2012 assessing accession Research Symposium

Minorities and the EU Eastern Enlargement: Past, Present and Future Experiences

Tartu, Estonia
Centre for EU-Russia Studies (CEURUS) and the EuroCollege, University of Tartu

14-15 June 2012

PROGRAMME

14 June 2012
Venue: Auditorium 214, Lossi street 36

9:00 – 9:30  Registration, coffee
9:30 – 10:30  Opening remarks

Opening panel discussion: Minorities in the EU after enlargement
Chair: Eamonn Butler (Glasgow University)
Panelists: Clare McManus (Glasgow University), Aidan McGarry (University of Brighton).

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee
11:00 – 12:30  Session I

Panel 1: Language policy in the era of integration (Room 215)
Chair: Ada-Charlotte Regelmann (University of Glasgow)

Raivo Vetik (Tallinn University), Positions and dispositions in the Russian-language school reform in Estonia
Ewelina Tylec (Central European University), Right to minority language. Linguistic rights of the Polish national minority in Lithuania
Jaroslav Mihálik & Juraj Marušiak (University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius), The Dynamics of Slovak – Hungarian Minority Relations – the national populism over the civil society
Panel 2: Romanis: status, recognition and education (Room 214)

Chair: Raluca Bianca Roman (University College London/University of Helsinki)

Aidan McGarry (University of Brighton) & Timofey Agarin (Queen’s University Belfast), Political participation of Roma in Europe: differentiating the politics of presence and influence
Elena Marushiakova & Vesselin Popov (Bulgarian Academy of Science), The Roma movement in the Baltic States and CIS: past, present and future
Ana Pantea (Romanian Academy of Science - Iasi), Recognition and exclusion of otherness. The case of the Roma from Eastern Europe

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch
14:00 – 15:30  Session II

Panel 3: Diversity policies and multiculturalism in a wider Europe (Room 215)

Chair: Timofey Agarin (Queen’s University Belfast)

Ada-Charlotte Regelmann (University of Glasgow), After multiculturalism? The future of social integration in heterogeneous societies
Zoltan Kantor (Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad), Kin-state politics in Hungary after 2010
Tawhida Ahmed (University of Reading), The EU, diversity and minority rights: reflections post-Lisbon
Irina Lonean (Universite Libre de Bruxelles/University of Bucharest), Minorities-related discourse and policies of the state. Re-shaping the Romanian national state after accession to the EU

Panel 4: EU conditionality in the Balkans (Room 214)

Chair: Tom Hashimoto (University of Tartu)

Stefano Braghiroli (University of Oslo) & Irena Fiket (University of Siena), Pro bono membership? Assessing the impact of EU-sponsored legislation on minority rights in the Balkans
Leonas Tolvičius (Vytautas Magnus University), Kosovo Serb enclaves and EU integration of the Western Balkans: legal, political and social aspects
Bilge Yabanci (University of Bath), Reluctant ‘minorities’: Kosovo Serbs and Turkish Cypriots between EU norms and titular state policies

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee
16:00 – 17:30  Session III
Panel 5: Mobility and spatial behaviour (Room 215)

Chair: Clare McManus (University of Glasgow)

Jakub Isanski (Adam Mickiewicz University), Networks and migrants’ communities. Case of Polish migration after 2004
Siiri Silm & Rein Ahas (University of Tartu), Differences in spatial behaviour between Estonians and Russians: case study on the residents of Tallinn
Daiva Tereščenko (Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education), Reciprocal interest: East European migration patterns and higher education policy in Lithuania after 2004
Chris Moreh (Northumbria University), European mobility and the question of new minorities: the case of Romanians in Spain

Panel 6: Representation of Romani communities (Room 214)

Chair: Aidan McGarry (University of Brighton)

Michail Beis (EU Fundamental Rights Agency), FRA Pilot Survey findings: The situation of Roma in the European Union
Raluca Bianca Roman (University College London/University of Helsinki), Questioning ethnic solidarity and the concept of Roma ‘nation’: Finnish Roma elite on Romanian Roma migrants in Finland
Sofiya Zahova (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), The Roma discourse in the EU integration strategies of Western Balkans states: the case of Montenegro

17:30 – 18:00 Session IV extra panel (Room 214)

The Rocky Road to Human and Minority Rights: Theory and Practice in Central Europe and Russia
Panelists: Benedikt Harzl, Sergiu Constantin, Alice Engl (Institute for Minority Rights of the European Academy Bozen/Bolzano)

19:00 Reception at the University of Tartu Art Museum, Ülikooli 18 (Main Building)
15 June 2012
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10:00 – 11:30
Session V

Panel 7: Minority and evolution of nation state in the CEE (Room 214)
Chair: Eva-Clarita Pettai (University of Tartu)

Noelle Peach (McGill University), The political participation of the Russian diaspora in post-Soviet states
Nuri Ali Tahir (University of Trieste), Comparative evaluation of minority rights in Bulgaria and Greece in the process of European integration
Magdalena Dembinska (University of Montreal), Silesian identity: nation-building in transnational and identity fluctuating contexts
Monika Frejute-Rakauskiene (Lithuanian Social Research Centre Institute for Ethnic Studies), European, regional and local identities of Russians in Lithuania and Latvia: the comparative aspect

11:30 – 12:00
Coffee break with light snacks

12:00 – 13:00
Closing session and keynote speech (Room 214)
Chair: Eamonn Butler

George Schöpflin, MEP for Hungary and formerly Jean Monnet Professor of Politics, University of London