



**2ND WORKSHOP ON THE COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS  
OF SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE:**

**INVESTMENT IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Date: Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 11:30 – 17:00**

**Venue: Professors' hall, Faculty of Economics and Business,  
Kamenička 6, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

**11:30 – 12:00 REGISTRATION**

**12:00 – 12:15 WELCOME ADDRESSES**

**Žaklina Stojanović (EKOF)  
Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSEE)  
Sonja Avlijaš (EACES)  
Will Bartlett (EA)**

**12:15 – 13:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**Milica Uvalić**

**The EU's Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans: Will it support the economic development of the region?**

**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH**

**14:00 – 15:30**

## **GEOPOLITICS, CORROSIVE CAPITAL AND STATE CAPTURE**

Discussant: Dušan Pavlović

Chair: Will Bartlett

**Tena Prelec  
Vojo Ilić**

The geopolitics of the green energy transition  
in the Western Balkans

**Reade Ben**

No more Mr. NIS Guy: Investigating corrosive capital  
in the Serbian energy industry

**Vladan Ivanović**

Construction permits and elections in Serbia:  
A panel data analysis

**15:30 – 16:00**

## **COFFEE BREAK**

**16:00 – 17:00**

## **FINANCIAL FRAGILITY AND CORRUPTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**

Discussant: Vassilis Monastiriotis

Chair: Biljana Bogičević Milikić

**Elona Dushku**

Households' financial fragility in Western Balkan  
countries before Covid-19

**Ermira Kalaj**

A comparative analysis on the nexus between  
corruption and firm performance for a selection of  
Western Balkan countries

**Date: Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Time: 10:00 – 15:00**

**Venue: Professors' hall, Faculty of Economics and Business,  
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**10:00 – 11:15**

**THE COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS OF INFRASTRUCTURE  
INVESTMENT**

Discussant: Dejan Molnar

Chair: Gorana Krstić

**Milorad Filipović**

Infrastructure investments in selected SEE countries: A comparative analysis

**Dragan Tevdovski  
Viktor Stojkoski**

Do the South Eastern Europe economies know the stock of their capital? The need for introduction of the balance sheet in governments financial reporting

**Dragana Djurica**

Regional cooperation and infrastructure investments: a catalyst for growth in the Western Balkans

**11:15 – 11:45**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:45 – 13:00**

**SOCIAL INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION**

Discussant: Mihail Arandarenko

Chair: Radovan Kovačević

**Nataša Golubović  
Marija Džunić**

Social infrastructure and inclusive growth: The role of educational attainment

**Elvisa Drishti**

School to work transitions, Covid19, and digitalisation agenda: a study of the Western Balkans

**Bernard H Casey**

Social investment in human capital: the case  
of older workers in South-Eastern Europe

**13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH**

**14:30 – 15:00 SUMMING UP AND NEXT STEPS**

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