The 13th NISPAcee Annual Conference

Democratic Governance for the XXI Century: Challenges and Responses in CEE Countries

Moscow, Russia, May 19-21, 2005

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Organized in cooperation with the main local organizer the School of Public Administration of the Moscow State University, and local coorganizer the Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Conference venue:
Hotel ALFA (Izmailovo Hotel Complex)
Address: 105187, Moscow, Izmailovsky highway, 71
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Conference Schedule

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Pre-conference meetings:
14.00 – 19.00  NISPAcee Steering Committee meeting
20.00 – 21.00  Meeting of the NISPAcee Steering Committee members and the Conference Programme Coordinators
17.00 – 21.00  Registration of participants

Thursday, May 19, 2005

07.30 – 09.00  Registration of participants
09.00 – 10.30  Plenary Session
Chair: László Vass, Corvinus University of Budapest, NISPAcee President
Welcome of the conference participants by the NISPAcee President
Panel on Russian Public Administration
Alexei Viktorovich Surin, Dean of the School of PA, Moscow State University, Welcome and introductory presentation
Lev Ilyich Yakobson, Vice-Rector, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
Jeffrey Straussman, Associate Dean, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, USA
Presentation of the conference theme by the general rapporteur, Martin Potůček, Director, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
Ceremony of the Alena Brunovská Award for Teaching Excellence in Public Administration
Presentation of the Award by László Vass, NISPAcee President and Ludmila Gajdošová, NISPAcee Executive Director to the recipient: György Jenei, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
“Approaches to public administration and public policy institutions in CEE”
18.00 – 21.00  Plenary Session at the Moscow State University
Official opening of the Conference
Welcome of the conference participants by the Russian representatives
Chair: László Vass, NISPAcee President
Co-chair: Victor Antonovich Sadovnichii, Rector, Moscow State University, Russia
Sergei Yevgenievich Naryshkin, Head of the Governmental Administration of the Russian Federation
Sergei Ivanovic Kolesnikov, Deputy Chairman, Committee on Education and Science, State Parliament (Duma) of the Russian Federation
Keynote presentation:
Barbara Kudrycka, Rector, Bialystok School of Public Administration, Poland; Member of the European Parliament
21.00  Departure of buses for the Hotel ALFA

Friday, May 20, 2005

9.00 – 10.30  Working Session on the main conference theme
Meetings of Working Groups
10.30 – 11.00  Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30  Working Session on the main conference theme
Meetings of Working Groups
12.30 – 14.00  Lunch
14.00 – 15.00  Working Session on the main conference theme
Meetings of Working Groups
15.00 – 15.30  Coffee break
15.30 – 17.00  Panels and Forums
• Panel on The Bologna Process in Public Administration Education: How to Meet the Challenge in CEE/CAC
• Panel on Challenges in Caucasus and Central Asia Countries and the Role of NISPAcee
• Forum of Heads of Schools of Public Administration
• NISPAcee Youth Forum
17.30 – 19.00  NISPAcee Business Meeting
Opening
Annual Report of activities
Financial Report
Future Plans
Others
Discussions
Representatives of the NISPAcee Member Institutions are expected to partici-
pate in the Business Meeting 11.30 – 13.00  
Closing Plenary Session  
Chair: László Vass, Corvinus University of Budapest, NISPAcee President  
Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups  
Report of the general rapporteur Martin Potůček, Director, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic  
Lunch  
Visit to Kremlin (for participants who ordered the sightseeing tour)

Panels and Forums

The Bologna Process in Public Administration Education: How to Meet the Challenge in CEE/CAC

Moderator: György Jenei, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary  
Speakers:  
Theo Toonen, University of Leiden, The Netherlands, Chair of EPAN  
Natalia Sergeevna Grigoryeva, School of Public Administration, Moscow State University, Russia  
Tatiana Isachenko, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia  
Tatiana Chubarova, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

The Bologna Process, “presently the major process of higher education reform in Europe”, aims to create a European Higher Education Area by the year 2010 and to promote the European system of higher education worldwide by creating a two-cycle education, comparable degrees, a unitary credit system and quality assurance frameworks, etc. As it is heavily disruptive, as with all major reforms, the Bologna Process has met with mixed reactions in different countries and institutions. It has, however, also proven very popular and many non-member states have acceded to it, or are planning to do so.

In the CEE/CAC region, the Bologna Process has presented particular difficulties by necessitating large-scale changes, directly after the formal transition, which began in 1989/91, was more or less at an end. The special challenge for Public Administration, which is not a classical undergraduate discipline in most countries and has a peculiar practical orientation, has also been added. Frequently, the Bologna Process has been implemented to serve specific national or institutional goals and all too often, its mission has not been properly understood. The same, however, is also true for many old member countries. Finally, the implementation of and transition to the new system, have proven to be particularly difficult.

Just prior to the 2005 follow-up Conference of the Bologna Process in Bergen, Norway, this high-level panel, comprising members of the old and new member states, will discuss the wider issues for CEE/CAC and reflect on the experiences in the older member states. This is a session that no-one involved in Public Administration education and its administration, including young scholars and students, can afford to miss.

Challenges in Caucasus and Central Asian Countries and the Role of NISPAcee

Moderator:  
Sergei Puskharev, Ural State University, Yekaterinburg, Russia, NISPAcee Steering Committee member

While NISPAcee has always recognised the importance of public administration and public policy reforms in all post-communist countries, its core activities were mostly undertaken in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Over the last decade, NISPAcee has contributed to the success of public administration reforms in this region. Currently, NISPAcee aims to strengthen its presence in other post-communist regions, namely Caucasus and Central Asia.

Panel moderator will present the findings of the NISPAcee Task Force, created to evaluate a more active role in public administration and public policy reforms, which NISPAcee can play in these regions. Heads of educational
institutions, faculty members, researchers, state officials and civil servants, representatives of donor organisations and the NGO community, together with other interested organisations/individuals, are welcome to participate in the discussion on the NISPAcee strategy and its activities in these regions.

Tasks force members:
Mzia Mikeladze, Urban Institute, Tblisi, Georgia
Bolotbek Orokov, Academy of Management, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Sergei Pushkarev, Ural State University, Yekaterinburg, Russia

Forum of Heads of Schools and Institutes of Public Administration

Chair:
Alexei Viktorovich Surin, Dean, School of Public Administration, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

Speakers:
Robert Engibaryan, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia
Habdelahat Latefullin, State University of Management, Moscow, Russia
Alexey Barbashev, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
Eugenius Chlivickas, Training Center of the Ministry of Finance, President of Lithuanian Public Administration Training Association, Vilnius, Lithuania
Keyong Dong, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China
John Ryder, MSU visiting professor from SUNY, USA
John Rohrbaugh, MSU visiting professor from SUNY, USA

During the last decade of ongoing reforms in central and eastern European countries, together with the increasing requirements on the professionalisation of the civil service and the role of public administration, the schools and institutions within the NISPAcee network have been developed in terms of quality and quantity. Many of them have a very different history and differ in their approaches to complete their mission, but still they face similar and new opportunities for further improvement of their academic research and training programmes in order to meet the challenges of the contemporary era. This panel session aims to provide a forum for Heads of schools and institutes from the NISPAcee network to meet and discuss the challenges they face; how to cope with them and simultaneously establish more sustainable communication amongst them in the future. Therefore, all representatives of schools and institutes are welcome to participate in this panel and share their experiences with colleagues from other institutions and countries.

Topics for discussion:
• The various programmes for teaching and training experts in public administration, their significance and correlation (Bachelors’, Masters’, PH.D. and other doctoral programmes, programmes for training specialists);
• The various sources of financing the programmes (state and public financing, private business, private individuals, etc);
• Co-operation in the process of carrying out a state order and international programmes in the sphere of educating and training administrators and managers;
• The issues and problems of international public administration;
• The principles of the organization of the education process;
• Research in the sphere of administration and management (the proportion of fundamental and applied research projects/programmes);
• The peculiarities of education and training Master and doctoral degree students in administration and management;
• The issues and challenges in organizing career and training practices for students within the various education programmes.

NISPAcee Youth Forum

Chair:
Gayane Selimyan, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia

Speakers:
Martin Potůček, Director, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
Jeffrey D. Strausssman, Associate Dean and Chair Department of Public Administration, Maxwell School Syracuse University, USA
**Purpose:** The NISPAcee Youth Forum held its first meeting at the 12th NISPAcee Annual Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania. During the second meeting in Moscow, the network formed in Vilnius will be enriched by new members and will provide an ongoing platform for promotion and encouragement of the work carried out by young professionals in public administration and contribute to their career advancement.

**Programme:**

*Main topic:* “How to advance your career in public administration”.

Issues to be discussed this year include: successful job hunting advice; opportunities for obtaining a PhD in Public Administration and the necessary requirements for being published in international journals.

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**Working Sessions and Working Groups**

**Working Session on the Main Conference Theme**

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The latter part of the 20th Century was a time of extraordinary transitions within the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Political, economic, and social systems all underwent great change. As a consequence of these changes, most of the Central and Eastern European countries witnessed the emergence of more democratic and responsive governance. In some cases, these changes occurred more slowly, in other cases more rapidly.

As recent events in several countries, and especially Ukraine, have suggested, these processes are still very much underway. That this should be so is not very surprising for at least two reasons. First, democratic governance, and especially the transition to democratic governance, is always a very fragile process – as events in some CEE countries and many other parts of the world have certainly made clear. Second, democratic governance is always a “work-in-progress”. All countries, even the most democratic ones, must continue to strive to build and strengthen their institutional structures and, from time to time, even the most democratic of countries will regress in their commitment to democratic governance. The theme panels for this year’s NISPAcee conference will examine these developments in the CEE countries. The first set of panels will look at democratic development in the region generally, and at certain significant, more specialized cases. Key elements in the process of democratic development – fighting corruption, strengthening sub national government and administrative reform – will be examined in three additional panels. Finally, the contribution of policy research and analysis and improved public sector training to democratic development in the CEE countries also will be examined in the final theme panel.

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**Thursday, May 19, 2005**

11.00 – 12.30  **Session 1: Future Directions in Democratic Development in the CEE Countries**  
Vladimir Benáček, CESES, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic  
Paper: Three dimensions of modern social governance: Markets, hierarchies and kinships  
Marek Debicki, Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship & Management, Warsaw, Poland  
Paper: Public service and the democratic deficit  
Dmitry Moskvin, Ural State University, Yekaterinburg, Russian Federation  
Paper: Russia between transformation and transition: Evolution of the main democratic institutions

**Friday, May 20, 2005**

09.00 – 10.30  **Session 2: Fighting Corruption and Improving Audit Capacity in Support of Democratic Development in the CEE Countries**  
Karin Hilmer Pederson, Aarhus University, Denmark  
Paper: Corruption: Commonality, causes & consequences  
Carmine Scavo, East Carolina University, Greenville, USA  
Paper: Understanding issues raised by NGOs for modern Russian public administration  
Tetyana Malyarenko, Donetsk State Academy of Management, Ukraine  
Paper: Regional dynamics, inequality and public governance in Ukraine
Erik Moora, Estonian Public Service Academy, Tallinn, Estonia
Paper: Building non-corrupt local governments
Stasys Puskorius, Mykolo Romerio University, Vilnius, Lithuania
Paper: Identification of problems of performance audit for the implementation of principles of democracy
Jan Pavel, University of Economics of Prague, Jindrichuv Hradec, Czech Republic
Paper: Efficiency of public tendering: Level of transparency versus private transaction costs
Ziga Andoljsek, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Paper: Quantitative performance measurement of tax offices in Slovenia

11.00 – 12.30 Session 3: Decentralization, Local Governance and Democratic Development in the CEE countries
Agota Gierde Raisiene, Mykolo Romerio University, Vilnius, Lithuania
Paper: Decision initiation and suggestion evaluation in Lithuanian municipalities
Miro Hacek, Irena Baclija, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Paper: City quarter communities: A new quality in Slovenian local democracy
Marina Liborakina, Institute for Urban Economics, Moscow, Russia
Paper: Citizens evaluate local governments performance: A case of Russia

14.00 – 15.00 Session 4: Administrative Reform and the Building of Democracy in the CEE Countries
Svein Eriksen, Statkonsult, Oslo, Norway
Mirjana Drakulic, Belgrade University, Serbia & Montenegro
Paper: E-democracy, e-voting and risks in Serbia
Agota Giedre Raisiene, Mykolo Romerio University, Vilnius, Lithuania
Paper: Decision initiation and suggestion evaluation in Lithuanian Municipalities

Saturday, May 21, 2005
09.00 – 11.00 Session 5: Training and Policy Analysis as Strategies for Democratic Development in the CEE Countries
Raymond Rosenfeld, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, USA
Paper: Performance management in Latvia: The culture of analysis
Mattias Burell, University of Uppsal, Sweden
Paper: Elite training in transition – A comparison on Chinese party schools and Russian academies of public administration
Raymond Struyk, Urban Institute, Washington, USA, Alexander Puzanov, Institute for Urban Economics, Moscow, Russia
Paper: Policy development skills training course for local policy makers in transition economies: Implementation lessons

Working Groups

I. Working Group on Politico-Administrative Relations

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At this conference our working group will meet 6th time. Alongside with further elaboration of our previous topics – roles of politicians and civil servants and policy networks – two supplementary aspects of our general topic will be presented. This first focuses on changing roles of politicians and civil servants in the policy process after accession of new member states. The second considers politico-administrative interface on the course of administrative reforms.
Thursday, May 19, 2005
11.00 – 12.30  Introduction: Expectations and perspectives of the workshops:
Guy B. Peters
Session 1: Civil service vs. politicians: roles and values (Chairman: Guy B. Peters)
Guy B. Peters, University of Pittsburgh, USA
Paper: Administrative traditions
Miro Hacek, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Paper: Commitment of Slovenian civil servants and politicians to democratic values and norms
Alexandru-Leonard Ionita, National Institute of Administration, Bucharest, Romania
Paper: Changing values – the case of the civil servant in Romania
An analysis of the impact EU integration has on Romanian public administration
Bernadette Connaughton, University of Limerick, Ireland
Paper: Political and managerial accountability – addressing the gap in the Irish system

Friday, May 20, 2005
09.00 – 10.30  Session 2: Politico-administrative developments in CEE countries in the course of Europeanization (Chairman T. Verheijen)
Jochen Franzke, University of Potsdam, Germany
Paper: Problems of politico-administrative relations in Estonia, Poland and Slovakia under the impact of Europeanisation: A double comparison of the agricultural and telecom sector
Donald Fuller, Anglo-American College, Prague, Czech Republic
Paper: Vertical and horizontal strains on Administrative and policy vectors in structures affecting and affected by supranational impacts: The case of the EU, its members and the World Trade Organization.
Erik Sootla, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia
Paper: The role of government support structures in EU policy-making at national level: the case of Estonia and Czech Republic
Tony Verheijen, The World Bank, Washington, DC, USA, Aleksandra Rabrenovic, Belgrade University, Serbia & Montenegro
Paper: Politicians and top civil servants in former Yugoslav states, back to discarded traditions?
Margareta Jefimova, Tallinn University of Economical Sciences, Estonia
Paper: Relation patterns in network-like structures of labour market policy in Estonia

11.00 – 12.30  Session 3: Politico-administrative configurations in the course of administrative reforms (Chair G. Sootla)
Ole Norgaard, Signe Skovbakke Winding, Aarhus University, Denmark
Paper: The impact of administrative traditions on public administration reform: The Baltic case countries
Markku Temmes, University of Helsinki, Finland
Paper: Division of work in administrative reform policies: Decentralization or centralization
Georg Sootla, Tallinn University of Economical Sciences, Estonia
Paper: Political and administrative coordination of administrative reforms
Ludmila Volchkova, St. Petersburg State University, Russia
Paper: The development of contemporary society and the reformation of public administration system

14.00 – 15.00  Session 4: Politico-administrative relations and development of executive leadership (Chair B. Connaughton)
Christophe Pelgrims, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
Paper: Personal advisors of ministers: More than personal loyal agents?
Tatiana Majcherkiewicz, Mining and Metallurgy University, Krakow, Poland
Paper: Nomenclature vs. civil service. Defining politico-administrative relations under Miller’s government
Natalia Kolisnichenko, Odessa Regional Institute of PA, NAPA, Ukraine; Allan Rosenbaum, Florida International University, USA
Paper: Mayoral leadership and politico-administrative relationships (comparison of two Ukrainian and US cities)

Saturday, May 21, 2005
09.00 – 11.00  Session 5: Summary, findings and further recommendations to authors of papers:
Civil service vs. politicians: Roles and values (Tony Verheijen)
Politico administrative developments in the course of Europeanization (Guy B. Peters)
Politico-administrative configurations in the course of administrative reforms (Georg Sootla)
Politico-administrative relations and executive leadership (Bernadette Connaughton)
II. Working Group on Public Sector Quality

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Theme 2005: “Quality of Implementation”

Implementation is a necessary phase following policy decision in the policy cycle, which includes at minimum the phases of agenda setting, policy formulation, policy adoption, policy implementation, and policy evaluation and adaptation. When implementation fails, policy-making loses its purpose, mission, credibility and effectiveness. Evidence on the practice of policy making shows that the stage of implementation is extremely weak in Central and East European countries. Papers to be presented represent a variety of approaches towards implementation, ranging from experience acquired from single case studies to comparative, policy-relevant empirical research.

Among the issues raised by these approaches are the following: How can we best assess and measure implementation processes? What are the best ways to address questions surrounding the quality of policy implementation? Is a “good governance” perspective relevant to issues of policy implementation in CEE and the NIS? What are the conditions that facilitate and retard implementation, factors that may help or hinder the implementation of effective policies at the national, regional or local level? To what extent do different policy ethics and policy-making roles, including elected officials as well as civil servants, influence the quality of implementation? Papers in this working group address these questions and more: What existing models of implementation are most useful in understanding concrete processes? What methods and techniques are available for monitoring the process and outcomes of implementation? Are there viable systems of indicators that are or could be useful in monitoring and evaluating implementation? Can we develop an inventory and assessment of some of the most important methods and models for monitoring and evaluating implementation?

Thursday, May 19, 2005
11.00 – 12.30  Introduction by Katarina Staronova, Bill Dunn and Sergei Pushkarev
Session 1: Implementation in CEE Countries
Michiel de Vries, University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Iwona Sobis, University of Skovde, Sweden
Paper: Western advice in CEE countries: The Swedish experts’ view
Kristina Tonnisson, University of Tartu, Estonia
Paper: Why CEE countries, NPM principles and bad policy implementation are fatal friends? The case of Estonian local governments
Milena Karadjova, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
Paper: Implementation of EU legislation of public procurement in Bulgaria – Legal and administrative approach
Discussant: Juraj Nemec, Slovakia
Facilitator: Bill Dunn

Friday, May 20, 2005
09.00 – 10.30  Session 2: Quality of Preparation for Implementation
Zsombor Kovacsy, Ministry of Justice, Budapest, Hungary
Paper: Assessing the occurrence and quality of information on impact. Assessments attached in the expository memoranda of the draft legislation – Hungary
Magdalena Shaldeva, DFID PAR Project, Skopje, Macedonia
Paper: The effects of policy impact assessment in the decision making process in the government of the Republic of Macedonia
Aare Kasemets, University of Tartu, Estonia
Paper: The use of impact analysis methods in the draft legislation: A comparative study
Discussant: Kristiina Tonnisson, Estonia
Facilitator: Katarina Staronova

Session 3: Big Governmental Programs and Implementation
Evgeny Kochurov, St. Petersburg State University, Russia
Paper: Implementation of the Governmental Policies in the Public Sector:
III. Working Group on Strategic Leadership in Central Government

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All governments face inherent problems in demonstrating capacity for strategic leadership. These problems derive from constituency interests, party politics and decision making rules that encourage ministers and their staff to pursue narrow departmental interests at the expense of the strategic interests of the cabinet. The centrifugal effects of such opportunity structures can be addressed by institutions at the center of government. Based upon country case studies, the Working Group discusses how these institutions provide incentives affecting the strategic management of legislation, finances, information and organization.

**Thursday, May 19, 2005**

11.00 – 12.30  **Session 1: Legislation**

**Martin Brusis**, Center for Applied Policy Research, University of Munich, Germany

**Radoslaw Zubek**, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom
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**Framework paper**: Strategic Management of Legislation

**Andreas Bagenholm**, Goteborg University, Sweden

**Saturday, May 21, 2005**

09.00 – 11.00  **Session 5: Improving Implementation at the Local Level**

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**Facilitator**: Sergei Pushkarev
Paper: Explaining Governmental Efficiency. The Preparation and Passing of EU-Related Legislation in Lithuania and Romania
Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, Netherlands
Paper: Following the best? Can CEE countries use the Danish model of EU legislation preparation?

Friday, May 20, 2005
09.00 – 10.30 Session 2: Policy Sectors
Pat Gray, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
Brian Tutt, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
Paper: Does ‘agenciﬁcation’ enhance strategic control? Russian agencies and the pursuit of ‘vertical’ power
Marta Nachtmannova, CESES, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic
Paper: Sustainable development strategy of the Czech republic: Third attempt. Is it sustainable?
Maria Boneva, Sofia University, Bulgaria

11.00 – 12.30 Session 3: Centers of Government
Istvan Stumpf, Századvég Political School, Budapest, Hungary, former Head of the Prime Minister’s Office
Paper: Managing executive decision-making from the Prime Minister’s office: Hungarian experiences

14.00 – 15.00 Session 4: Civil Service and Administration
Natalia Kolisnichenko, Odessa Regional Institute of Public Administration, National Academy of Public Administration, Ukraine; Polya Kat- samunkska, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria
Paper: Reforming public administration in Ukraine and Bulgaria: Comparing strategy formulation and implementation
Jane Järvalt, Supreme Court of Estonia; Mariann Veisson, Tallinn Pedagogical University / State Chancellery of the Republic of Estonia
Paper: Developing public sector leaders: An analysis of the competency framework for the Estonian senior civil service
Gyorgy Hajnal, Hungarian Institute of Public Administration, Budapest, Hungary
Paper: The Role of decision structures in public administration performance: an organizational Level Perspective

Saturday, May 21, 2005
09.00 – 11.00 Session 5: Governance
János Hoós, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
Paper: Political rationality and economic rationality and the Hungarian public decision-making system. Economic efficiency versus democracy in Hungary
Martin Nekola, CESES, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
Paper: Political participation and governance effectiveness
Oleh Protsyk, European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany
Paper: Cabinet decision-making in the Western CIS countries

IV. Working Group on Democratic Governance of Multi-ethnic Communities

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Theme 2005: “Delivering Public Services in Multi-Ethnic Settings”

The Working Group (WG) on Governing Multi-ethnic Communities is a forum for research and policy discussions about promoting inclusive policies responsive to the needs of ethnically diverse communities, and about the design,
implementation, and administration of public services that help to advance the status of minority communities and promote the well-being of the majority and minority groups together, and about effective education and training for public officials to respond to multi-ethnic communities.

Thursday, May 19, 2005
11.00 – 12.30  Session 1: Themes of Identity and Engagement Facing Multi-Ethnic Communities and Public Service
Ekaterina Marinova, CARE Bulgarian Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria
Paper: Establishment of lobby groups on civil participation and social policy issues in four multi-ethnic communities of Bulgarians, Bulgarian Turks and Roma in Southern Bulgaria

Gayane Selimyan, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia
Paper: Changing identities: Armenian case study

Agnes Horvath, Eszterhazy Karoly College, Eger, Hungary
Paper: Gypsy women in public life

Friday, May 20, 2005
11.00 – 12.30  Session 2: Engagement and Representation as a Tool for Meeting Needs of Multiethnic Communities
Rustem Abylatifov, State Committee of Ukraine for Nationalities and Migration, Kyiv, Ukraine
Paper: Analysis of the Ukrainian governmental programme for involving of the Crimean Tatar youth to public service

Ekaterina Marinova, CARE Bulgarian Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria
Paper: Ombudsman wave in Bulgaria: from an EU accession requirements to a local reality

Michael Brinthall, APSA, Washington, USA
Paper: Preparing the public service for working in multiethnic democracies: Practices of schools of public administration in Central and Eastern Europe

Session 3: National Strategies for Meeting Needs of Multiethnic Communities
Maksim Golovko, Tallinn University of Economical Sciences, Estonia
Paper: Russian parties and electoral behavior cultural-historical background and prejudice as determinants of electoral behavior of Russian-speaking voters

Raivo Vetik, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia
Paper: National integration policies in the context of the EU membership: the case of Estonia

Jana Krimpe, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia
Workshop Conclusions and Future of the Working Group

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The Working Group focuses this year on the budgetary processes and practices in transitional countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Former USSR republics. The contributors in their paper will analyse the current and emerging practices in the budgetary processes and to what extent different players define the outcomes of the budgeting process. The attention will not only be paid to the political economy aspects of budgeting in the public sector, but also to the accounting and financial management implications of different models and options accepted in a respective country. The authors have choice to look at central or sub-national government level exclusively, or to develop a paper which looks at the budgetary practices from a more comparative perspective (drawing parallels between national/central government practices and practices accepted at sub-national, primarily local level).

Thursday, May 19, 2005
11.00 – 12.30  Session 1:
Zeljko Sevic, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom
Paper: Budgeting process in CEECs: An Introductory paper

David Amborski, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute, Toronto, Canada
Paper: Linking priority setting, implementation, and accountability in local government budgeting

Phillip Bryson, Brigham Young University, Provo, USA
Paper: Local budgeting in the Czech and Slovak Republics
Krisztina Tóth, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Paper: The impact of legislature and citizens on the budgeting process in Switzerland: Lessons for Central and Eastern Europe

Friday, May 20, 2005
09.00 – 10.30
Session 2:
Rexhep Prekopuca, Graduate Centre for Public Policy and Management of Pittsburgh University in Macedonia, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
Paper: Parliament and the budget process: Macedonia case

Svetlana Alexandrova, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
Paper: Strengthening public finance accountability and transparency in Bulgaria

Aleksander Aristovnik, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Paper: Public sector stability and balance of payments crises in selected transition economies

11.00 – 12.30
Session 3:
Stanislav Klazar, University of Economics of Prague, Czech Republic
Paper: Public budgeting in the Czech Republic

Kenneth Kriz, University of Tartu, Estonia / United States
Paper: Budgetary accountability in Estonia

14.00 – 15.00
Session 4:
Vitalina Zaychykova and Ivan Khomra, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
Paper: Comparative analysis of local self-government finance in Ukraine and European countries

Bekim Imeri, Graduate Centre for Public Policy and Management of Pittsburgh University in Macedonia, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
Paper: Legislative activism in municipal budgeting – The case of Macedonia

Ilidar Zulkarnay, Socio-Economic Research Institute, Ufa, Russian Federation, Natalia Valeeva, Bashkir State Pedagogical University, Ufa, Russian Federation
Paper: Fiscal and administrative reforms 2000 – 2009 in Russia: How they address budget accountability issues

Saturday, May 21, 2005
09.00 – 11.00
Session 5:
Conclusions; Developing a research proposal for the next conference.

VI. Working Group on E-Government

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The WG will try to continue and upgrade the work and research which has been done over the last three years, however the aims and objectives of further research will be pointedly focused on the specific problems and conditions of e-government development in CEE countries. We will be aiming in directing research in as much as possible concrete framework of the region, hence trying to produce results important not only for academic discussion but also useful as a reference point by the key decision makers in the respected countries.

The intention is for the research to involve both academics and experts from Central European public administrations themselves. Next year the working group will try to focus in particular (but not exclusively) on the following issues:

– in-depth analysis of e-government development in individual countries:
  • country by country: at the state level (central administration) and local administration
  • by sub-sector; ministries, healthcare, the judiciary, etc.
  • by specific technological, regulatory and organisational aspects.
– overview and comparison of national strategies and action plans and efficiency and effectiveness analysis;
– good practice case studies, presenting provision of e-services in different fields of public sector;
– case studies presenting successful reengineering of administrative processes and e-services implementation, as well as unsuccessful projects and the reasons for failure;
– the effect of introducing e-government and e-services on administration quality and user satisfaction;
– comparison of approaches to different sub-sectors in Eastern and Western Europe;
– approaches to overcoming the digital divide;
– education and training on e-government;
– the effect of e-government on improving public governance and management policy (public policy, management and governance);
– development of e-democracy;
– user satisfaction and expectations.

Thursday, May 19, 2005
11.00 – 12.30  Jerzy Szeremeta, UNDESA, New York, USA
Global e-government readiness survey
Session 1: Country reports
Mitja Decman, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Paper: Some perspectives of e-government development in Slovenia
Vitaliy Baev, National Academy of Public Administration, Kyiv, Ukraine
Paper: E-dialogue in Ukraine: Capacity, current restrictions and developments
Vyachaslau Pazdnyak, Project Wider Europe, Minsk, Belarus
Paper: E-government in Belarus: Which political matrix is being downloaded?

Friday, May 20, 2005
09.00 – 10.30 Country reports – continuation
Sorin Dan Sandor, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Paper: Digital divide and e-government in Romania
Agnieszka Demczuk, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland
Paper: E-public services in Poland – The State of the art
Salih Murzaev, Academy of Management, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Paper: e-Government as the tool of information openness of state and municipal bodies: Experience of Kyrgyzstan

11.00 – 12.30  Session 2: Policy oriented reports
Anu Toots, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Tallinn, Estonia
Paper: Digital divide in social security: Do institutions matter?

Saturday, May 21, 2005
09.00 – 11.00  Session 4: Discussion and Conclusions

VII. Working Group on Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ Training System According to EU Requirements

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The priorities in the “Working Group on Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ training System according to EU requirements” in the 13th NISPAcee Annual Conference in Moscow could be the following:

– new silhouetted problems in Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ Training System after EU Enlargement;
– the adaptation of Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ Training Systems in the CEE countries in EU area, problems of adaptation and resolutions;
– the internationalization of the National Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ systems and the integration of them to a united EU Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ Training System;
– new technologies in studying, learning and training also the using of them, developing national and united EU Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ Training system (the priority should be taken to: various sustained, distance learning technologies, co-operation between specialized training centres and universities, realization of international programmes, the quality of learning, certificating, etc.).

The spreading of the experience of EU in “Capacity Building of a Civil Servants’ Training System” sphere in CIS countries (Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Caucasus and Middle Asia countries.)

Thursday, May 19, 2005
11.00 – 12.30  
**Session 1: Introduction by Eugenijus Chlivickas and Borisas Melnikas**  
Borisas Melnikas, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania  
Paper: *Enhancement of systems of the development of public administration specialists: European dimension, internationalization and academic life as priority*.  
Irina Novikova, Minsk, Belarus  
Paper: *The attributes of the new paradigm of the state management*  
Birutė Cesnulevičienė, Ministry of Interior of Lithuania, Vilnius, Lithuania  
Paper: *Training of civil servants in Lithuania*

Friday, May 20, 2005
09.00 – 10.30  
**Session 2: Special Joint Panel with Scholars of the Management Education and Development Division, Academy of Management, USA**  
Carolyn Wiley, Chair, Management Education and Development (MED) Division, Academy of Management, USA; Vice President, Mercer Human Resource Consulting, Ireland  
Keynote Address: “Trends and Innovations in Management Education and Development: Implications for CEE Transformation”  
Speakers:  
Joseph E. Champoux, The Anderson Schools of Management, University of New Mexico, USA.  
“Innovative Approaches to Management Teaching and Learning: Using Cinema to Teach Management and Leadership”  
Raymond Saner, Institute of Business Economics and Management, Basle University, Switzerland  
“Innovative Approaches to Management Teaching and Learning: Action Learning as a Vehicle for Management Development and Organisational Learning in the Public Sector”  
Lichia Yiu, Centre for Socio-economic Development, Geneva, Switzerland  
“Innovative Approaches to Management Teaching and Learning: Training Strategy and Learning System Design”  
Discussant  
Eugenijus Chlivickas, Training Center of the Ministry of Finance, Lithuania; Lithuanian Public Administration Training Association  

**Session 3**  
Eugenijus Chlivickas, Training Center of the Ministry of Finance, Lithuania; Lithuanian Public Administration Training Association  
Paper: *Public servant training systems in Central and Eastern Europe: Problems and priorities*  
Raymon Bruce, University of Texas, Arlington, USA  
Paper: Developing “New Comparative Economics” as a tool for joint public and private sector research and training for Eastern, Central European and CIS countries and China to use to build more robust economies  
Mik Strmecki, Faculty of Administration, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Paper: *Capacity building of a civil servants training system according to EU requirements with a special emphasis on training designed for utilizing structural & cohesion funds in the case of Slovenia*  
Bogusława Urbaniak, Stanisława Borkowska, University of Lodz, Poland  
Paper: *Continuing vocational training of civil servants in Poland*  
Fotini Komseli, National Centre of
Public Administration & Local Government, Athens, Greece
Paper: Civil servants’ educational and training system in Greece. Actuality and perspectives

14.00 – 15.00 Session 4
Laima Tuleikiene, Ministry of Interior, Vilnius, Lithuania
Paper: Public service management system in Lithuania
Irina Zamurnikova, Dnipropetrovsk Regional Academy of Public Administration, UAPA, Ukraine
Paper: Civil servants’ training system according to European Union requirements
Narimantas Paliulis, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania
Paper: Continuous education – road to the success of e-authorities
Mikhail Ilyin, Academy of Public Administration, Minsk, Belarus
Paper: Public servants training in the Republic of Belarus: Reality and challenges

Saturday, May 21, 2005
09.00 – 11.00 Session 5
John Kvinikadze, Center for Training and Consultancy, Tbilisi, Georgia
Paper: Challenges to creating national training strategy for local self-government in Georgia
Aleksandras Minkevicius, Lithuanian Institute of Public Administration, Vilnius, Lithuania
Paper: Transformation of the civil servant training and qualification upgrade system in Lithuania
Pavel Pavlov, Varna Free University, Bulgaria, Polya Katsamunska, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria
Paper: The strategic role of public servants’ training for reforming public administration in Bulgaria
Irena Alperyte, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania
Paper: Cultural policy trends and their impact on public servant training in Lithuania and Portugal (comparison)
Sandra Seketin-Lestan, Ministry of Interior of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Paper: How to best prepare to European Union recruitment competitions – the Fast Stream Programme

VIII. Working Group on Degree Programmes of Public Administration / Public Policy Education in CEE Countries

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Theme 2005: “Looking back and looking ahead: priorities in the past and present for developing quality programmes within CEE institutes of higher education”

The Working Group is a practical step to implement one of NISPAcee’s missions: improving educational programs by assisting human capacity building and institutional development through learning from each other.

The meetings and the multiparty work shall provide forum for discussion, platform for initiatives, and vehicle for cooperation.

As a more tangible objective the WG on Degree Programs is to publish the results of the joint efforts in a volume of quality papers dealing with lessons from the past to the future development of PA / PP university programs.

Thursday, May 19, 2005
11.00 – 12.30 Session 1: Preliminary remarks
Introduction
Nicolae Tiberiu Aronescu, Bacau, Romania
Paper: Public administration education in Romania
Tereza Khachatryan, National Institute of Health, Yerevan, Armenia
Paper: Health care managers’ education and training problems in the Republic of Armenia
Ethics in governance is a pervasive concern in many countries across the globe. Many governments have instituted ethics education and training programs, many public agencies have installed ethics officers or ethics advisors, and many have created codes of ethics as well. Calls for ethical leadership can be heard on every continent, along with demands for increased transparency and trust, active citizenship, and a stable civil society. Accountability, responsibility, and legitimacy – ethical public administration – are on the agenda everywhere, including Central and Eastern Europe.

As every country aims at ensuring adequate levels of development and well being of its people, it is recognized that a transparent, accountable, professional, and highly ethical Public service is critical, especially in supporting effective, equitable, accessible and fair delivery of essential public services as well as in the utilization of scarce resources for the benefit of the people. Many countries have been for long engaged in searching for effective ways of ensuring this kind of Public service but with mixed success. With the current trends of globalization and regionalization, national efforts are increasingly becoming insufficient for ensuring harmony in behaviour and outlook of Public servants that belong to one regional grouping. There have been consequently efforts to evolve measures that can provide impetus for countries belonging to a region to share public service behaviours and standards that are not only similar but also predictable across borders.

The group’s mission is to establish a long-term network aimed at stimulating research on public service charters in CEE countries and Balkans, including questions concerning principles and standards of discretionary power, neutra-
lity and legality, transparency and administrative responsiveness to the regime in office. Also the main goal of the papers in this session is to contribute to the building of ethical standards of administrative decision making. The Working Group on Ethics in Governance has an important opportunity to take advantage of the momentum and fluidity in the transition countries, and perhaps even to exercise some leadership in the development and implementation of new directions in administrative ethics.

The aim of the sessions is to present an overview of CEE experience on ethics in governance with relevance for the practice of CEE governance and government.

Particularly papers on the following four topics were invited:
1. National decision-making systems: what helps nations to improve their ethical decision-making process and to curb corruption?
2. What are rules to exercise the discretion powers?
3. What are national and organizational rules to prevent malpractices?
4. The role of NGO’s, media and civil society in preventing and detecting wrongdoing.

Friday, May 20, 2005
09.00 – 10.30 Session 1: General problems
Paper: Darya Gritsenko, St. Petersburg State University, Russia
Paper: Ethics of public administration and corruption: The correlation of notions on administration
Howard Whitton, SIGMA/OECD, Paris, France

Saturday, May 21, 2005
09.00 – 10.00 Session 2: National decision-making systems
Tatiana Majcherkiewicz, Mining and Metallurgy University, Krakow, Poland
Paper: Political and economic clientelism and cronyism in Polish public administration

10.00 – 11.00 Session 3: National and organizational rules to prevent malpractices
Hans-Joachim Rieger, DBB Academy, Bonn, Germany
Paper: Prevention – a key factor in fighting corruption – The role of a new training concept
Veli Kreci, Graduate Centre for Public Policy and Management of Pittsburgh University in Macedonia, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
Paper: Public administration reforms: Ethics in public sector in the Balkans

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