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University St Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality



BALKANS SUMMER UNIVERSITY



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION IN THE BALKANS REGION

REPORT OF THE SESSION

OHRID (Macedonia)

September 5 to 11, 2021

The Balkans Summer University too in Ohrid, North Macedonia from 5 to 11 september 2021, organised by CIFE in partnership with the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality of St Kliment Ohridski University.

The foreign candidates were accommodated in a small hotel, very close to the University, the very nice Lake of Ohrid and close to the old city too. The Faculty building where the academic programme took place was only a few steps away.



The central theme of this English-spoken academic programme “***Sustainable development and environment protection in the Balkans Region***” was very pertinent, especially in this country where the environment protection is a subject of great importance and made possible to approach many different topics associated with the environment and its various problems.

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 a wide range of relevant topics.

13 participants were registered in this programme but only 3 of the North Macedonian candidates were present throughout the duration of the work, so the definitive group was composed of 9 candidates that constituted a diverse group in terms of nationality, age, educational and professional background. They all took advantage of this diversity and appreciated the role of the local students during their free time. During the week, the group also enjoyed very interesting walking tours, guided by our good guide and friend, Kliment, who guided them through the picturesque town of Ohrid. Everyone was amazed by the historical character of the city and agreed that even after these walks, 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 that 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

Sunday September 5th, 2021: Arrival of the foreign candidates
Accommodation, free time for dinner

Monday September 6th, 2021 : Opening session

10.30h: Welcoming by the two partners. *Presentation of the partners:*

- **Cvetko Andreeski**, PhD, Dean, University St Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, Ohrid
- **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”

Prof. Zoran Tuntev (North Macedonia),
PhD., Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality-
Ohrid, University St. Kliment Ohridski.



13.00h: Lunch time

14.30h: “Environment and Human Rights”



Laura Spataru-Negura (Romania), Lecturer PhD
Nicolae Titulescu University, Attorney-at-law,
Bucharest, Romania

Guided walking tour of Ohrid

Dr. Kliment Naumov (North Macedonia), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality-Ohrid, University St. Kliment Ohridski-Bitola.



Tuesday September 7th, 2021

10.00 h: **“Recycling towards a circular economy ! Packaging Waste Management”**
Laura Spataru-Negura (Romania)

11.15 h: **“Privacy Challenges in an Emerging Europe”**

Cornelia Lazar (Romania), Graduate of the University of Bucharest and the Romanian Academy of Economic Sciences, Independent expert in ethics and data protection for the European Commission, IT Manager of a Romanian company dedicated to the development of new technologies inspired by the circular economy, SMART applications and devices.



Case study

13.00h:

Lunch time



14.00h: **“Wastewater Treatment in the Balkans region”**

Dejan Panovski (North Macedonia), Expert in Water Waste management.

Free time for personal activities and dinner

Wednesday September 8, 2021

10.00 **“Conflicts, Identity, Religion and Cooperation in the Balkans: contemporary aspects and Perspectives”**

Nikola Gjorshoski (North Macedonia), PhD in political sciences, Faculty of Law UKLO Bitola



13.00h:

Lunch time



11.15 h **“The challenge of air pollution in North Macedonia”**

Gjoko Zoroski, Expert in Environmental Engineering.



14.00 h: **“Environment protection and EU Climate Change Strategy”**

Laurent Baechler (France / Turkey), Director of the MAEIS European integration and global studies

(presentation by video)

Guided walking tour : The fortress of Ohrid

Dr. Kliment Naumov (North Macedonia), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality-Ohrid, University St. Kliment Ohridski-Bitola.



Thursday September 9, 2021

10.00h: *“IoT (Internet of Things) solutions for a smarter, greener city”*
Cornelia Lazar (Romania)

11.15 h: *“Coronavirus, what lessons for the European Union?”*
Debate under the responsibility of Laura Spataru Negura and Cornelia Lazar

12.15 h: *Closing session. Distribution of the certificates*



13.00 h: Lunch time

Afternoon Oral exams for the candidates wishing to obtain ECTS Credits







**Friday September 10, 2021 :
FULL DAY EXCURSION by boat on the Lake of Ohrid
(St Baum Monastery)**



**Saturday September 11, 2021
DEPARTURE OF ALL THE FOREIGN CANDIDATES**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

<p>BEIGNET Laura <i>France</i></p>		<p>Third Year Student, Law and Political Science, University of Clermont Auvergne.</p>
<p>HERANVAL Elisabeth <i>France</i></p>		<p>Third year student, Common Law, Paris-Nanterre University.</p>
<p>IPATE Daniela <i>Romania</i></p>		<p>Customer success specialist, Veeam Software SRL Bucharest, Graduated in Foreign Languages and in international Business</p>
<p>JAKIMOSKI Martin <i>North Macedonia</i></p>		<p>Department of Customs and Freight Forwarding, 3rd year, Faculty of Tourism and hospitality Ohrid, University St. Kliment Ohridski Bitola</p>
<p>JÄRVI Katarina <i>Finland</i></p>		<p>Third Year Law Student, Master of Political Science, Abo Akademi.</p>

<p>KRSTANOSKA Marija <i>North Macedonia</i></p>		<p>Department of Management in services sector, 2nd year, Faculty of Tourism and hospitality Ohrid, University St. Kliment Ohridski Bitola</p>
<p>MILOSEVA Fani <i>North Macedonia</i></p>		<p>Department of Management in services sector, 2nd year, Faculty of Tourism and hospitality Ohrid, University St. Kliment Ohridski Bitola.</p>
<p>PARASKEVA Maria-Tzeni <i>Greece</i></p>		<p>First Year Master's Student in Political Science, Free University of Brussels, Belgium.</p>
<p>ZANINELLI Giulia <i>Italy</i></p>		<p>Third Year Phd Student in Cultural and Social Anthropology, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca.</p>

The participants constituted a diverse group in terms of nationality, age and educational and professional background. They took advantage of this diversity, especially during the lunches organised in the cafeteria of the University. Everyone has appreciated this amazing old city and was enthusiastic about its historical character.



EVALUATION

Despite the difficulties due to the sanitary situation, the program was successfully carried out to the satisfaction of the group. This edition has once again been very much appreciated, as demonstrated by the overall student satisfaction rate of 93 %.

Except for the local students who stayed in their own apartments, the participants were comfortably accommodated in a small hotel very close to the university. Even though the pandemic non allowed hotels to propose breakfast in the dining, our students had the chance to served individually in their rooms. Even if it was less comfortable, this solution was found at the last moment. Every morning, 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 was invited to visit the beautiful historic town of Ohrid that they reached after a short walk along the famous Lake.

The participants were 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. Regarding the academic programme, the students agreed that it was interesting as they learnt a lot about the history, culture and politics of this country.

When it comes to the cultural activities, the students had nothing but good things to say about the walking tour during which our professional guide Kliment introduced them to the rich history of Ohrid. For the last day of the Summer University, they had the opportunity to visit the beautiful St Naum Monastery by a private boat. A few students suggested including more similar activities in the programme in order to facilitate the group dynamics as much as possible.



Conclusion

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.

Find all the photos of the session on Facebook "Summer University Programme-CIFE"
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.2651698591799753&type=3>



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