

“Labour and Migration within Transformation Processes in South-East Europe and beyond”

6th International Conference “Society and Politics”

Faculty of Political Sciences University of Banja Luka, 25-26 September, 2025

Location: [University Campus, Bulevar vojvode Petra Bojovića 1A, Banja Luka](#)

25<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday

**9:00 – 9:45** Welcome coffee and registration

**9:45 - 10:00** Opening / Welcome address (Library/Reading room)

**10:00 - 11:00** Labour mobilities in Socialism and Postsocialism: (Dis)continuities and Impacts on Social, Political and Economic Changes - a Conversation between Rory Archer, *University of Vienna*, Ulf Brunnbauer, *Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies Regensburg* and Tanja Petrović, *Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts* (Library/Reading room)

<b>11:00 - 12:30</b>	
<b>Session 1 (Library/Reading room)</b> Chair: Nejra Čengić, <i>Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts</i>	<b>Session 2 (room 203)</b> Chair: Jacqueline Nießer, <i>Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies</i>
Suitcases Full of Capital: The Gastarbeiter Legacy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, <i>Sara Žerić Đulović, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies</i>	(Un)employment, migrants and self-help strategies in Germany, <i>Nino Aivazishvili-Gehne, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies</i>
Emerging Transformations of Labour Migration to Slovenia: From the Western Balkans to Southeast Asia, <i>Mojca Vah Jevšnik, Sanja Cukut Krilić, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts</i>	Informal labour market for domestic care workers in the border area between Slovenia and Italy, <i>Manca Koren, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts</i>
Political system as a cause of migration: The role of a dysfunctional state in the emigration of the population on the example of Bosnia and Herzegovina, <i>Mišel Pavlica, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>	Health Access and the Rights of Foreign Workers in Croatia, <i>Ivana Đurić, ZIKZ-Institute for Culture and Health, Zagreb</i>

**12:30 - 13:30** Lunch



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13:30 - 15:00	
<b>Session 3 (Library/Reading room)</b> Chair: Rory Archer, <i>University of Vienna</i>	<b>Session 4 (room 203)</b> Chair: Ulf Brunnbauer, <i>Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies</i>
<p>Nomadic Sufis as Agents of Labour and Cultural Transfer: Mevlevi and Bektashi Networks in Southeast Europe, <i>Okan Keleş, Istanbul University</i></p> <p>The Figure of the Migrant in South African Labour History, <i>Camalita Naicker, Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town</i></p> <p>The exodus of Romanians, a social phenomenon spanning more than two decades. Roots, implications and consequences, <i>Ovidiana Bulumac, European Centre for Ethnic Studies, Romanian Academy</i></p>	<p>Migration Diplomacy of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Organization and Operational Framework in the Context of Migration to Southeastern Europe and Refugee Flows, <i>Teodora Tominčić, PI Center for Social Work, City of Derventa</i></p> <p>The Risk of Poverty as a Leading Cause of Youth Emigration – Perspectives of Young Emigrants from the Republic of Srpska, <i>Svetlana Ristić, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i></p> <p>Internal Migration of the Population of Republika Srpska as a Public Policy Challenge, <i>Nevenko Vranješ, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i></p>

**15:00 - 15:30** Coffee break

15:30 - 17:00	
<b>Session 5 (Library/Reading room)</b> Chair: Bojana Vukojević, <i>Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>	<b>Session 6 (room 203)</b> Chair: Tanja Petrović, <i>Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts</i>
<p>Izazovi društvenog prihvatanja migranata iz Bosne i Hercegovine u zemljama Zapadne Evrope, Aleksandar - Saša Grandić, <i>National and University Library of Republika Srpska</i></p> <p>Kriminalizacija solidarnosti: kako postojeće politike utiču na humanitarni rad, <i>Mia Abdić, Fakultet političkih nauka, Univerzitet u Beogradu</i></p> <p>Transformacija rada kao posljedica profesionalizacije političke komunikacije u BiH, <i>Stefan Ratković, Faculty of Philosophy, University of East Sarajevo / Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i></p>	<p>Homecoming – A New Trend Among the Romanian Diaspora, <i>Alin Bulumac, European Centre for Ethnic Studies, Romanian Academy</i></p> <p>Comparative analysis of global student mobility on the example of competitive challenges for Southeast Europe, <i>Duška Radmanović, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i></p> <p>Data Visualization in Migration Research: Current Approaches, Techniques, and Social Implications, <i>Mirjana Damjanić Bratić, Dalibor Savić, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i></p>



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09:00 - 10:30	
<b>Session 7 (Library/Reading room)</b> Chair: Anđela Pepić, <i>Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>	<b>Session 8 (room 203)</b> Chair: Dalibor Savić, <i>Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>
Transition from the Law of Associated Labor to Privatization, <i>Nemanja Tubonjić, Independent researcher</i>	Digital Transformation and Labor Market Disruption: Examining the Impact of Generative AI on Media and Marketing Sectors in Bosnia and Herzegovina, <i>Borislav Vukojević, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>
Post-Socialist Transformation and Attitudes Toward Work in the Republic of Srpska - Application of Hofstede's Model, <i>Aleksandar Janković, Dragana Despić, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>	Work in the Context of Digital Transformation: Changes in Work Practices and Emerging Forms of Employment in the Republic of Srpska, <i>Stefan Elezović, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>
Changes in the sphere of journalistic labour in the (post)Yugoslav context: processes of redefining the (political) meaning of journalism between material conditions and ideological transformations, <i>Nina Žnidaršič, Institute of Criminology at the Faculty of Law Ljubljana</i>	Challenges of Human Resources Management Between the Fourth and the Fifth Industrial Revolution, <i>Sandra Balaban, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka</i>

**10:30 - 11:00** Coffee break

**11:00 - 13:00** Stakeholders forum: Challenges of Labour Migration from Bosnia and Herzegovina (Library/Reading room)

**13:00 – 13:15** Closing remarks

**13:30 - 14:30** Lunch



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