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It is without saying that the relationship between minority and majority groups plays a crucial role in strengthening a democratic development built on diversity management and respect/preserving of cultural diversities. Following these lines, on the one hand, national identity can be meant as pursued by nation-building elites by stressing the domestic similarities of the in-group in contrast to foreign 'others', while, on the other, nation-building cannot be interpreted only as the policies adopted at the national level, but also as the way minority and majority groups react to them.

In the aftermath of the recent crises, the CEI countries faced new emerging obstacles in finding collective approaches based on cooperation between the diverse members of the national cultural and social milieus – and here the recent political crisis in Macedonia is only one of the cases at stake. The members of the Italian scientific committee based in Forlì Campus (Università di Bologna – Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali – Centro per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica – UOS di Forlì), in cooperation with the editorial board of

"Southeastern Europe" Journal (Brill Publishers), aim to reflect on the issues at stake in the area, welcoming participants from the Balkan countries and Ukraine, and promoting academic cooperation.

As a result, the conference "Restructuring Identities vs. Managing Minorities. Fostering Intercultural Dialogue and Preserving Cultural Diversity in Southeastern Europe", which will take place in Bertinoro on September 15, 2017, will envision the identity and minority issues following both national and macro-regional perspectives, in an attempt to understand the transformation of the complex dynamics in drawing national (and all-European) borders from South-East and East-Central European perspectives in the light of the recent crisis that affected, in different ways, Ukraine, Macedonia, Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Albanian-Serbian relations, while the EU has often been powerless in convincing the local leaderships to make reforms and proceed toward the EU integration. In this frame, the making of 'inclusive' and 'exclusive' identities will lie at the core of the research focus of the conference.

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The Organizing Institutions

CENTRAL EUROPEAN INITIATIVE

The summer school is realized thanks to the support of the Central European Initiative. CEI is a regional intergovernmental forum committed to supporting European integration through cooperation between and among its Member States and with the European Union (EU), other interested public institutions or private and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), as well as international and regional organisations. In order to offer a solid contribution to European integration, the CEI combines multilateral diplomacy and project management, both as donor and recipient, while also bridging European macro-regions. In this context, the aim of the political cooperation is to supply the countries and their institutions with a flexible, pragmatic platform for regional cooperation, while focusing on their preparation to a future accession to the European Union (EU). In doing so, special attention is given to capacity building of the non-EU CEI Member States which, thanks to its ideal location, is pursued through know-how transfer and exchange of experience among those countries which are members of the EU and those which are not.

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Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

THE INSTITUTE FOR CENTRAL-EASTERN AND BALKAN EUROPE

IECOB is a leading institute for research and training regarding Central Eastern and Balkan Europe, focused on topics ranging f

rom politics, economics, and law to language, culture, and diplomacy. The Institute was founded in 1995, only two years after the advent of the "Europe and the Balkans International Network" (EBIN), a number of newly-connected scholars from all over the world. In December 1995, the organisation was granted full non-profit status in Bologna, Italy. IECOB has since received strong support from the University of Bologna, the European Commission, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Region of Emilia-Romagna, and the City Councils of Forlì, Cervia and Bologna, as well as from the main banking foundations of Emilia-Romagna. The IECOB has its headquarters at the University of Bologna, Forlì Campus. Across the years, ties between the IECOB and the University have strengthened, largely due to their collaboration in building the Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES) and the European Regional Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe (ERMA). IECOB has established strong relations with other institutions as well, including the Italian Foreign Trade Institute, the Italian Diplomatic Institute, the Central European Initiative (CEI), The Virtual University of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (UniAdriion), and the Conference of European Rectors (CRE). IECOB is also connected to major international organizations, including UNESCO and the World Bank.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

h. 9.30 – chairs' opening note

Prof. Anna Krasteva, New Bulgarian University

Between Internal and External Migration in the aftermath of Ukraine Crisis - h. 09.50

Opening Note: Viktor Bojkov, The EU Visa Liberalisation Policy Towards Eastern Partnership Countries: The Case of Ukraine

Prof. Oxana Mikheieva, Ukrainian Catholic University (L'viv); 'Ukrainian Crisis 'and Displacement: Strategies of Resettlement and Problems of Adaptation (The Donbas Case)

Prof. Svitlana Babenko, Taras Shevchenko National University (Kiev), Sociocultural Dilemmas of IDP's Integration: The Case of Crimean Tatars in Ukraine After Crimea Annexation

h. 10.30-10.45 coffee break

Minority Issues and Identity Formation in Southeastern Europe - h. 10.50

Prof. Danijela Majstorovic, University of Banja Luka, Minoritarian Identities and Struggles in Post-socialist Bosnia and Herzegovina: From Ethnic to Social Justice

Prof. Afrim Hoti, University of Prishtina (Prishtina), The position of minorities and their protection in Kosovo during the state building process

Prof. Nenad Marković, S.s. Cyril and Methodious University (Skopje), Ascriptive and Self-Ascriptive Factors of Identity Formation among Slavic speaking Muslims of Macedonia and Kosovo

12.00-12.15 coffee break

h. 12.15 - Discussion

Discussants: Prof. Stefano Bianchini and Dr. Marco Puleri, University of Bologna