

**5th International Interdepartmental Scientific Conference of the Departments of Economic Theory
(MIKET)**

**“LESSONS FROM CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIC CRISES FOR ECONOMIC THEORY AND
POLICY”**

AGENDA

13 November 2024 (Wednesday) - Amphitheatre 2	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	OPENING CEREMONY
	Predrag Trpeski, Ph.D. – Dean of the Faculty of Economics – Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje Lorena Škuflić, Ph.D. – Head of Department of Economic Theory, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb Aleksandra Praščević, Ph.D. – Head of Department of Economic Theory and Analysis, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Belgrade Biljana Tashevska, Ph.D. – President of Organizing Committee of MIKET 2024
10:00 – 11:10	Session 1: Economic theory and institutional economics
Chair: Ivana Barkovic Bojanic, Ph.D.	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT (Aleksandra Prascevic)
	THE MODERN MONETARY THEORY: THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS, POLICY PRESCRIPTIONS AND CRITICAL ASSESSMENTS (Vladimir Filipovski)
	THE SELLING-COST DEBATE AND THE ECONOMICS OF PRIVACY (Nikola Njegovan and Bojan Ristic)
	INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AS A DETERMINANT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH: EVIDENCE FROM EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES (Darja Borsic and Nejc Fir)
	INSTITUTIONS THROUGH THE LENS OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS: WHAT IS THEIR ROLE IN WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES? (Iva Glisic and Slavica Manic)
	THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS IN THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF NORTH MACEDONIA: AN ARDL BOUNDS TESTING APPROACH (Gunter Merdzan and Predrag Trpeski)
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Session 2: Environmental economics and sustainable development
Chair: Katerina Shapkova Kocavska, Ph.D.	ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT AND GDP PER CAPITA: WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES EVIDENCE FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2022 (Igor Mladenovic, Snezana Radukic, Marija Petrovic – Randjelovic)
	DECARBONIZATION IN CROATIA: GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES AND THE PATH FORWARD (Djula Borozan)
	ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CO2 EMISSIONS: EVIDENCE FROM CEE-11 ECONOMIES (Nemanja Lojanica and Vladimir Mihajlovic)
	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH A FOCUS ON ETHICAL INNOVATION AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH (Ljubomir Kekenovski)
	THE IMPACT OF FOOD INFLATION ON POVERTY IN NORTH

	MACEDONIA AND CROATIA (Daniela Bojadjieva, Lorena Skuflic, Biljana Tashevska, Marijana Cvetanoska and Gunter Merdzan)
12:30 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Session 3: Economic growth and development
Chair: Aleksandra Prašević, Ph.D.	ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE OPENNESS IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE: INSIGHTS FROM PANEL DATA ANALYSIS (Katerina Shapkova Kocevska, Elena Makrevska Disoska, Katerina Toshevska – Trpcevska, Jasna Tonovska, and Viktor Stojkoski)
	ASSESSMENT OF EXPORT EFFICIENCY AND GROWTH POTENTIAL OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO EUROPEAN UNION MARKETS – BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES (Luka Markovic, Marko Djogo, Jelena Simovic and Boban Melovic)
	EVALUATING R&D EFFICIENCY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (Nikola Vasilic and Isidora Beraha)
	BUILDING ECONOMIC RESILIENCE: AN ANALYSIS OF CRISIS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES (Aleksandar Naumoski, Pece Nedanovski, and Sasho Arsov)
	INCOME INEQUALITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN EUROPE: REVISITING THE KUZNETS HYPOTHESIS AMID CRISES (Kristina Velichkovska)
14:30 – 14:50	Coffee break
14:50 – 16:00	Session 4: Labour economics
Chair: Vladimir Filipovski, Ph.D.	THE FACTORS OF INTRA-REGIONAL LABOUR MOBILITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (Dimitar Nikoloski)
	REGIONAL DISPARITIES AND LABOR MARKET CHALLENGES AS CATALYSTS OF INTERNAL MIGRATION IN NORTH MACEDONIA (Predrag Trpeski, Igor Ivanovski, Kristijan Kozheski, and Filip Peovski)
	EDUCATION OR FOREIGN CAPITAL: WHAT REALLY DRIVES CROATIAN LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY? (Ivan Kristek, Ivana Unukic, and Sofija Turjak)
	ASSESSING BUSINESS SECTOR PERCEPTIONS OF THE HIDDEN ECONOMY AND INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT: EVIDENCE FROM NORTH MACEDONIA (Kristijan Kozheski, Trajko Slaveski, Predrag Trpeski and Borce Trenovski)
	EXPLORING SILVER ENTREPRENEURSHIP: LITERATURE REVIEW AND RESEARCH CHALLENGES (Ivana Barkovic Bojanic)
	EMIGRATION, SKILL SHORTAGES, AND MISMATCHES IN NORTH MACEDONIA: FIRM, EDUCATION, AND POLICYMAKERS' VIEWS ON LABOR MARKET CHALLENGES (Violeta Cvetkoska, Predrag Trpeski, Igor Ivanovski and Filip Peovski)
16:30	Skopje city tour
14 November 2024 (Thursday) - Amphitheatre 2	
10:00 – 11:00 Amphitheatre 1	Plenary Lecture Rebecca Slotegraaf - Indiana University, Kelley School of Business, USA “Exploring Broad Implications of Environmental Sustainability in Academic Research”
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:00	Session 5: Contemporary economic and policy challenges

Chair: Igor Mladenovic, Ph.D.	NAVIGATING ECONOMIC TURBULENCE: LESSONS FROM CONTEMPORARY CRISES FOR EU FUND UTILIZATION IN NORTH MACEDONIA AND CROATIA (Drazen Cucic and Ivana Unukic)
	THE IMPACT OF INFORMAL ECONOMY ON TAXATION AND INFLATION: EVIDENCE FROM CENTRAL, EASTERN, AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE (Biljana Tashevska, Vladimir Filipovski, Gunter Merdzan, Marijana Cvetanoska, Borce Trenovski, Predrag Trpeski, Daniela Bojadjieva, Kristijan Kozheski)
	WEAKNESSES OF TAX COMPETITIVENESS POLICY IN CRISES CONDITIONS: THE CASE OF THE EU ECONOMIES (Marina Beljic, Olgica Glavaski and Jovica Pejicic)
	NAVIGATING THE PATH TO EU ACCESSION: THE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES (Ana Kotevska, Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska and Emil Erjavec)
12:00 – 12:50	Round table
	Developing Sustainable Research Networks to Enhance Collaboration and Joint Research Opportunities in the Region
12:50 – 13:00	Closing ceremony Daniela Bojadjieva, Ph.D., Head of Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics – Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje
13:00 – 14:00	Buffet lunch
19:30	Gala Dinner (will take place at the Ragusa 360 Rooftop Restaurant)

Note: The papers could be presented in English or in local official languages.