



Research Project UnivSOE: Institutions of Tertiary Education in Central and South East Europe

Developments, Structures and Perspectives of these Institutions for their Integration
into the European Higher Education and Research Area

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Universitätsplatz 3, A-8010 Graz, Room SZ 01.18 (Main Building, 1st Floor)

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Programme

Friday, June 29th 2007

9.30h Opening Session:

Universities and Research in Europe in historical and cultural perspective

Chair: o.Univ.Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c. Wolfgang MANTL, Graz, Director UnivSOE Project

Welcome and Introduction

Univ.Prof.Dr. Alfred GUTSCHELHOFER, Rector of the University of Graz

o. Univ. Prof. Dr. Willibald POSCH, Dean of the Faculty of Law

o.Univ.Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c. Wolfgang MANTL, Director UnivSOE Project

Univ.Prof.Dr. Joseph MARKO, Senior Researcher UnivSOE Project

1. *Univ.Prof.Dr. Janez KRANJC, University of Ljubljana
Universities in Europe: common heritage, common future?*
2. *o.Univ.Prof.Dr. Dr.h.c. Helmut KONRAD, University of Graz
Private universities in Europe – risks and challenges*

11.00h Coffee Break

3. *o.Univ.Prof.Dr. Walter BERKA, University of Salzburg
Autonomy of university in European perspective: threats and obligations*
4. Discussants: *Prof.Dr. Josip KREGAR, University of Zagreb
Zoran ILIEVSKI, LL.M., Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje*

13.00h-14.00h Reception by the Mayor of the City of Graz, Mag. Siegfried NAGL

14.00h Afternoon Session:

Towards the European Research and Higher Education Area:

General concepts and perspectives for Central and South East Europe

Chair: Dr. Hedwig KOPETZ, Graz, Junior Researcher UnivSOE Project

5. *MinR Mag. Barbara WEITGRUBER, MA, Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and
Research, Vienna
The European Higher Education and Research Area: a specific Austrian responsibility
for the Western Balkan Countries?*

6. Discussants: *Dr. Branka BOŠNJAK, University of Montenegro*
Prof.Dr. Mitja ŽAGAR, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana
Prof. Manfred HORVAT, Vienna University of Technology

15.30h Coffee Break

7. *SC Mag. Friedrich FAULHAMMER, Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research, Vienna*
The impact of the Bologna Process on European Universities after the Ministerial Summit of London May 2007: Realising the European Higher Education Area by 2010? Barriers and chances for Europe and the Western Balkan Countries
8. *Prof.Dr. Oksana HOLOVKO-HAVRYSHEVA, Ivan Franko National University of L'viv*
Research and Teaching?! – Obstacles and Chances for Younger Researchers at Universities, an Eastern European perspective
9. Discussants: *Prof.Dr. Monica VLAD, Private University of Sibiu*
Mag. Heribert WULZ, Secretary General of the Austrian Rectors' Conference, Vienna

19.00h Reception by the Governor of Styria, Mag. Franz VOVES

Saturday, June 30th 2007

9.00h Concluding Session: Research and Higher Education in South East Europe: Special traditions, political challenges and European Perspectives

Chair: Univ.Prof.Dr. Joseph MARKO, Graz

10. *Dr. Dragan PRIMORAC, Croatian Minister of Science, Education and Sports, Zagreb*
Making research and higher education a priority on the political agenda: difficulties and necessity
11. *Marijana GRANDITS, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Brussels*
Research and higher education in South East Europe: special traditions, political challenges and European perspectives

10.15h Coffee Break

12. *Prof.Dr. Fuada STANKOVIC, University of Novi Sad*
Research and higher education as avant-garde of regional cooperation, reconciliation and European integration in South East Europe
13. *Prof.Dr. Anna KRASTEVA, New Bulgarian University, Sofia*
Universities as civil society actors: communist legacy and civil society responsibility – threats and tasks
14. Discussant: *Univ.Prof.Dr. Hubert ISAK, University of Graz*
15. *Univ.Prof.Dr. Joseph MARKO, University of Graz*
Preliminary results of the UnivSOE project: a resumé
16. *o.Univ.Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c. Wolfgang MANTL, University of Graz*
Concluding remarks

13.30h Reception by the Rector of the University of Graz,
 Univ.Prof.Dr. Alfred GUTSCHELHOFER and end of the conference