions for efficient policies; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for relevant think tanks such as the Center for Liberal Strategies, Coalition 2000 (a group of NGOs involved in public anti-corruption campaigning), and the Institute for Research on Integration. E-mail: iliev@policy.hu

Inese Voika, Latvia. Transparency of Budget Expenditure as an Anti-Corruption Measure: The Case of Latvia.

The objectives of the project are to analyze the budgetary process in Latvia compared with international standards; identify corruption risk zones and conduct select case studies on possible misuses of the budgetary process; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors on budget expenditure and corruption for Latvian and international researchers, informed civil society and media, as well as members of the Latvian Parliament and Government, especially those dealing with public finance policies. E-mail: voika@policy.hu

CULTURAL POLICIES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Group Mentor: József Laszlovszky (Central European University Medieval Studies Department)
September working group discussions planned with Environment fellows.

Péter Szabó, Hungary. The Management of Mixed Cultural and Natural World Heritage Sites in East-Central Europe: Case Study of Visegrád.

The objectives of the project are to analyze the management of mixed cultural and natural UNESCO World Heritage Sites in East-Central Europe; compare the Czech, Polish and Hungarian cases with each other and with English examples; prepare a Management Plan to be included the World Heritage application of the Medieval Royal Seat and Parkland of Visegrád for the Hungarian Committee of World Heritage and the King Matthias Museum of Visegrád; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the mentioned agencies. E-mail: szabo@policy.hu

Svetozara Petkova, Bulgaria. Comparative Legal Analysis in the Area of Cultural Heritage in Southeast Europe

The objectives of the project are to conduct a comparative analysis of the legislation of Southeast European states in the area of cultural heritage; interact with experts from the specialized agencies, the Ministries of Culture, and non-governmental organizations (ICOMOS) in analyzing legislation; explore the extent to which the studied countries have implemented their obligations under the UNESCO and Council of Europe conventions in the area; create a systematized regional comparative information resource providing a methodological tool for analyzing the development of cultural heritage legislation in the project countries; formulate policy recommendations for future legal reform and regional cultural heritage policies; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors that assists the Ministries of Culture and legislative drafting committees in the relevant states in their work on legislation and strategies for the protection and management of cultural heritage. E-mail: petkova@policy.hu

DIVERSITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION

Group Mentors: Andrea Pet_ (Central European University Gender Studies Department); Jana Huttova, (Open Society Institute Education Support Program)
September working group discussions planned with Equal Opportunities fellows.

Erika Kurucz, Hungary. Equity for Romani Students and Multicultural Diversity in Education.

The objectives of this project are to analyze the legal system and education policies for ensuring equity for Romani students and multicultural diversity in Hungarian education; examine the content of education programs and the national, local and ethnic curricula in light of integration and anti-discrimination criteria; examine and analyze selective mechanisms of public education and assess to what degree special policies and funds promote the realization of integration and anti-discrimination; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the Hungarian Ministry of Education, European Roma Rights Center, Maholnap Foundation, and Autonomia Foundation. E-mail: kurucz@policy.hu

Syed Shah Tauqir Hussain, Pakistan. Pakistani Madrassas: Consequences for Democracy and Free Society.

The objectives of the project are to conduct empirical research on Madrassas to bridge the gap between the demand for educational reform and lack of understanding about the political role of Madrassas; via structured and semi-structure interviews, analyze stakeholders' positions on the issue of Madrassa regulation (including managers and teachers at madrassahs and schools, leaders and officials at local government, alumni and donors, senior officials from relevant governmental institutions, and members of the Pakistan Madrassa Educational Board); identify gaps in the present legal and financial framework and suggest future options; formulate politically possible strategies and policies on the reform of the Madrassa system; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for national public policy

institutions and public policy framers responsible for the Madrassa Reform Strategy including members of the parliament, federal and provincial governments, public sector training institutions, and international donor organizations, especially USAID and the World Bank. E-mail: shah@policy.hu

ELECTORAL REFORMS, MINORITY REPRESENTATION, AND DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Group Mentor: Gábor Toka (Central European University Political Sciences Department)

Marina Popescu, Romania. Personalized Representation as an Election Reform Goal. The objectives of the project are to review in a systematic way current proposals regarding the reform of party list-based proportional representation toward a more personalized system in Romania and Serbia, and compare them with similar proposals in other post-communist countries (especially Moldova, Poland and Albania) and elsewhere (Italy, South Africa, Ecuador, Indonesia); compare the technical alternatives considered and those absent from the policy debate; update the post-communist election law and results database (www.essex.ac.uk/elections); develop policy recommendations for institutional reform and the appropriate use of the available knowledge base regarding electoral systems; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for such international organizations as IDEA, IFES and OSCE, which are involved in or have the capacity to provide expertise to political parties and government officials. E-mail: popescu@policy.hu

Aytalina Azarova, Russia. How Electoral Systems Affect Democratic Accountability in Russian Regions. The objectives of the project are to study the election-related performance of regional governments in the Russian Federation; investigate the effects of various electoral systems such as proportional representation and majority rule on the accountability of the regional legislature and executive; devise recommendations on electoral procedures that are more likely to enhance the political accountability of elected representatives; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the Regional Policy Committee of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, and the regional assemblies of the Sakha Republic (Il Tumen) and Tatarstan. E-mail: azarova@policy.hu

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICIES: PUTTING EQUALITY INTO PRACTICE

Group Mentor: Andrea Krizsán (Central European University Center for Policy Studies)

September working group discussions planned with Education fellows.

Judit Takács, Hungary. Putting Equality Into Practice: Anti-Discrimination and Equal Treatment Policies of GLBT People. The objectives of the project are to describe the development of anti-discrimination and equal treatment policymaking in Hungary as far as sexual orientation is concerned; give an accurate record of the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) representing sexual minority interests, as well as various state institutions and political parties, in assisting the process of harmonizing sexual orientation-related human rights legislation in line with EU membership; draft recommendations for the mentioned agencies; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors on the issue of equal treatment policies for the NGOs representing sexual minorities interests such as Háttér Support Society for Gays, Lambda Budapest Association, “Öt Kenyér” Christian Gay Association, Labrisz Lesbian Association, Habeas Corpus, ILGA-Europe, for the Equal Treatment Governmental Office, and the four Hungarian parliamentary parties. E-mail: takacs@policy.hu

Philip Martinov Gounev, Bulgaria. The Economic Costs of Discrimination Against the Roma Minority in Bulgaria. The objectives of the project are to conduct interviews and gather and analyze statistical data regarding government overspending in the areas of education, healthcare, welfare benefits (unemployment, social assistance and child-support) and the judicial and law-enforcement system; identify and recommend adequate programs that address problems of Roma discrimination while saving taxpayer money; and write and present a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Health and the World Bank. E-mail: gounev@policy.hu

EFFECTIVE POLICIES FOR ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES

Group Mentor: Aleg Cherp (Central European University Environmental Studies Department)

September working group discussions planned with Culture fellows.

Olga Demidova, Russia. Environmental Risk Insurance in Russia: A policy to Address Environmental Pollution Liabilities. The objectives of the project are to review international experience in managing environmental pollution-related health risks through insurance; explore the environmental risk assessment and management policies in the Russian Federation; design a program on voluntary insurance of environmental health risks resulting from industrial pollution for a selected model region; devise recommendations on implementing environmental risk insurance (ERI) at the regional level for the environmental department of the administration of the model region; and write a research and

policy paper on ERI in coordination with mentors for addressing environmental liabilities for the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation. E-mail: demidova@policy.hu

Ágnes Kelemen, Hungary. Voluntary Clean-up of Contaminated Sites in Hungary: Environmental and Economic Possibilities and Investor Attitudes Toward Risk. The objectives of the project are to determine whether certain contaminated sites in Hungary have appropriate infrastructure, greenfield prices, clean-up costs, and other factors that would encourage private investment in clean-up when supported by a system of financial and legal instruments; examine whether and how a voluntary clean-up program for contaminated sites could be implemented in Hungary; and write a policy paper in coordination with mentors for relevant government officials and private sector stakeholders. [Non-compensatory fellow]

INFORMATION POLICY

Group Mentors: Vera Franz, Jerzy Celichowski (Open Society Institute Information Programs)

Asomudin Atoev, Tajikistan. Intellectual property and the Internet in Central Asia. The objectives of the project are to analyze the possibility of utilizing open source software to promote intellectual property rights and overcome information and communication technology (ICT) piracy levels in the Central Asian region; devise recommendations for ministries of communication, parliaments, civil society and academic communities in Central Asian countries; develop policy recommendations promoting ICT as an enabler of development; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for ICT policy regulators in each country such as the Ministry of Communication, ICT Panel, and Internet stakeholders in the region. E-mail: atoev@policy.hu

Teodor Celakoski, Croatia. Intellectual Property, Public Domain, and Alternative Compensation Systems in a Transitional Context. The objectives of the project are to examine the impact of global intellectual property (IP) regimes on the declining social importance of public domain; analyze the current transitional status of intellectual property regulation; map the emerging ideas, practices, and initiatives resisting the dominant IP regime with alternative voluntary compensation systems; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the “Strategy for the Development of Civil Society in Croatia” project and the associated new public foundation supporting civil society development in Croatia. E-mail: celakoski@policy.hu

LAND REFORM

Group Mentor: Andrew Cartwright (Central European University Center for Policy Studies)
September working group discussions planned with Microfinance fellows.

Alexander Kobzev, Ukraine. Advancing Land Relations and Developing a Full-Fledged Land Market in Ukraine. The objectives of the project are to undertake independent research on the progress and future perspectives of land reform in Ukraine, with a special focus on the issues of land relations and land market development in agriculture; conduct a retrospective analysis of land reform development in Ukraine starting from 1991; undertake an analysis of legal and normative underpinnings regulating land relations; define the social and economic benefits of the introduction of land reforms in Ukraine; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for Ukrainian policymaking institutions such as the Ukraine Land Resources Committee and Ministry of Agriculture, as well as research organizations and non-governmental organizations such as the Institute of Law and Agrarian Economics of the National Academy of Science, and the Ukrainian Association of Landowners and Land Users. E-mail: kobzev@policy.hu

Nurlan Almagambetov, Kazakhstan. The Impact of Land Reform on Economic Development in Rural Kazakhstan. The objectives of the project are to review the process of land reform in Kazakhstan; assess the possible impact of the introduction of private land ownership on the economic development of rural areas and the expected benefits for the rural population; prepare alternative policy scenarios; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the relevant bodies of the Government of Kazakhstan working with the Asian Development Bank in lending to rural sectors through technical assistance projects. E-mail: almaganbetov@policy.hu

SCALING UP MICROFINANCE TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES

Group Mentor: Ira Lieberman (Open Society Institute – Washington, D.C.)
September working group discussions planned with Land Reform fellows.

Arminio Rosic, Serbia and Montenegro. Scaling Up Microfinance to Increase Access to Financial Services in the Republic of Serbia. The objectives of the project are to conduct research on microfinance legislation and the process of scaling up microfinance in the Southeast Europe; analyze the relevant requirements related to EU membership; devise

recommendations for new microfinance legislation; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the National Bank of Serbia and the Serbian Ministry of Finance. E-mail: rosic@policy.hu

Zoran Kostov, Macedonia. From NGOs to FFIs in Microfinance Services: A Conversion Road Map and Its Challenges. The objectives of the project are to investigate the framework of the microfinance scaling-up process in Macedonia; assess the performance of nine European microfinance institutions, providing a basis of information for the conversion of non-governmental organizations toward regulated financial institutions; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for Opportunity International and other organizations facing microfinance conversions, national microfinance regulatory bodies, and national banks. E-mail: kostov@policy.hu

Khamid Rustamov, Tajikistan. Better Practices for Scaling-Up Rural Microfinance in Tajikistan. The objectives of the project are to review existing microfinance practices in Tajikistan; identify best practices for scaling-up microfinance in Central Asia and worldwide; research strategies for scaling-up microfinance services using best practices; identify strategies for encouraging Tajik agricultural producer and rural population access to microfinance resources; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for microfinance professionals and experts, donor organizations and microfinance institutions such as the Development Fund and ORIYON in Tajikistan. E-mail: rustamov@policy.hu

MIGRATION POLICY

Group Mentor: Julia Harrington (OpenSociety Institute Justice Initiative)

Ekaterina Sokirianskaia, Russia. Forced Migration in the Northern Caucasus: Involving Local Governments and Informal Social Institutions in the Process of the Return of Ingush Refugees. The objectives of the project are to develop strategies for the return of Ingush internally displaced persons (IDPs) to North Osetia; analyze the role of local institutions in the post-conflict area and develop a methodology for their inclusion in the process of return; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors in the field of migration based on international experience for Mr. Sulygov of the State Committee of Ingushetia, Mr. Tkhostov of Ministry for Nationalities of North Osetia and Mr. Kulakovskiy, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation on the Issues of Osetian-Ingush Conflict. E-mail: sokirianskaia@policy.hu

Rutvica Andrijasevic, Croatia. Managing Migrants' Mobility in Central and Eastern Europe: An Analysis of the Practices of the International Organization for Migration. The objectives of the project are to investigate the role of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 'managing' undocumented migration in the CEE region; compile a comprehensive map of related IOM projects; assess the correspondence (or lack thereof) between immigration policies of the European Union, Schengen border regime, and IOM in CEE; develop recommendations for IOM's regional field offices in advancing migrants' rights; and write research and policy papers for the Governing Council of the IOM, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), academic community, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and other civil society organizations promoting migrants' rights. E-mail: andrijasevic@policy.hu

PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWS: INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION AND THE POLICY PROCESS

Group Mentors: Matt Curtis, Monica Ciupagea (Open Society Institute International Harm Reduction Program); Leslie Eliason (Monterey Institute; IPF Policy Trainer)

Azizbek Boltaev, Uzbekistan. HIV Policy Needs Assessment in Central Asian Countries. The objectives of the project are to analyze the drug and HIV prevention policy in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan; develop recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of such policies and regulations; conduct onsite interviews with the directors as well as clients of harm reduction projects in Central Asia (CA), coordinators of public health programs of the international agencies working in CA countries (such as OSI, Abt. Associates, ZdravPlus, USAID, UNAIDS), representatives of administrations of the states' AIDS Centers, and the directorate of the Program on HIV prevention in Central Asia; create an online informational and educational resource for advocating democratic and effective drug and HIV policy in Central Asian countries; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for Open Society Institute's International Harm Reduction Development Program, USAID, Japan Agency for International Collaboration, and local medical, drug and HIV-related non-governmental organizations in CA. E-mail: boltaev@policy.hu

Karine Markosyan, Armenia. Developing Effective Responses to Drug Use and HIV in Armenia: Re-orienting Drug Policies Toward Harm Reduction. The objectives of the project are to explore how existing drug policies contribute to HIV risk among Armenian injecting drug users (IDUs); identify harm reduction approaches that would be acceptable in the Armenian cultural context; present recommendations for the development of effective advocacy

strategies; and write a research and policy paper in the field of drug related HIV harm reduction in coordination with mentors for the Country Coordinating Commission (CCC) on HIV/AIDS Prevention of the Republic of Armenia. E-mail: markosyan@policy.hu

George Khechinashvili, Georgia. The Harmonization of International Donor Assistance for the Development of Primary Health Care in Georgia: Hopes, Expectations and Realities. The objectives of the project are to identify provisions for the effective coordination of international development assistance targeting the reform of the Georgian health sector; explore the regulations of donor agencies (World Bank, DFID, EU Tacis, USAID) and government institutions (Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs) with regard to aid harmonization; identify the mechanisms used for aid coordination and observe their development from the initial stage throughout the implementation of the Primary Health Care project; evaluate the impact of these arrangements on project successes; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the above mentioned donor agencies and government institutions in Georgia. E-mail: khechinashvili@policy.hu

PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWS: MENTAL DISABILITY ADVOCACY

Group Mentor: Judy Klein, Camilla Parker (Open Society Institute Mental Disability Advocacy Program)

Dmitri Bartenev, Russia. Comparative Analysis of Legal and Political Measures Ensuring the Participation of the Mentally Disabled and Mental Disability Non-Governmental Organizations in Policymaking. The objectives of the project are to conduct a comparative review and analysis of provisions of foreign laws designed to strengthen the position of the individual in mental health care; review and analyze mental health care reforms aimed at bringing national legislation in conformity with international human rights standards; identify the applicability of the results to reforming Russian legislation in the field of mental health; review legislation and policies explicitly prohibiting discrimination against people with mental disabilities; study the existing barriers to the deinstitutionalization of mental health care in the context of transitional societies; prepare recommendations for the development of economically and institutionally acceptable policies and regulations on mental health care in Russia; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for relevant bodies including the regional Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Welfare, and regional branch of the Russian Psychiatric Association. E-mail: bartenev@policy.hu

Dovil Juodkaitė, Lithuania. Present and Future Challenges in Lithuanian Mental Health Policy. The objectives of the project are to analyze Lithuanian legislation and government policy on mental health; to overview the relevant international norms and standards and their interpretation and implementation in domestic legislation; devise recommendations on developing an effective advocacy strategy encouraging positive change in Lithuanian mental health policy; and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors targeting relevant government authorities, policy stakeholders, and the general public in an attempt to raise awareness about people with mental disabilities. E-mail: juokaite@policy.hu

Daiga Kamerade, Latvia. Media Communication Strategies to Increase Awareness About the Rights of People with Mental Disabilities. The objectives of the project are to investigate how people with mental disabilities are represented by the mass media in Latvia; develop and test media communication strategies regarding this issue; prepare guidelines for journalists and journalism students; compile a handbook for mental disability advocacy institutions and individuals (e.g. the Mental Disability Advocacy Program, Association of Mental Health Care Professionals and Human Rights and Ethnic Studies Center, etc.); and write a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the Latvian Ministry of Welfare. E-mail: kamerade@policy.hu

PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWS: PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

Group Mentors: Mary Callaway, Kathleen Foley (Open Society Institute Palliative Care Program)

Urška Lunder, Slovenia. A Model for Classifying and Paying for Palliative Care in the Slovene Health Care System. The objectives of the project are to test a strategic model for the implementation of organized palliative care in the Slovene health care system; identify, educate and coordinate palliative care teams in various settings to test the modified clinical pathway model together with the model of classifying systems for payment purposes; and write and present a research and policy paper in coordination with mentors for the Ministry of Health and all the health care authorities dealing with palliative care including hospitals, primary care facilities and nursing homes. E-mail: lunder@policy.hu

Ana Stambuk, Croatia. Palliative Care for the Elderly: An Analysis of Needs and Resources in Croatia. The objectives of the project are to estimate the number of terminally ill in the Croatian population; define the providers of health care services for terminally ill patients (in hospitals, homes for the aged, home care, etc.); develop a plan for a pilot project in Croatia focusing on terminally ill patients at the local community level; and write a research and policy

paper in coordination with mentors for several targeted organizations including the Croatian Medical Association, the Ministry of Health, the Croatian Society for Hospice/Palliative Care, the Croatian Society for Social Workers, Croatian universities (the Medical Faculty, Faculty of Law and Social Work), gerontology centers and homes for the aged. E-mail: stambuk@policy.hu