



SUMMER SCHOOL

ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON

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UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE – FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

WHEN AND WHERE

Dates: July 3-7th, 2023

Place: Belgrade, Serbia (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business)

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The course is aimed to provide insights into the results and challenges the post-socialist countries from Eastern Europe have been facing in a pursuit of sustainable economic development. In that respect, the course provides a comprehensive discussion on two aspects of sustainable economic development challenges: i) the role of ethics, rule of law and inclusive institutions, ii) the impact of green agenda. The topics will be discussed from the normative point of view, but also elaborating on the role and impact of the EU accession on both of these aspects. The topics will be discussed from macro-level and also from the business-level perspective.

Being organized jointly by the Northeastern University from Boston and the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business, the course will bring together students from Boston and Belgrade, but also from other European countries, which will pose a good opportunity for networking and exchange of experience between the participants.

Course will be delivered in English.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After successful completion of the course, participants should be able to:

- Understand the challenges and results of the economic and political transition in Eastern Europe in the post-socialist era;
- Explain and discuss the importance of the ethics, rule of law and inclusive institutions in a pursuit of sustainable economic development;
- Comprehend the features of circular economy and the challenges and of green transition in Europe;
- Discuss the impact of ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) goals on businesses;
- Critically evaluate the role and impact of the EU accession process on green transition and development of inclusive institutions in South-eastern Europe.

TOPICS

- *Economics of transition*: In a pursuit of sustainable development - macroeconomic challenges, transition and privatization in South-eastern Europe;
- *Ethics, rule of law and institutions*: The role of ethics, the rule of law and inclusive institutions in pursuit of sustainable economic development;
- *Growing green*: Green transition in Europe and the new role of circular economy;
- *Environmental, Societal and Governance (ESG) goals*: Impact of implementation of ESG goals on businesses;
- *EU accession*: Political and economic aspects of EU enlargement and the impact of the EU accession reforms on green transition and development of inclusive institutions in Southeastern Europe.

LECTURERS

Prof. Denis Sullivan, Northeastern University – College of Social Sciences and Humanities

Prof. William A. Lovely III, Northeastern University – D'Amore-McKim School of Business

Prof. Nikos Passas, Northeastern University – College of Social Sciences and Humanities

Prof. Ivan Vujačić, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business

Prof. Dušan Pavlović, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science

Prof. Đorđe Mitrović, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business

Prof. Biljana Pešalj, Rotterdam Business School

Prof. Saša Randelović, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business

Prof. Savka Vučković Milutinović, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business

Prof. Dejan Molnar, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business

Vladimir Međak, Vice president of the European movement in Serbia

CREDITS

In addition to attending the lectures, course participants will be allocated into the mixed groups, with each group being assigned with the course project that should be developed through the week and presented on the final day of the summer school.

Successful completion of the course will provide students with **3 ECTS**.

REGISTRATION FEE

As the summer school is supported by the US Embassy in Belgrade through the University Partnership Programme, **no registration fee is charged to participants**.

APPLICATION

Students can **apply by May 15th, 2023**, by sending their CV and short (half page) motivation letter to the email: international.office@ekof.bg.ac.rs