

Call for papers

(Addressed to academics from disciplines such as history, political sciences, international relations, law, economy and other relevant areas of expertise)

International Scientific Conference

“The Role of the Internationals in the Transition in Albania”

Co-organized by the University of Tirana and the OSCE Presence in Albania

6 December 2017

To commemorate 20 years of its presence in Albania, the OSCE is organizing an academic conference, in partnership with Tirana University. This conference shall offer a space for academics and other distinguished guests to discuss and debate a recurring topic in the context of political transitions: the role and contribution of international actors in assisting countries in transition to develop effective and democratic institutions, to promote rule of law and to advance the human rights.

The role of outside actors in transition, transformation processes and the diffusion of democracy has been widely discussed by a number of political scientists since the late 80s. This debate with all pros and cons is not over.

In Albania the role of the international community is considered by many as crucial in the last 25 years after the fall of the totalitarian regime. Two decades after the temporary collapse of the Albanian state and the arrival of OSCE, we consider that an academic debate and a thorough analysis are timely. For that reason, the conference will incorporate the social and political developments in Albania between 1990 and 2017.

The conference is conceptualized as a forum where academics from different disciplines such as history, political sciences, international relations, law, economy and other relevant areas of expertise are invited to submit abstracts or completed papers in the following or related areas – focusing on the role of the “Internationals” in these fields:

- 1) rule of law, democratization and human rights;
- 2) freedom of media;
- 3) development of civil society

Through this we hope to reflect on the lessons of international interventions in countries in transition, and potentially offer recommendations for those considering or designing future interventions.

In addition the conference will offer a historical review of the role of internationals in relation to the main events that marked the post-communist transition in Albania, through the participation of international contemporary witnesses.

Abstracts proposals must be received **by 2359h on 30 June 2017**. Authors of selected abstracts will then be asked to submit draft complete papers at the latest one month before the start of the conference. All submissions should be in English or Albanian. The best contributions will be published in an online edited volume.

Reimbursement of travel expenses and accommodation for the conference contributors:

The OSCE will reimburse up to 150 Euro travel and accommodation costs for a limited number of contributors to the conference (from the region or from outside Tirana). Please let us know in your paper submission e-mail if you would like to be considered for the refund of your travel expenses and/ or accommodation. We will notify you about the refunding opportunity after the conclusion of the selection process.

For inquiries and submissions, write to: Irida.Gjyshi@osce.org

For the online edited volume, the authors selected on the basis of their abstracts should send to the editorial board the full papers:

1. Language: Albanian or English
2. Abstract: Maximum 400 words
3. Key words (3-5 key words)
4. Very short bios of the author (approximately 100 words), including his/her contact details (Email address, phone number, more contact details if the author wishes them to be made public).
5. Length of full papers: Approximately 4.000 – 6.000 words.
6. Style: Times New Roman, 12.
7. Space: Single (1.0)
8. You must use Footnotes in Bologna style, not Endnotes.
9. For the Footnotes: Times New Roman 10, single space (1.0)
10. We aim to encourage a diversity of stimulating ideas and points of view. Consistent with the norms and values of international academic debate, we will not consider any papers that are offensive, discriminatory or merely polemic, or that seek deliberately to advance a national or party political position.