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Faculty of History and Philology
University of Tirana



SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN ALBANIA

**Albania on the Pathway towards the European Union:
Preserving the Past while Welcoming the Future**



REPORT OF THE SESSION
1 to 7 July 2024

The Albanian Summer University organised by CIFE in partnership with the Faculty of History and Philology, University of Tirana took place in Tirana from 1 to 7 July 2024.

The foreign candidates were accommodated in a very nice hotel close to the university. The faculty building where the academic programme took place was just a few steps away.



The central theme of this English-spoken academic programme

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was very pertinent, especially in this country where the candidacy to become a member of the European Union is a subject of great importance. This enabled us to approach many associated topics and its various problems.

During the approximately 30 hours of lectures, debates and discussions that composed this programme, experts from both Albania and abroad paid special attention to a wide range of relevant topics.

16 participants were enrolled in this programme representing 9 different nationalities of different ages, educational and professional backgrounds. They all took advantage of this diversity and appreciated the role of the few but very invested local students during their free time. During the week, the group also enjoyed numerous visits outside of Tirana to discover the rich historical heritage of Albania. Everyone was amazed by the historical character of all the old cities and castles we visited 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 great satisfaction.

CIFE warmly thanks the Faculty of History and Philology for its collaboration in organising this first Summer University in Tirana and hopes to work together again in the future.



We should also mention the participation of Edlira Beqja, who was the permanent link between the organisers and provided logistical support both through her active participation and through her company “VERROCCHI GROUP”.

PROGRAMME

Monday 1 July 2024: Individual arrival of the participants in Tirana - Accommodation

Tuesday 2 July 2024: Opening session

10.00:

Presentation of the partners:

- **The Faculty of History and Philology, University of Tirana**
Prof. Dr Eva Tafili,
Prof. Dr Valentina Duka, Head of the History Department,
Prof.as. Dr Andi Pinari, Vice-Dean of the Faculty
- **Centre International de Formation Européenne, Nice (France)**
Marie-France Perdigon, Director of the Summer University Programme, CIFE



10.30-11.15:

"Corruption in Albania: A Reality for the European Union"

Gledis Nano (*Albania*), Former State Police Director General



11.15:

Coffee break

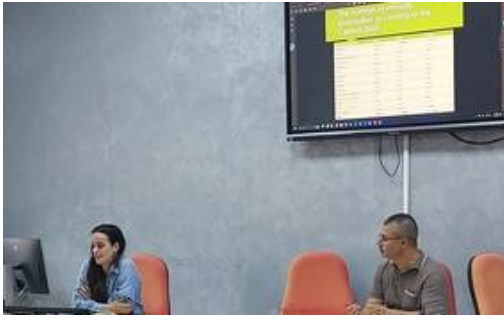
11.30-12.45: ***"EU Enlargement and the Future of the Western Balkans"***



George Tzogopoulos (*Greece*), Associate Researcher Begin Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies, Lecturer at the Democritus University of Thrace, Programme Director, EU-China Programmes at CIFE

13.00: Lunch together (Catering at the Faculty)





14.30: ***"Focus on Minorities: The Right to Vote for Minorities"***
Gentian Sejrani (Albania), Lawyer, Executive Director Social Justice

15.30: Departure for the Municipality

16.00: Reception at the Municipality of Tirana
"Historical and Political Aspects of the City of Tirana",
Erion Veliaj (Albania), Mayor of Tirana



Walking tour of Tirana - Free time for dinner



Wednesday 3 July 2024:

9.30-10.30: ***"Prospects for Energy Cooperation in the Region Before and After the War in Ukraine: The Case of Albania"***

George Tzogopoulos (Greece)

10.30: Coffee break

10.45-11.30: ***"Albania towards Integration: Reforms, Politics, Democracy, Energetic Perspectives"***

Volitza Prendi (Albania), Executive Director of AMAD Centre



11.45-13.00: Lunch together in Piceria Oxhaket

13.00: Departure for the half-day excursion: Visit to Petrelë Castle



Free time for dinner
and personal visits



Thursday 4 July 2024: FULL-DAY EXCURSION to Berat city:

9.30: Departure for Berat:

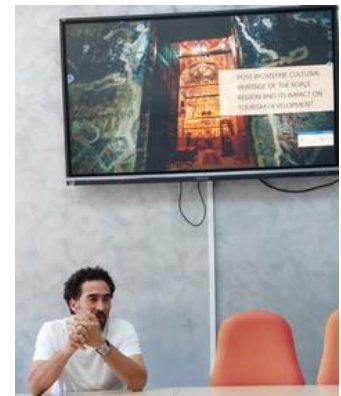
- Visit to the Mayor's Office
 - The Onufri Monastery of St Mary
- Lunch together



Free time for dinner and personal visits

Friday 5 July 2024:

- 10.00-11.00: ***"Albanian Heritage, Post-Byzantine Monuments, their Specifics on Tourism"***
Prof.as. Dr Andi Pinari (*Albania*), Vice-Dean of the Faculty
- 11.00-11.30: Lunch together (Catering at the Faculty)
- 12.00: Departure for the half-day excursion: Visit to Kruja Castle



Free time for dinner and personal visits

Saturday 6 July 2024:

10.00 -11.00: ***“EU External Migration Policy and the Protection of Human Rights. Special Overview of the Balkans”***

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



11.00: Coffee break

11.15-12.15: ***“Which EU Are We Joining? Old Paradigms and New Realities”***

Klajdi Kaziu (*Albania*), Secretary General of United Nations Association in Albania

12.15: Lunch together (Catering at the Faculty)



13.30: ***“Challenges and Opportunities of Human Rights in the European Union. The Particular Case of Albania”***

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

14.30: Closing ceremony and distribution of the certificates



16.00: Optional: Oral exams for the candidates requesting ECTS credits

19.30: Closing dinner in a traditional restaurant
ODA Albanian restaurant - Rruga Riza Jasta - Tirana









Sunday 7 July 2024:







Individual departure of the foreign participants



LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Bois d'Enghien Sarah <i>Belgium</i>		Bachelor of Law, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)
Bouattane Yassmine <i>Morocco</i>		Second year Bachelor degree in Political Science, University Lumière, Lyon 2 (France)
Choromanski Victoria <i>Belgium</i>		Master in Translation (Dutch and German) and Bachelor in Political Sciences, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
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Fertil Meyliana <i>France</i>		Master in International and European Law of Human Rights, Catholic University of Lyon (France)

<p>Fimiani Francesco <i>Italy / United States</i></p>		<p>Organising Director of the European Public Policy Conference in Madrid, Graduate in Political Science from Loyola Marymount University, United States</p>
<p>Grosse Lucas <i>Germany</i></p>		<p>Graduate of the Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy, CIFE, Nice, France and Luiss School of Government, Rome, Italy, M.Sc. in Energy and Management</p>
<p>Iordache Anda-Diana <i>Romania</i></p>		<p>Graduate in Modern Languages in Multilingual Dynamics (English/French), Ovidius University Constanta, Romania, French Teacher</p>
<p>Jans Charel <i>Luxembourg</i></p>		<p>MSc in International Politics, Trinity College, Dublin (Ireland)</p>
<p>Laurent Mathilde <i>France</i></p>		<p>Master in International and European Human Rights Law, Catholic University of Lyon (France)</p>
<p>Prendi Mario <i>Albania</i></p>		<p>Master in Criminal Law, Expert Albanian Helsinki Committee</p>

<p>QANA Argi <i>Albania</i></p>		<p>Student at the French School in Tirana</p>
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<p>Schnelle Ann Kathrin <i>Germany</i></p>		<p>Referent for Educational Research, Graduate in Social Science, Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Konstanz (Germany)</p>
<p>Shahinaj Kristiana <i>Albania</i></p>		<p>Final year of Bachelor in History, Faculty of History, University of Tirana</p>
<p>Tafili Livia <i>Albania</i></p>		<p>Second-Year Master of Science in Humanities, University of Tirana</p>
<p>Wojciechowska Ewa <i>Poland</i></p>		<p>Lawyer, Graduate of the Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy, CIFE, Nice, France and Luiss School of Government, Rome, Italy</p>

EVALUATION

The programme was successfully carried out to the satisfaction of the group. This first edition was very much appreciated, as demonstrated by the overall student satisfaction rate of 95%.

Except for the local students who stayed in their own apartments, the participants were comfortably accommodated in a comfortable hotel very close to the university. Every morning, they only had to walk less than 5 minutes in order to reach the Faculty where the academic programme took place. The working lunches were organised either in a local pizzeria, in the city of the excursion or at the faculty, which proposed catering providing the students with very good products.

The participants constituted a diverse group in terms of nationality, age and educational and professional backgrounds. They took advantage of this diversity, especially in the evening when they discovered the city with the help of their new Albanian friends.

On the last day, as part of the closing session, a dinner was organised in a traditional restaurant. All students took part together with the available teachers who were pleased to participate. The restaurant proposed typical Albanian meals and the students together with the teachers ended the evening with music and traditional dances.

The participants were very satisfied with the relationship with the organisers and the administrative assistance before and during the programme. CIFE's personal approach 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 different tours during which either the guide or Prof. Andi Pinari introduced them to the rich history and heritage of Albania.

Conclusion

The Albanian Summer University in Tirana was an enriching experience from both an academic and a cultural perspective.

CIFE warmly thanks all the teachers, from Albania or from the European Union, who took part in this project and contributed to its success:

- Gledis Nano, Gentian Sejrani, Klajdi Kaziu, Votilza Prendi, Prof.as. Dr Andi Pinari, the Mayor of Tirana, Marin, our guide for the Albanian part,
- Laura Negura-Spataru and George Tzogopoulos for the CIFE part

The organisers would also like to thank Edlira and its company "VERROCCHI GROUP" which provided a great deal of help in setting up this summer school. And of course, CIFE thanks all the collaborators of the Faculty of History and Philology for their cooperation 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/ProgrammeUniversitaireEteCIFE/photos_albums



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