The Present and Future of Secessionist Conflicts

New Europe College, Bucharest

Saturday 7th July 2018:

9.45 – 10.15 Welcome and Workshop Outline
Ole Frahm – Univ. of St Gallen
Sebastian Relitz – Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)

10.15 – 11.45 Panel I: Commonalities and Differences between Protracted Conflicts
(Chair: Ole Frahm, Univ. of St Gallen)
Nino Kemoklidze – Univ. of Birmingham
Self-Determination and Secession: Theory and Practice in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.
Vasile Rotaru – National Univ. of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest
A Deja-Vu Scenario? The Balkanization of the Former Soviet Space: Similarities and Differences between the ‘Old’ and ‘New’ Separatist Conflicts.
Danijela Majstorovic – Univ. of Banja Luka
Bosnia and Herzegovina’s Frozen Conflict between Ethnic and Social Justice.

11.45 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30 Panel II: Interdependencies and Actors in Protracted Conflicts Region
(Chair: Sebastian Relitz, IOS)
Vincenc Kopeček – Univ. of Ostrava
Parallel Universe or Puppet Show? The Relations between Post-Soviet De Facto States.
Andrei Deviatkov – Center for Strategic Research, Moscow
Patron-Client Relationships in the Transnistrian Issue.
Bakhtiyar Aslanov – Independent Researcher, Baku
Economic Fallout from the Karabakh Conflict.

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.30 Panel III: International Actors in Protracted Conflicts
(Chair: Dirk Lehmkuhl, Univ. of St Gallen)
Sebastian Relitz - IOS, Regensburg
The Stabilisation Dilemma: De Facto States and the International Community.
Vera Axyonova – University of Giessen
Iulia Cozacenco – Independent Researcher, Chisinau
Frictions between International and National Confidence-Building Mechanisms in Protracted Conflicts: The Case of Moldova.

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee Break

16.45 – 17.45 Brainstorming on Future Avenues for Research and Possible Cooperation

17.45 – 18.00 Closing Remarks (Ole Frahm and Sebastian Relitz)