

**5<sup>th</sup> Changing Europe Summer School**  
**“Informal Networks, Clientelism and Corruption in politics, state administration, business and society.**  
**Case studies from Central and Eastern Europe”**  
**Prague, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences**  
**01 – 07 August 2010**

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	Su, 01 August	Mo, 02 August	Tu, 03 August	Wed, 04 August	Thur, 05 August	Fri, 06 August	Sat, 07 August	Su, 08 August
09:00-10:30	Arrival	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Panel 1</b>	<b>Panel 4</b>	<b>Info 2</b>	<b>Panel 6</b>	Departure	Departure
10:30-11:00		<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00-12:30		<b>Opening speech</b>	<b>Info 1</b>	<b>Panel 4 (cont.)</b>	<b>Panel 5</b>	<b>Panel 6 (cont.)</b>		
12:30-14:00		<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00-15:30		<b>Simulation Game</b>	<b>Panel 2</b>	<b>guided city tour / free time (no common dinner)</b>	<b>Info 3</b>	<b>Info 5</b>		
15:30-16:00			<i>Coffee break</i>		<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16:00-17:30			<b>Panel 3</b>		<b>Info 4</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>		
18:00			<i>Dinner</i>		<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>		
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>						
	<i>Dinner</i>	Dinner + informal get-together	Informal get- together		Informal get- together			

Location: Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences  
Accommodation: Guest houses of the Czech Academy of Sciences  
Lunch: at participants' own expenses  
Dinner: various places (something new every day)

## ***Monday, 02 August 2010***

### **Welcome**

Heiko Pleines (Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen)  
Zdenka Mansfeldova (Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)

### **Opening speech**

Vladimir Gelman (European University at St. Petersburg)  
Informal institutions. Theories, methods, empirical results for the post-socialist region

### **Simulation game “Forest economy in Fontania. Transparency and sustainable development”**

organized by Planpolitik (Björn Warkalla, Annegret Schneider), Berlin

(Simulating conflicts and negotiations provides a playful way of learning and understanding the political dynamics behind them. This is the exact goal of simulation games. After a negotiation or conflict situation has been chosen, the participants of the game proceed to assume the roles of the different parties and agents relevant to that situation. They have to represent their “character’s” interests convincingly and aim to make them prevail in negotiations. In order to achieve this, they must determine any existing scope for negotiation, use it to their advantage and recognise situations which call for compromise. [www.planpolitik.de](http://www.planpolitik.de))

***Tuesday, 03 August 2010***

**Panel 1: Concepts** (chair: Heiko Pleines, Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen)

Petra Guasti (University of Würzburg and Institute of Sociology, Prague)

Civil Society and the Legitimacy of the EU Polity. Using Network Analysis to Analyse Linkages Among Actors

Piotr Stankiewicz (Copernicus University, Toruń)

Conflict of Interest as a Research-Analytical Category

Marco Zanella (Catholic University of Milan)

Evaluating the Harmonization of Criminal Provisions on Corruption in the Public Sector. The Focus on Central and Eastern European Countries

Discussant: Vladimir Gelman (European University at St. Petersburg)

**Info 1: How to get published?**

Terry Cox (editor “Europe Asia Studies”, Glasgow, Great Britain)

**Panel 2: Civil society networks** (chair: Zdenka Mansfeldova, Institute of Sociology, Prague)

Tomasz Gabor (European University Institute, Florence)

Patterns of inter-organizational collaboration of nonprofits in Central Europe

Sabrina Kopf (University of Vienna)

Democratization from Below. Social Networks and the Promotion of Gender/Ethnic Equality in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

Discussant: Katlijn Malfliet (K.U.Leuven)

**Panel 3: Challenges to the provision of public goods** (chair: Hans-Henning Schröder, University of Bremen)

Alexandru Iorga (Bucharest University)

Interests, resources and social security. Case study: Danube Delta, Romania

Dilorom Akhmedzhanova (European University at Saint-Petersburg)

Modern Russian Homeowners' Associations as Res Publicae. The Relationship between Commonwealth and Corruption

Eelco Jacobs (Basel University)

Health Systems and Informal Power: An Analytical Framework for Health Systems Governance in Weak States

Discussant: Stefanie Harter (GTZ, Eschborn)

***Wednesday, 04 August 2010***

**Panel 4: Informal networks and corruption in everyday routines** (chair: Heiko Pleines, Research Centre for East European Studies)

Elena Denisova-Schmidt (University of St. Gallen)

Informal Practices in Russia. Some Evidence from the Business World

Mi Lennhag (Lund University)

Informal economy as rational habit and state criticism - An interview study on path dependence in and perceptions of Ukrainian and Belarusian petty corruption

Eduard Klein (University of Bremen)

Academic corruption in Russia

Elvira Leontyeva (Pacific Ocean University, Khabarovsk)

Informal ways of obtaining grades in modern Russian universities. How daily ties become corruption networks

Discussant: Leonid Kosals (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

**Guided city tour (afterwards: free time, no common dinner)**

## ***Thursday, 05 August 2010***

### **Info 2: How network analysis can be used in real life: new tools to guide organisational change**

Discussion with Stefanie Harter (GTZ, Eschborn)

### **Panel 5: Clientelism in post-Soviet politics** (chair: Hans-Henning Schröder, University of Bremen)

Katharina Hoffmann (University of Birmingham)

Informal Politics and Multilateralism in the Post-Soviet Space. Ukrainian foreign policy toward the CIS and GUAM

Discussant: Jörn Grävingholt (German Development Institute, Bonn)

### **Info 3: How to get access to information?**

Anja Wilde (GESIS, Berlin)

### **Info 4: How to get funded?**

Grants for doctoral students and post-Docs funding longer stays abroad. An introduction

Heiko Pleines (Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen)

Launching your international career after the PhD: Preparing Competitive Grant Applications for German and North American Grants -- a view from inside

Margarita Balmaceda (Harvard University / Seton Hall University)

***Friday, 06 August 2010***

**Panel 6: Informal institutions in politics. The case of political parties** (chair: Zdenka Mansfeldova, Institute of Sociology, Prague)

Andreea Gavrilu (University College London)

"Ethno-business": the unexpected consequence of national minority policies in Romania

Maja Nenadovic (University of Amsterdam)

If you ignore it, it will (not) go away: exploring how and why the international community turned a blind eye to corruption in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo

Veronika Pasyukova (European University at St. Petersburg)

Successor Parties and Trade Unions in the Post-Communist States. Institutionalizing Informal Relationships

Discussant: Heiko Pleines (Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen)

**Info 5: Informal networks, clientelism and corruption. Theoretical concepts, research methods, empirical results**

Concluding discussion round with Margarita Balmaceda, Zdenka Mansfeldova, Heiko Pleines.

**Evaluation of the Summer School**