

# International Scientific Conference

# Political Clientelism

# in the Western Balkans

09-11 December 2020

**PANEL I CLIENTELISM IN ELECTIONS** 9 December 2020, 10.20-11.50  
with Olivera Komar and Nemanja Batričević; Albana Shehaj;  
Jovan Bliznakovski; and Aneta Cekikj (Chair).

**PANEL II CLIENTELISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
9 December 2020, 12.15-13.45  
with Drini Imami; Anđelka Mirkov and Željka Manić; Elvira  
Drishti and Bresena Kopliku; and Dragan Stanojević (Chair).

**PANEL III CLIENTELISM FROM THE PATRONS' POINT OF VIEW**  
10 December 2020, 10.00-11.30  
with Danilo Vuković and Dušan Spasojević; Nemanja Krstić;  
Dardan Beqiri; and Jelena Pešić (Chair).

**PANEL IV CLIENTELISM FROM THE CLIENTS' POINT OF VIEW**  
10 December 2020, 12.00-13.30  
with Dragan Stanojević; Arianna Piacentini; Ivona Mileva,  
Marjan Bojadžiev and Miodraga Stefanovska - Petkovska; and  
Jovan Bliznakovski (Chair).

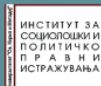
**ROUND TABLE** "What's next for the study of clientelism in the  
region? Possibilities for cooperation of researchers and  
avenues of research"  
10 December 2020, 14.30-16.00

**PANEL V CLIENTELISM BEYOND ELECTIONS AND ACROSS SECTORS**  
11 December 2020, 10.00-11.30  
with Borjan Gjuzelov; Jelena Pešić and Marko Milošević; Vedran  
Obučina and Domagoj Krpan; and Orinda Malltezi (Chair).

**PANEL VI CLIENTELISM AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
11 December 2020, 12.00-13.30  
with Milena Muk; Nysjola Dhoga; Maja Markovic and Jovana  
Marovic; and Klodiana Beshku (Chair).

**PANEL VII CONSEQUENCES OF CLIENTELISM**  
11 December 2020, 14.30-16.20  
with Nedim Hogić; Liljana Cvetanoska; Đorđe Milosav; Elira Luli;  
and Bojana Naumovska (Chair).

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# DAY 1

## 9 DECEMBER 2020

### (WEDNESDAY)

**OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**  
10.00 - 10.20h

Bojana Naumovska, Director of ISPJR-UKIM  
Gjergj Murra, Executive director of the Western Balkans Fund (WBF)  
Pande Lazarevski, Head of Political Science and Legal Studies Unit at ISPJR-UKIM

**PANEL I CLIENTELISM IN ELECTIONS**  
10.20 - 11.50h  
Chair: Aneta Cekikj,  
(Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje)

'Buy one get one free':  
Gender and Vote-buying in Montenegro  
Olivera Komar (University of Montenegro) and  
Nemanja Batricević (Central European University)

Pride and Prejudice:  
Corruption and Distributive Politics  
Albana Shehaj (Harvard University)

Varieties of Political Clientelism:  
A Typology of Patron-Client Linkages and  
Exchanges in the Western Balkans  
Jovan Bliznakovski  
(Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje)

**PANEL II CLIENTELISM AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
12.15 - 13.45h  
Chair: Dragan Stanojević  
(University of Belgrade)

Corruption, clientelism, informality and  
elections in the context of a transition  
economy  
Drini Imami (Agricultural University of Tirana  
and Center for Economic Research and Gradu-  
ate Education – Economics Institute Prague)

The Interplay of the Economic and Political  
Elites in Serbia: Factors of Intragroup  
Economic Differentiation  
Anđelka Mirkov and Željka Manić  
(University of Belgrade)

Active political engagement, political  
patronage and local labour markets –  
the example of Shkoder  
Elvisa Drishti and Bresena Koplaku  
(University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi")

# DAY 2

## 10 DECEMBER 2020

### (THURSDAY)

**PANEL III CLIENTELISM FROM THE  
PATRONS' POINT OF VIEW**  
10.00 - 11.30h  
Chair: Jelena Pešić  
(University of Belgrade)

Prêt-à-porter clientelistic networks:  
Do they exist before or independently  
of parties in contemporary Serbia?  
Danilo Vuković and Dušan Spasojević  
(University of Belgrade)

The characteristics of the neo-patrimonial  
form of governance in Serbia –the status  
and relationships between the chief  
and local sheriffs  
Nemanja Krstić (University of Niš)

Neopatrimonialist practice as a soft  
strategy of state capture:  
The case of Western Balkans  
Dardan Beqiri  
(Independent researcher)

**PANEL IV CLIENTELISM FROM THE  
CLIENTS' POINT OF VIEW**  
12.00 - 13.30h  
Chair: Jovan Bliznakovski  
(Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje)

Discursive Strategies of "Normalisation" of  
Clientelism among Young Members of  
Political Parties in Serbia  
Dragan Stanojević  
(University of Belgrade)

Everyday State-Capture:  
Patronage Politics and the Client-Masses'  
Role. Evidences from the Balkans  
Arianna Piacentini  
(EURAC research Bolzano)

Investigation into the Potential for  
Clientelistic and Corruptive Behavior of  
Students of Private and Public  
Universities in R.N. Macedonia  
Ivona Mileva, Marjan Bojadžiev and  
Miodraga Stefanovska - Petkovska  
(University American College Skopje)

**ROUND TABLE** "What's next for the study of  
clientelism in the region? Possibilities for  
cooperation of researchers and avenues of  
research"  
14.30 - 16.00h  
Moderator: Jovan Bliznakovski  
(Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje)

# DAY 3

## 11 DECEMBER 2020

### (FRIDAY)

**PANEL V CLIENTELISM BEYOND ELECTIONS  
AND ACROSS SECTORS**  
10.00 - 11.30h  
Chair: Orinda Malltezi  
(University of Tirana)

Between Public and Private Interest:  
Clientelism in the North Macedonia's Judiciary  
Borjan Gjuzelov  
(Queen Mary University of London)

Political clientelism and private security in Serbia  
Jelena Pešić (University of Belgrade) and  
Marko Milošević (Freelance researcher)

How to Keep Religious Actors Loyal:  
Case of Law on Restitution of Religious  
Property in Bosnia And Herzegovina  
Vedran Obučina (University of Regensburg) and  
Domagoj Krpan (University of Rijeka)

**PANEL VI CLIENTELISM AND PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION**  
12.00 - 13.30h  
Chair: Klodiana Beshku  
(University of Tirana)

Public Administration Reform Against  
Clientelism: Montenegro's Missed Expectations  
Milena Muk (Institute Alternative Podgorica)

Civil Service's Reforms in Albania:  
Politicized and then Politicized  
Nysjola Dhoga (University of Tirana)

Human Resources Management in  
Montenegrin Municipalities: A tool for  
generating votes?  
Maja Markovic (Open Dialogue Network) and  
Jovana Marovic (Politikon Network)

**PANEL VII CONSEQUENCES OF CLIENTELISM**  
14:30 - 16.20h  
Chair: Bojana Naumovska  
(Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje)

Electoral rules and corruption as drivers  
of political fragmentation in Bosnia  
and Herzegovina  
Medim Hovic  
(Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies)

Corruption and women's access to politics:  
Quotas and party funding in Kosovo and  
North Macedonia  
Liljana Cvetanoska (University of Sussex)

Party Membership Card or Passport? The  
Effects of Corruption on Migrating Motivation:  
The Case of the Balkans  
Đorđe Milosav (Trinity College Dublin)

Political clientelism in Western Balkans -  
a mechanism to amplify power gain.  
Albanian case.  
Elira Luli (Albanian University)

**CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE**  
16.20 - 16.30h

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