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Overview of Research at UNYT *(structures and evaluation procedures)*

**Trainings and workshop at University of Salzburg, Austria
14-16 December, 2016**

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-2017

- Strategic Goal no.1

“Broaden and support the University’s expanded research agenda”

- Objectives:

1. To encourage publications by faculty members
2. To organize conferences on the premises of UNYT
3. To support participation in international conferences
4. To establish academic journals based at the University



EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

- project co-funded by EU-Adriatic IPA on An Adriatic Network for Advancing Research Development and Innovation towards the Creation of new Policies for Sustainable Competiveness and Technological Capacity of SMEs;
- project co-funded by RRPP- Regional Research Promotion Program on Industrial Citizenship and Migration from Western Balkans: A Migrant Centered Study of Albania-Greece and Kosovo-Germany Migration;
- project co-funded by Ministry of Culture on Raising Museum Awareness & Museum Culture in Berat.
- project funded from AKTI on Predicted models for the polenic season of allergic plants.
- Erasmus + project “Strategic Support on Strengthening the Quality Assurance Structures at the Private Higher Education Institutions in Albania”, EU finance



CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY UNYT

- **The International Conference “Transition in Retrospect: 25 Years after the Fall of Communism”** (November 27-28, 2015). Two highly distinguished keynote speakers were invited to this conference: Prof. Dr. Claus Offe of the Hertie School of Government (Berlin) and Prof. Dr. Michael D. Kennedy of Brown University (USA). Sixteen panels were organized around the topic of transition and change. Presenters came from Albania, Germany, Italy, Croatia, U.S., Hungary, the Czech Republic, Spain, Macedonia, Spain, Montenegro, Kosovo, Turkey, Serbia, Poland, and Switzerland. The proceedings of this conference are being published in book form in two volumes.
- **The International Conference on “Labor Migration and Industrial Citizenship”** (November 13-14, 2015). Among the foreign speakers in this conference were professors Russell King (University of Sussex, UK), Ajay Bailey (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), Marc Hill (University of Innsbruck, Austria), and Nathan Lillie (University of Jyväskylä, Finland). More than 200 individuals from 14 countries participated in the conference either as presenters or attendees. Forty-three presentations were delivered.
- **UNYT will be co-organizer of the 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Development**, which will be held in Skopje, **Macedonia in October 2016**. The conference will be held in cooperation with Yildiz Technical University, Marmara University, Tetova State University and University of New York Tirana in Skopje, Macedonia;
- UNYT will be the sole organizer of an international conference that will focus on issues of **Higher Education and Globalization**, in which key-note speakers will come from Harvard University and Stanford University. The conference will be scheduled for Spring 2017.



JOURNALS

- *Global Outlook: A Journal of Global Affairs and Comparative International Development* in English and Albanian.
- This journal is edited at UNYT under the academic supervision of Prof. Dr. Fatos Tarifa.



RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY

- In 2015, the number of published books and book chapters was 5. In 2016 the number increased to 12.
- In 2012-2013 the number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals during was 8; this number increased to 14 in 2015, and 18 in 2016.
- Fifty-nine presentations were delivered only in 2015.



RESEARCH CENTERS AT UNYT

- Research Center for Economics and Business
- Research Center for Social Sciences
- Center for Advance Computer Research



ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS RESEARCH CENTER (EBRC)

- supports research initiatives in the fields of economic and business by faculty and students at UNYT.
- addresses issues that are of critical importance to the economic development of Albania, such as economic growth, inequality, entrepreneurship, business development and management, innovation, decentralization and regional development.
- supports faculty in producing evidence that has significant policy and practice implications and encourages national and international collaboration.



SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER (SSRC)

- provides a supportive and stimulating environment for scientific work undertaken by faculty and students of the Faculty of Law, Art and Social Sciences.
- supports the work undertaken in the different areas of Humanities and Social Sciences, including but not limited to Psychology, International Relations, Political Science, Law, History, Sociology, Literature, Communication, and Journalism.
- supports and promotes interdisciplinary research, and encourages national and international collaboration.



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RESEARCH PILLARS

1. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE / DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT 1.1: CONTESTATION, CONFLICT AND NORMATIVE FRAMES IN THE BALKANS

PROJECT 1.2: EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING IN ALBANIA

PROJECT 1.3: DECENTRALIZATION, LOCAL GOVERNANCE, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. TOURISM & CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT 2.1: CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT 2.2: TOURISM MANAGEMENT AND BRANDING A TOURIST DESTINATION

3. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY

PROJECT 3.1: INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS AND THEIR IMPACT ON SOCIETY

PROJECT 3.2: APPLICATION OF BIG DATA TECHNIQUES



RESEARCH PILLARS

4. ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION

PROJECT 4.1: AN ADRIATIC NETWORK FOR ADVANCING RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION TOWARDS THE CREATION OF NEW POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMPETIVENESS AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF SMES

PROJECT 4.2: INDUSTRIAL CITIZENSHIP AND MIGRATION FROM WESTERN BALKANS. A MIGRANT CENTERED STUDY OF ALBANIA-GREECE AND KOSOVO-GERMANY MIGRATION

PROJECT 4.3: ECONOMICS, LABOR MARKET AND SUSTAINABILITY

PROJECT 4.4: CHALLENGES OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL MARKETS FOR A BETTER CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC EFFICIENCY

PROJECT 4.5: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT, AND PROJECT EVALUATION TO GUARANTEE SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE

PROJECT 4.6: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE: DETERMINANTS AND IMPACTS OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS



RESEARCH PILLARS

5. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, REFORM AND GOVERNANCE

PROJECT 5.1: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION AND DEMOCRATIC REGRESSION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: AN INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT

PROJECT 5.2: THEORIZING EU DEMOCRACY PROMOTION: A COMPARISON OF ALBANIA, BULGARIA, THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, AND ROMANIA.

Project 5.3: Trans-Atlantic relations after the Cold War, Past, Present, Future



CHALLENGES

- An integrated research agenda
 - Institutional level
 - Faculty member level (teaching and research)
- Capacity building for external sources of funding
- Quality Assurance – PhD programs
- Research evaluation indicators



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