Creating economic and social neighbourhoods across political borders

Scientific Conference
May 1-2, 2009
Komárno, Slovakia

Organising institutions:
J. Selye University
with
SeFoNe (Searching for Neighbours) research consortium (EU 6th FP)

Location:
Central Conference Building of J. Selye University
Hradná street, Komárno, Slovakia

Schedule:

1st of May
11:00-12:00 Press Conference
14:00-15:30 Session I
15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
16:00-18:15 Session II
18:45 Conference Dinner

2nd of May
09:00-10:30 Session III
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 Session IV
12:30-13:30 Lunch Break
13:30-15:30 Session V
16:00 Concert at the Europe Square
Conference program:

May 1, 2009

Session I: “Transnational neighbourhoods and cross-border cooperation”
Chair: Prof. Dr. Tamás T. Sikos
Dean of the Faculty of Economics, J. Selye University, Komárno

14:00-14:15 Prof. János Tóth, Rector of the J. Selye University, Komárno
14:15-15:00 Mr. László Stubendek and Mr. Zoltán Nagy (heads of the Committees)
Presentation of Committees for Tourism and External Relations, Komárno/Komárom
15:00-15:30 Dr. Tibor Tiner, senior lecturer, J. Selye University, Komárno
“Komárom-Komáro – One town, two countries”
15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

Session II: “Searching for neighbours in multicultural localities”
Chair: Prof. Dr. Károly Kocsis
Head of Department, Department of Human Geography, Geographical Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

16:00-16:45 Prof. Dr. Ulrike H. Meinhof and Dr. Heidi Armbruster, University of Southampton
“Borders, Networks, Neighbourhoods – Researching Multicultural Europe”
16:45-17:15 Dr. Hauke Dorsch, University of Southampton
“The Intercultural Week in Bayreuth, Germany – Facing the Borders of Encounter”
17:15-17:45 Dr. Cassandra Ellerbe-Dueck, University of Southampton
“Networks as Safe Spaces”
17:45-18:15 Prof. Doris Wastl-Walter, Dr. Mónika M. Váradi, Béla Filep, University of Bern
“Between Cooperation and Competition – Comparing Szentgotthárd-Heiligenkreuz and Komárom-Komárom”
18:45 Conference Dinner

May 2, 2009*

Session III: “The economic crisis and its consequences on transnational/cross-border economies”
Chair: Prof. Dr. Doris Wastl-Walter
Head of Department, Department of Geography, University of Bern

09:00-09:30 Dr. Éva Kruppa, senior lecturer, College for Modern Business Studies
“Development of a Cross-Border Governance Framework at the Hungarian-Slovakian Border”
09:30-10:00 Ingrid Szabó, assistant lecturer, J. Selye University
“The effect of the economic crisis on the labour market in south-western Slovakia”
10:00-10:30 Anita Izsák, manager, HR Consulting Ltd. - Komárno
“The changing position of employee leasing companies in times of prosperity and economic crisis”
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

* The whole day's events will be documented by Benjamin Breitegger, photographer
Session IV: “Insights into the Slovakian-Hungarian border region”
Chair: Prof. Dr. Orazio Liccardello
Dean of the Interfaculty School of Psychology, University of Catania

11:00-11:30 Dr. György Farkas, lecturer, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest
“Ethnic structure of the population at the south-western borders of Slovakia (Levice district, 1880 - 2001)”

11:30-12:00 András Kovács, assistant research fellow, Research Institute of the J. Selye University
“Dynamical non-equilibrium in Slovakian-Hungarian cross-border retail trade”

12:00-12:30 Imrich Antalik, assistant lecturer, J. Selye University
“The development of the J. Selye University and the opportunities for its development from the perspective of regionality”

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

Session V: “Local inter-ethnic neighbourhoods in Europe”
Chair: Prof. Dr. Ulrike H. Meinhof
Director of Centre for Transnational Studies, University of Southampton

13:30-14:00 Prof. Dr. Károly Kocsis, Patrik Tátrai and Agnes Eröss, MTA FKI Budapest
“Changing permeability – different patterns of cross-border relations: Comparative research of Berehove/Beregszász (UA) and Oradea/NAgyvárad (RO)”

14:00-14:30 Prof. Dr. Orazio Licciardello and Dr. Daniela Damigella, University of Catania
“Immigrants and locals: new Neighbourhoods in Catania”

14:30-15:00 Ekaterina Frolova, University of Bern
“Some reflections on the Tajik Diaspora in Russia”

15:00-15:30 Prof. Dr. Werner Holly and Inken Carstensen-Egwuom, University of Chemnitz
“Immigrant Business as an Aspect of Neighbourhood Building in Chemnitz”

Concert

16:00 Concert at the Europe Square
With the SeFoNe consultant Zafimahaleo Rasolofandraosolo (‘Dama’) featuring Habanera choir, Menyhárt László & friends, Udu People (percussion band)