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**International Network for Social Policy Teaching and Research  
Conference**

*Challenges of Welfare Policies in Central and Eastern Europe*

**University of Zagreb, Centre for Advanced Academic Studies**

**F. Bulića 4, Dubrovnik, June 17 2019**

**9:15–9:30 Welcome and Introductions**

Gojko Bezovan, University of Zagreb

Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland

Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley

Georg Fischer, former director, Analysis, Evaluation, and External Relations, European Commission [ret.]

**9:30–10:45 Trends in Income, Welfare, and Inequality in Europe**

*European Perspective on Current Social Issues*

Ana Carla Pereira, Head of Unit for Modernisation of Social Protection Systems, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

*Convergence and divergence in inequality developments in Central and Eastern Europe, almost three decades after the transition*

Istvan Toth, Társi Social Research Institute, Budapest; and Budapest Corvinus University

**10:45–11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00–12:15 Welfare and Pension Systems in Central and Eastern Europe**

*Inequality in Income, Wealth and, Consumption in the Western Balkans*

**Zsóka Kóczán**, Research Department, IMF Washington and EBRD London

*Population Aging and Financing Consumption of the Older Generation in the European Union*

**Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak**, SGH- Warsaw School of Economics

**12:15–14:00 Lunch**

**14:00–15:45 Policy Challenges for Central and Eastern Europe**

*The Hasty Privatization of Pension Systems in Post-communist Europe*

**Martin Potucek**, Institute of Sociological Studies and Center for Social and Economic Strategies (CESES); and Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

*Reforming Social Assistance: the Challenges of Activation Policy in Post-communist Countries?*

**Pawel Polawski**, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw

*Formal Long-term Care in Central and Eastern Europe in the Making: Practices and Challenges*  
Slavina Spasova, European Social Observatory (OSE) and European Social Policy Network (ESPN)

**15:45–16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00–17:30 Panel Discussion on Social Policy Challenges, Research and Education in the Field**

Moderator: Gojko Bežovan, University of Zagreb,

Panelists:

Mirna Jusić, Charles University

Jelena Matančević, University of Zagreb

Jekaterina Navickė, Vilnius University

Lucie Novotna, Masaryk University

Anis Ben Brik, Qatar Foundation

**18:00 Guided Tour of Old Dubrovnik (optional)**

**19:30 Business Dinner**

Restaurant Mimoza, Branitelja Dubrovnika 9

**Dinner talk:** Lynn Videka (chair) with comments from Young Jun Choi, Marit Skivenes, Birgit Pfau-Effinger, James Blackburn, and Martin Potucek: **Declining Birthrates (Almost) Worldwide.**