

EDUCATION AND WORK: (UN-) EQUAL TRANSITIONS with a special focus on Central and Eastern Europe

Conference organized by the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge,
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the University of Basel

Thursday-Friday, 24-25 September 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria

Sofia University, 15 Tsar Osvooboditel Blvd. 1504 Sofia, New Conference Room (North Wing, 2nd floor)

CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 2015

- 08:30** Registration and coffee
09:00 **WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT**
Rumiana Stoilova, Christian Imdorf
Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education and Science
- 09:45** Keynote speaker: **Irena Kogan** (University of Mannheim, Germany):
Contesting the uncontested: The role of vocational education in school-to-work transitions
- 10:30** Break
11:00 **SESSION 1 - MIGRATION**
Moderator: Christian Imdorf
Rumiana Stoilova and Elitsa Dimitrova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia):
Emigration in the Perspective of the Search for a First Job in Bulgaria
Marina Richter (University of Fribourg, Switzerland):
Bulgarian youth studying and working abroad: migration as a pressure valve for unattractive job prospects
- 12:30** Lunch break at Alma Mater Restaurant, Sofia University
14:00 **SESSION 2 - STRATIFICATION AND EDUCATIONAL TRANSITIONS**
Moderator: Franziska Bieri
Pepka Boyadjieva and Petya Ilieva-Trichkova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia):
Institution matters: Horizontal differentiation of upper-secondary education and students' transitions after leaving high school
Valentina Barucci (International Labour Organization): *Labour market transitions of young women and men in Eastern Europe and Central Asia*
- 16:00** Break
16:30-18:30 **SESSION 3 - STRATIFICATION AND SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITIONS**
Moderator: Pepka Boyadjieva
Siyka Kovacheva and Gergana Dimitrova (Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria):
Social inequalities in the educational transitions of Bulgarian youth
Sorin Mitulescu, Ana Maria Dalu, Anuța Plăeșu (Institute of Education Sciences, Romania):
Romanian NEETs: barriers to entry into the labor market
Alexey Pamporov (Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia):
Roma youth on the labour market
- 19:00** Dinner at Manastirska Magernitsa, 67 Khan Asparuh Str.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 2015

09:00-10:30 POLICY SESSION 1

Moderator: Irina Nedeva (Bulgarian National Radio)

Eva Paunova, European MEP

Mariana Todorova, Bulgarian MP

Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies

Address from the President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Natalia Georgieva UNICEF: *NEETs in Bulgaria: Status and Profile*

Maria Jeliaskova (Institute for the study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia): *Youth Inclusion Policies*

10:30

Break

11:00-12:30 POLICY SESSION 2

Moderator: Irina Nedeva (Bulgarian National Radio)

Anna Delibasheva, Director of Directorate "European funds and international projects", Bulgarian National Employment Agency

Tomcho Tomov, Director of National Center for Competence Assessment Bulgarian Industrial Association

Genoveva Bakardjieva, Executive Director of the Bulgarian Association for People Management

Petia Evtimova Team Leader, PMU Swiss Support for the Introduction of Dual-Track Principles in Bulgaria Vocational Education System

12:30

Lunch at the Alma Mater Restaurant, Sofia University

14:00-15:30 SESSION 4 - TERTIARY EDUCATION AND LABOUR MARKET EXPERIENCES

Moderator: Petia Ilieva - Trichkova

Dominik Buttler (Poznan University of Economics, Poland):

Is it Worth to Study Two Majors? The Case of Poland

Krzysztof Wasielewski (Nicolaus Copernicus University Torun, Poland):

Polish students studying strategies in the context of the labour market

15:30

Break

16:00-17:30 SESSION 5 - EDUCATIONAL OFFERS AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE

Moderator: Rumiana Stoilova

Lachezar Nyagolov (Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia):

Effects of the Social Origin on the Educational Decisions and Labour Market Entry in Bulgaria

Christian Imdorf and **Franziska Bieri** (University of Basel, Switzerland):

Educational Permeability and Gender Segregation

17:30

CLOSING REMARKS

Rumiana Stoilova, Christian Imdorf

18:30

Dinner at Mediterraneo, 9b Oborishte Str.