

## ***The State in the Balkans: Public Service Institutions, their Role and Development.***

### ***Balkan Futures Workshop II***

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*March 6-7 2014  
The British School at Athens  
Upper House*

This workshop, the second milestone in the joint *Balkan Futures* research programme of the British School at Athens, the British Institute at Ankara, and the École française d'Athènes, will examine the nature and role of state and other public agencies across the Balkans. These include, *inter alia*, public institutions that deliver healthcare, education, and welfare services, as well as financial agencies. In a context of changing citizen expectations of what states are for, the workshop will examine the historical factors behind the present form and operation of agencies, and the challenges to be met.

In the Balkans, historical eras from the Ottoman period to the emergence of independent states, the communist era, post-cold war period and era of EU membership have variously had significant influence and/or impact on the development of particular institutions. By tracing historically dependent processes and evolutionary paths between and among these periods, the workshop will assess how contemporary institutions and structures in the realm of public and welfare services and delivery have emerged, developed and gained (or not) legitimacy and public acceptance. This thematic focus will enhance current understanding of the challenges and issues faced by contemporary public institutions in the region. In turn, it connects with themes of political, economic and social crisis against a background of demographic and environmental concerns.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

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09:00: Registration - coffee

09:15: *Introduction.*

*Panel 1: The Role of the State*

09:30: Lucica MATEI (National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest): *t.b.c.*

10:00: Martin MENDELSKI (University of Luxembourg/Trier University): *The Varieties of Capitalism approach and New Institutional Economics of History: towards an integrated framework of institutional change.*

10:30: Adam FAGAN - Sean PARRAMORE (Queen Mary, University of London): *Public sector reform in Bosnia: when politics and the constitution get in the way.*

11:00 Coffee

*Panel 2: State and Economy*

11:30: Kostas KOSTIS (University of Athens): *Reforming the Greek economy, 1893-1950.*

12:00: Seven AGIR (Middle East Technical University): *The political economy of redistribution in the late Ottoman empire: a principal-agent approach.*

12:30: Nikolay NENOVSKY (University of Picardie) - Gergana MIHAYLOVA (University of National and World Economy): *State and economy in the Balkans: long-term trends (1990 - 2013).*

13:00: Mustafa KUTLAY (USAK): *Shifting boundaries of state-market relations in Turkey in the age of BRICS: the limits of regional power influence.*

13:30: Break

*Panel 3: State and Education*

15:00: Christina KOULOURI (Panteion University): *The Greek educational system in a historical perspective: the dream of reform.*

15:30: Tassos ANASTASSIADIS (McGill University): *When public education was... Individual strategies, state policies, global processes, and the future of the past.*

16:00: Thalia DRAGONAS (University of Athens): *Education: from the consolidation of national identity to the need to address cultural diversity.*

16.30: Tea

17:00: Thanos VEREMIS (University of Athens): *t.b.c.*

17:30: Martina VUKASOVIC (Ghent University): *European initiatives in higher education and national reform processes in the Western Balkans: between Europeanization, policy transfer and legitimization of domestic preferences.*

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

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8:45: Registration - coffee

*Panel 4: State and Health*

9:00: Will BARTLETT (London School of Economics): *The balance between state and market in the Balkans: the case of health system reforms.*

9:30: João RANGEL DE ALMEIDA (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science): *International epidemic control, opportunities and representation: from the 1851 International Sanitary Conference to the WHO and the Balkans.*

10:00: Ana ANTIC (Birkbeck, University of London): *Parenting the nation: political interpretations of children's mental health in World War II and post-war Yugoslavia.*

10.30: Coffee

*Panel 5: Models of Administrative Organisation*

11:00: Gergana NOUTCHEVA (University of Maastricht): *Democratic deficits and societal unrest in the Balkans.*

11:30: Elisse MASSICARD (Institut français d'études anatoliennes): *Reshaping public-private boundaries? A perspective from municipal services in Turkey.*

12:00: Ani MATEI (National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest): *t.b.c.*

12:30: Blendi KAJSIU (European University of Tirana): *The tension between Europeanisation and neoliberalism: the case of Albania.*

13.00: Break

*Panel 6: Contemporary Challenges and Constraints*

14:00: Daniel KNIGHT (Durham University): *Renewable futures? State bureaucracy and 21<sup>st</sup>-century energy governance.*

14:30: Antigone LYBERAKI (University of Athens) - Platon TINIOS (University of Piraeus): *Links between formal and informal social protection provision in Greece: a socio-historical view of the spread of formal social protection provision.*

15:00: E. Fuat KEYMAN (Sabancı University/Istanbul Policy Centre): *State, transformation, and democracy in Turkey.*

15:30: Dimitar BECHEV (European Council of Foreign Relations): *The Balkans and the EU: where do we go from here?*

16:00: Kevin FEATHERSTONE (London School of Economics): *Closing remarks.*