

The Centre for the Study of Global Governance



The Centre for the Study of Global Governance (CsGG) is a leading international institution dedicated to research, analysis and dissemination about global governance. Based at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), the Centre aims to increase understanding and knowledge of global issues, to encourage interaction between academics, policy makers, journalists and activists, and to propose solutions. The Centre, established in 1992 by Professor Lord Desai, has pioneered research into globalisation. Today it is led by co-directors Graham Wallas Professor of Political Science David Held and Professor of Global Governance Mary Kaldor.

The Centre has been developing systematically the expertise on the Balkans since the commencement of its South East Europe Faculty Development Programme in 2002. In this period, the Centre has organised a series of public lectures with key international actors in the region. An interest in the international approach to the Balkans has been underpinned by organising talks and facilitating exchange of expertise with a number of representatives of the academia, think-thanks, policy-focused institutes as well as the media from the region. The Centre has recently co-organised an international conference on the creation and impact of transnational links in the Balkans as a part of the EU accession process.

In addition, the CsGG staff has been involved in various academic initiatives in the region. We have successfully completed a three-year project on 'Developing Curricula in European Studies and Transition and Reconstruction' in Bosnia-Herzegovina under the Tempus scheme; the LSE was the co-ordinator of this project. This has resulted in the introduction of two Masters programmes in Sarajevo and Banja Luka and a number of undergraduate courses, that are still running. Following the successful completion of a pilot European Regional Masters Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe in 2000, the European Commission approved a new three-year cycle of the project; the LSE co-ordinates 'Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' cluster of the masters programme based in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Faculty and students come from all over the region as well as Europe and the United States.

The CsGG team has co-ordinated and/or participated in a number of research projects on the region, financed by the European Union and the UK Department for International Development. The latest projects currently underway are on 'Functional Borders and Sustainable Security: Integrating the Balkans in the European Union' and 'New Security Agenda for Europe'. The LSE team participates in an international network of scholars on the Balkans, which originated in the EU Human Capital and Mobility programme and is co-ordinated by the University of Bologna. In academic year 2004/05, the CsGG convened a masters' graduate programme option on post-totalitarianism, globalisation and conflict, which also covers South East Europe.

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