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Informal practices in Southeast Europe – Examples and Analyses

Institute for the Recent History of Serbia (Institut za noviju istoriju Srbije/INIS), Belgrade,
10–11 April 2022

Sunday, 10 April 2022

10.00–10.15

Introduction

Vladan Jovanović, on behalf of the organizers, and Mile Bjelajac, Director of INIS

10.15–11.45

Panel 1 – History, ‘Corruption’ and Legacies of Informality in Southeast and Central Europe

Chair: Katharina Biegger

Silvia Marton, University of Bucharest

Transnational Histories of ‘Corruption’ in Central-South-East Europe (1750-1850)

Gábor Egry, Institute of Political History, Budapest

Empires of Informality? Post-WWI Transition, Imperial Legacies and Nation-Statehood in East and Central Europe

11.45–12.15

Coffee break

12.15–13.45

Panel 2 – Informality, Censorship and Politics

Chair: Diana Mishkova

Imami Drini, Agricultural University of Tirana and CERGE – EI, Prague,

Corruption, Informality and Elections in the Context of a post-Communist Economy

Ágnes Kiss, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca

Types of Informal Practices

14.00–18.00

Lunch and city tour

Monday, 11 April 2022

09.30–12.00

Panel 3 – ‘From Informality to Corruption’ – The Regensburg Interdisciplinary Research Cluster on Corruption in South-Eastern Europe

Chair: Sandra King-Savic

Mihai Olaru, University of Regensburg / ‘George Barițiu’ History Institute, Cluj-Napoca
The Notion of ‘Common Good’ in 18th Century Wallachia and Its Role in the Definition of Corruption

Damjan Matković, University of Regensburg
Informality and Corruption in Serbia 1817–1914

Jovana Jović and Miloš Lecić, University of Regensburg
From Corruption to Informality: An Interdisciplinary Cooperation between Historians and Linguists

Barbara Frey, University of Regensburg
Corruption and Informal Practices in Business: Focus on Serbia and Croatia

12.00–12.30

Coffee break

12.30–14.00

Panel 4 – Informality and Trade Relations

Chair: Vladan Jovanović

Alexandra Bardan, University of Bucharest / NEC Bucharest
Informal Distribution Channels in Romania during the ‘80s: Foreign Students within the Second Economy

Ognjen Tomić, Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade
Informal Practices in Trade Relations between Italy and Yugoslavia

14.00–15.30

Lunch

15.30–18.00

Panel 5 – Informality and Domestic and Communal Spaces

Chair: Constantin Ardeleanu

Roxana Coman, Orient Institute, Istanbul
Re-thinking East-West Dynamic in 18th Century Wallachia: The Informal Assemblages of Domestic Environments

Cătălin Berescu, Zlata Vuksanovic Macura, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Bucharest /
Geographical Institute “Jovan Cvijic”, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade
Perpetual Informality

Ioana Tudora, Alex Axinte, Bucharest OPEN Garage
Informal Practice of Managing Communal Spaces in the Socialist Housing Neighborhoods