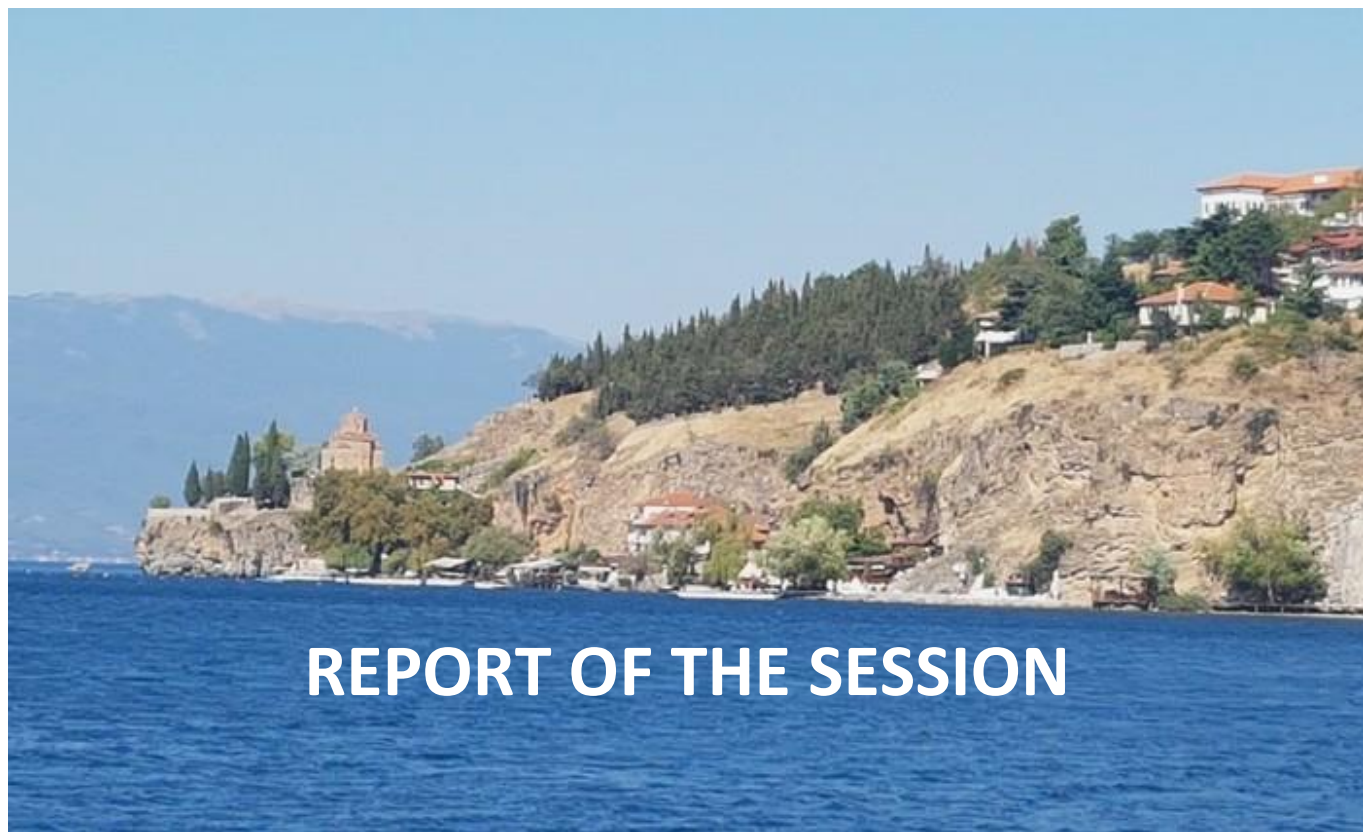


BALKANS SUMMER UNIVERSITY

in partnership with
University St Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality



DEVELOPMENT IN THE BALKANS REGION



REPORT OF THE SESSION

Ohrid (North Macedonia)

9 to 15 September 2019

From 9 to 15 September 2019, the Balkans Summer University took place for the second time in Ohrid, North Macedonia. It was again organised by CIFE in partnership with the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality of St Kliment Ohridski University.

After some foreign students had made use of the airport pick-up service that had been arranged by the organisers, they installed themselves in one of the three spacious and fully equipped apartments that the group had at its disposal. Together with the unique location – close to the old town of Ohrid and its famous Lake – the choice for this type of accommodation allowed the students to be independent and thus optimally benefit from their free time.



Furthermore, the Faculty building where the academic programme took place was only a few steps away.

The central theme of this English-spoken academic programme was the development in the Balkans region.

During the approximately 30 hours of lectures, debates and discussions that the programme was composed of, international experts from both Macedonia and abroad paid special attention to regional cooperation, conflict management and specific aspects of tourism. The presence of Mr Kolar and Mr Urosevic, both having work experience in relevant institutions, added a practical dimension to this Summer University.

The 14 participants in the programme constituted a diverse group in terms of nationality, age and educational and professional background. They took advantage of this diversity, for instance by trying different “cuisines” (from Macedonian to Italian and Turkish) for dinner and by assigning the role of guide to the local students during the full day excursion on Lake Ohrid. On the first day, the group also enjoyed a very interesting walking tour during which Kliment guided them through the picturesque town of Ohrid. Everyone was amazed by the historical character of the city and agreed that even after a three hour-walk, there still was much left to discover.

All the candidates successfully completed the programme and received a certificate of participation. Those who wished to acquire ECTS Credits also took an oral exam. At the end of the session, the students were invited to fill out an evaluation form and comment upon the programme. Their observations, which can be found further on in this report, have been of immense value for us, organisers, and showed a great satisfaction.

CIFE warmly thanks the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality for its collaboration in organising this second Balkans Summer University in Ohrid and hopes to work together again in the future.

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019 Arrival of the foreign candidates
Accommodation, free time for dinner

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019: OPENING SESSION

10.30h Welcoming by the two partners

Presentation of the partners

- **Aleksandar Trajkov**, PhD, Vice Dean, University St Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, Ohrid
- **Marie-France Perdigon**, Director of the summer university programme of CIFE

Presentation of the students



11.00h *“Presentation of Macedonia: Historical, economic, cultural and touristic aspects”*

Aleksandar Trajkov, PhD, Vice Dean, University St Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, Ohrid



12.30h Lunch time

14.00h *“EU CEAS and its impact on regional cooperation in the Balkan EU candidate countries”*

Angelina Stanojoska, PhD, Assistant Professor, Head of the Center of scientific research at the Faculty of Law, University St Kliment Ohridski (UKLO) Bitola

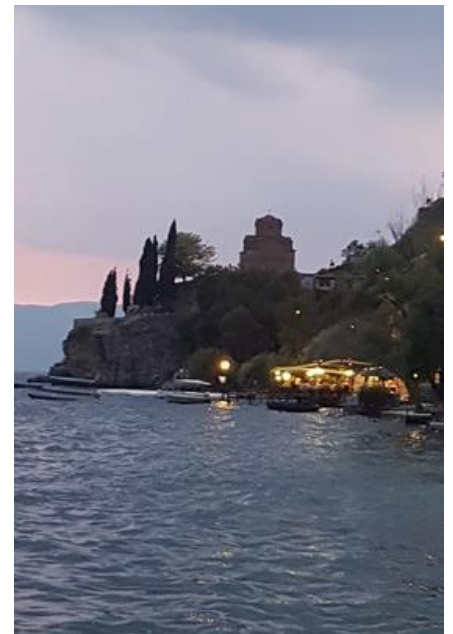




18.00h Guided walking tour in Ohrid



Free time for dinner



WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

10.00h ***"Regional cooperation as a conditio sine qua non for Western Balkan's EU integration"***

Mirjana Ristovska, PhD, Assistant Professor, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of Law, UKLO Bitola



11.30h ***"Insurance – Key strategies for managing catastrophic risks"***

Vera Karadzova, PhD, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Ohrid, UKLO Bitola



13.30h Lunch time

14.30h *“Innovations in insurance: The role of modern technology in insurance development”*

Jelena Stankovic, PhD, Faculty of Economics, University of Niš, Serbia

Jovica Stankovic, PhD, Faculty of Economics, University of Niš, Serbia



Free time for personal activities and dinner



THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019



11.00h *“The EU and rule of law promotion in the Western Balkans”*

Mr Adam Urosevic (Austria), Fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, formerly worked in the cabinet of the European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Policy

13.00h Lunch time

14.00h *“Cooperation for the Development in the Western Balkans”*

Mr Igor Kolar (Croatia), Deputy to the Permanent Representative, Republic of Croatia to the Council of Europe

15.30h *“The Berlin Process and regional cooperation in the Western Balkans”*

Mr Adam Urosevic (Austria), Fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, formerly worked in the cabinet of the European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Policy

Free time for personal activities and dinner

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2019

10.00h *“Environment Challenges for the Western Balkans: Climate Change”*

Mr Igor Kolar (Croatia), Deputy to the Permanent Representative, Republic of Croatia to the Council of Europe

11.30h *“Working at the European Commission: application tips” (sharing of work experience in the European Commission)*

Mr Adam Urosevic (Austria), Fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, formerly worked in the cabinet of the European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Policy



**Closing session
Distribution of the certificates**



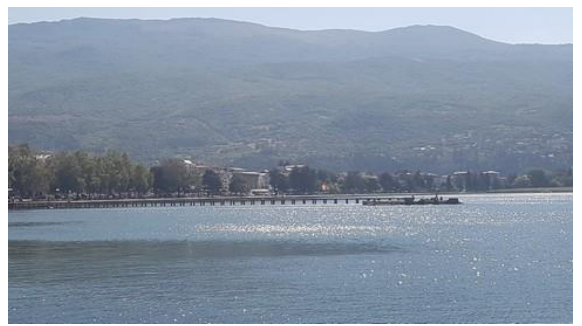
13.00h Lunch time

Afternoon

Oral exams for the candidates wishing to obtain ECTS Credits

Free time or participation in the international event of the Faculty for the others







SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019: FULL DAY EXCURSION BY BOAT ON THE LAKE OF OHRID (ST NAUM MONASTERY)



SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019: DEPARTURE OF ALL THE CANDIDATES

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Find all the photos of the session on [Facebook "Summer University Programme-CIFE"](#)



EVALUATION

After the success of the first Balkans Summer University in Ohrid in 2018, CIFE and its local partner, the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality of St Kliment Ohridski University, decided to continue their collaboration. The second edition that resulted from it has once again been very much appreciated, as demonstrated by the overall student satisfaction rate of 91 %.

Except for the local students, the participants were comfortably accommodated in three modern, spacious apartments that were located in one and the same villa. Every apartment being equipped with, among other things, a kitchen, the students arranged their own breakfast. This gave them the opportunity to start the day quietly with a cup of coffee or tea on their own sunny terrace. Afterwards, they only had to cross the road in order to reach the recently renovated classroom of the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, where the academic programme took place. For the working lunches, the Faculty invested a lot of effort in providing the students with typically Macedonian meals. After class, the group broadened its horizon by trying different “cuisines” in the beautiful historic town of Ohrid that they reached after a short walk along the famous Lake.

Evaluation of the lecturers

As the large majority of teachers were given an average grade of at least 8 points out of 10, we can conclude that the students were very satisfied on this point. Especially the lectures of Mr Urosevic and Mr Kolar were highly appreciated. Undoubtedly, the practical dimension of their respective presentations contributed to that.

The participants were also very satisfied with the relations with the organisers and the administrative assistance before and during the programme. CIFE’s personal approach and Mr Trajkov’s efforts on behalf of the Faculty did not go unnoticed. Furthermore, the pick-up service at the airport organised by CIFE for those arriving in Skopje was considered to be very convenient.

Evaluation of the programme

This year’s programme was about development in the Balkans region, with a focus on regional cooperation, conflict management and tourism. The students almost unanimously agreed that it was well designed and described it as “interesting” and “even better than expected”. However, given the limited time available, they would have preferred to pay a little less attention to the topic of insurance and to study the history, culture and politics of the region in more detail.

When it comes to the cultural activities, the students had nothing but good things to say about the walking tour during which professional guide Kliment introduced them to the rich history of Ohrid. For the last day of the Summer University, it was the local participants who were eager to take on the role of guide when visiting the beautiful St Naum Monastery by boat. A few students suggested including more similar activities in the programme in order to facilitate the group dynamics as much as possible.

Conclusion

This second edition of the Balkans Summer University in Ohrid has been an enriching experience from both an academic and a cultural perspective. CIFE warmly thanks the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality for its collaboration and hopes that this programme will continue to exist in the future.

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