



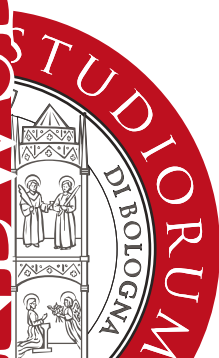
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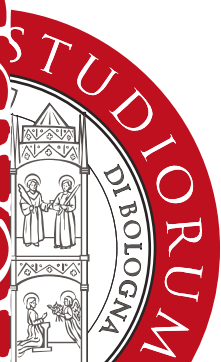
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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES



MASTER OF ARTS Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES)

MIREES PROGRAMME LAUNCHES THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010!!!

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Unique in Italy and Europe, the Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES) is a two-year graduate programme (120 ECTS) which provides an in-depth knowledge of subjects such as **post-socialist transition**, the **new EU member states** and their role after the 2004 and 2007 enlargements, **East-European Neighbour Countries**.

Launched by the Faculty of Political Science "R. Ruffilli" of the University of Bologna (Forlì Campus), with the support of the 'Europe and the Balkans' International Network coordinated by the *Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica*, MIREES is taught entirely in English and leads to a joint diploma issued by the University of Bologna together with the University of Ljubljana, Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas, Corvinus University of Budapest, and the State University of St Petersburg.

Focused on East-Central Europe and the Balkans, the MIREES programme offers curricula in **Economics; Politics and International Relations; and Media, History, Anthropology and Cultural Studies**. While deepening their knowledge of the chosen field of study, the students are expected to develop area skills, as well as language skills, and gain greater understanding by placing them in the perspective of European integration and globalization, so as to become sensitized to the interdisciplinary impact on decision-making processes.

During the first two terms – to be spent in Forlì – students will acquire language skills by attending a 100-hour language course (to be chosen among Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Bulgarian, Polish, Russian, or Slovak). Moreover, they will attend one 40-hour compulsory core course, one 40-hour methodological course, two 40-hour courses within their chosen disciplinary group and two 40-hour courses, one for each disciplinary group other than the student's chosen disciplinary group. During the third term – requiring at least **5 months spent in one of the partner universities** – the students are expected to attend another language course among those on offer, two or more courses in their chosen field of expertise for a total of 32 credits, and conduct research activities leading to their Master's thesis. The fourth term will be devoted to writing the final thesis, no teaching activities are scheduled: the students work in close contact with their supervisors and meet with them for work-in progress thesis discussion.

Offering a solid basis for further academic studies, the programme is **especially recommended for prospective PhD students**: our best alumni are currently attending doctorate programmes at the Universities of Oxford, Kent, New School in New York and in other prestigious international academic institutions. Combining an **academic approach** with **professional training**, MIREES is designed to forge insightful analysts, area experts, consultants and mediators, to meet the needs of research institutes and offices, the European Commission, international agencies, voluntary organizations and NGOs, public administrations at different levels, managers for private companies, corporations and banks located in East-Central Europe and the Balkans or promoting investments in the region. Many of our alumni have found employment precisely in these fields.

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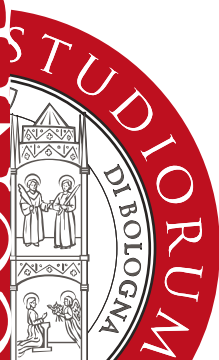
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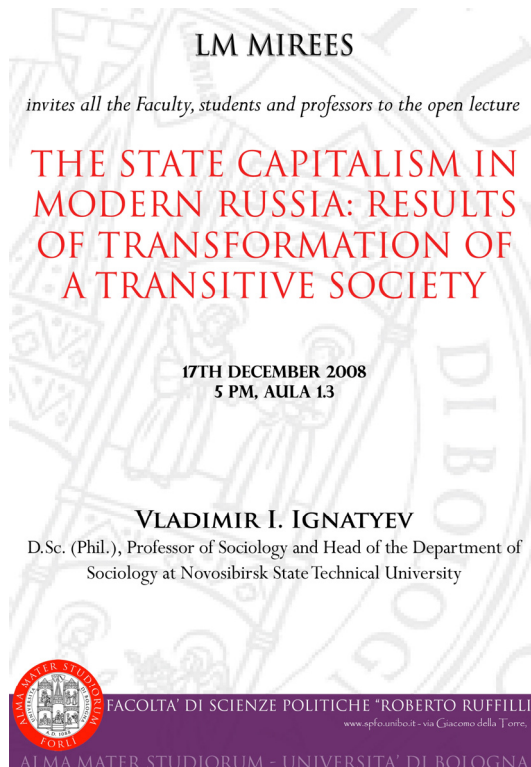
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MIREES Open Lecture
**“The State Capitalism in Modern Russia:
 Results of Transformation of a Transitive Society”**



On December 17, 2008, **Vladimir Ignatyev**, Professor of Sociology and Head of the Department of Sociology at Novosibirsk State Technical University delivered a lecture within the framework of MIREES, at the Faculty of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” in Forlì.

The lecture, entitled “**The State Capitalism in Modern Russia: Results of Transformation of a Transitive Society**”, outlined the political and social developments in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union.

In this connection, Professor Ignatyev touched on several issues: different trends in the economic situation of the country; privatisation from above; “Novye Russkiye” as a social phenomenon; the verticality of power; redistributive economy; the difficulties linked to the development of capitalism in the country; and the role of energy sources in the Russian economy.

Providing many figures and data, the speaker clearly depicted the living conditions in Russia, stressing in particular the differences between cit-

ies and the countryside, as well as between “East Russia” and “West Russia”. Then, considering the economic and political involvement of Russia in the European and Asiatic contexts, Prof. Ignatyev examined the question whether Russia should be considered more an “Asian” than a “European” country, or the opposite.

Asked why the economic and political development in Russia has been - and still is - so challenging, Prof. Ignatyev identified the problematic functioning of state institutions and the state’s intrusive role in the overall social system as two of the main problems to be solved.

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MIREES Open Lecture

“Russia and the Idea of a ‘New Europe’ after the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (CPA)”



On January 21, 2009, a lecture entitled “Russia and the Idea of a ‘New Europe’ after the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (CPA)” took place within the framework of MIREES, at the Faculty of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” in Forlì.

The speech was delivered by **Mara Morini**, professor of Political Science at the University of Parma and expert in Russian foreign policy and political system.

While discussing the future prospects for the new “Partnership and Cooperation Agreement”, the speaker focused on the character of the interrelation between Russia and the European Union, putting forwards possible future scenarios.

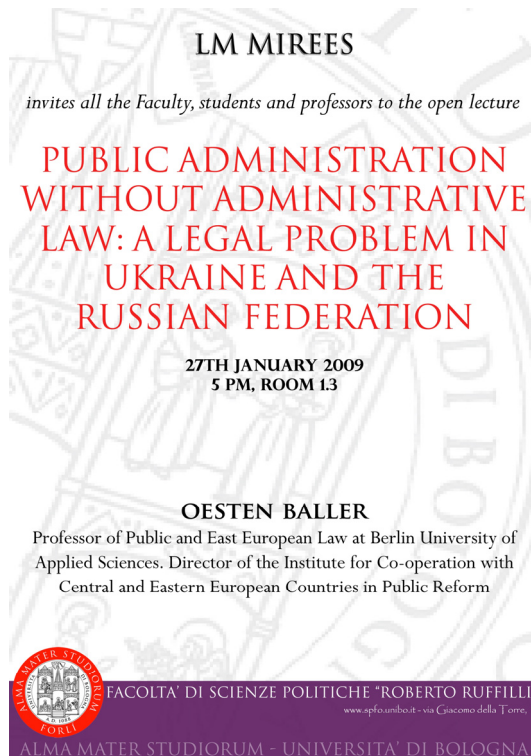
Taking advantage of interesting and quite noteworthy exit-polls and surveys, Professor Morini outlined the Russian position *vis-à-vis* Europe and the cooperation between Moscow and Brussels, stressing that a “deeper integration into the EU” does not necessary imply “joining the EU”. Catching the interest of the audience, the polls significantly

showed what an unclear perception of the European Union and its institutions Russian citizens still have. They also gave evidence to the difficult interrelation existing in Russia between people and civil society, and provided reasons to question whether a civil society actually exists in the country. The interrelations between Brussels and Moscow suffer also from the self-perception Russia and its difficult combination with European values, Professor Morini said.

Getting to the conclusion, the lecturer stressed that probably the only real point of contact and cooperation between the EU and Russia lies in the economic realm, however the EU shows a chronic incapability to maintain a common position *vis-à-vis* its counterpart.

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MIREES Open Lecture
**“Public Administration without Administrative Law:
a Legal Problem in Ukraine and the Russian Federation”**



On January 27, 2009, a lecture entitled **“Public Administration without Administrative Law: a Legal Problem in Ukraine and the Russian Federation”** took place within the framework of MIREES, at the Faculty of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” in Forlì.

The speech was delivered by **Oesten Baller**, Professor of Public and East European Law at Berlin University of Applied Sciences and Director of the Institute for Cooperation with Central and Eastern European Countries in Public Reform (IMO) in Berlin.

The discussion focused mainly on the lack of Administrative Law and on the bad functioning of the Public Administration in Ukraine and Russia, making a comparison of the two cases. This “lack”, stressed Professor Baller, originates from the historical inheritance and the unclear constitutional texts of both countries and it finds expression not only in the terminological confusion characterising these two sectors, but also in the actual need for effective laws to be implemented, public authorities to be made accountable and administrative juris-

dictions effective. In this respect, possible solutions are coming from European examples and regulations.

According to Professor Baller, the situation in the Russian Federation is worse than in Ukraine because of Moscow’s firmness in following “its own way”, rejecting any interference from the outside.

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THE EU, RUSSIA AND THE GLOBAL CRISIS

The *Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica* is organizing the International Round Table entitled "**The EU, Russia and the Global Crisis**", which will take place in Forlì on **17th and 18th April 2009**.

In the framework of the ***Italian-Russian Forlì Days*** initiative developed during the past 3 years, the conference will gather together well-known experts and scholars, both Italian and international, as well as prominent speakers coming from Russian universities and research centres. They will discuss the current state of the EU-Russia relationship, considering the impact of the international financial and economic crisis and advancing opinions on future trends of cooperation between Brussels and Moscow.

The event is jointly promoted by the Interregional Non-Governmental Organization for Promotion of Cultural Cooperation with EU Countries (Moscow) and the *Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica*, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus.

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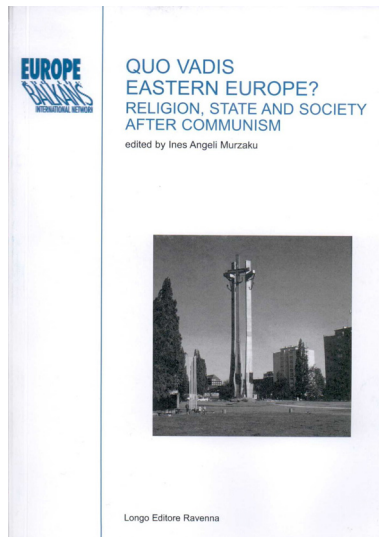
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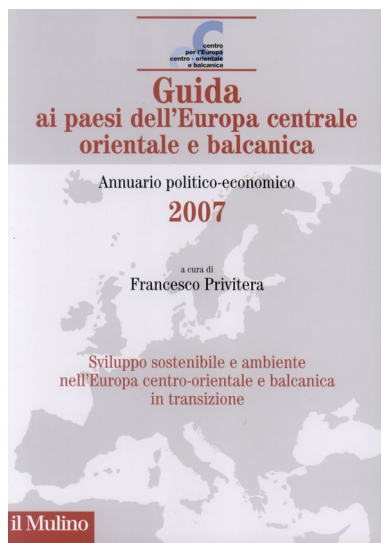
Quo Vadis Eastern Europe? Religion, State and Society after Communism
(Edited by: Ines Angeli Murzaku)

In *Quo Vadis Eastern Europe? Religion, State and Society after Communism*, the focus is to present the **newest research and thought** on religion in Eastern Europe. The authors analyze the radically changed religious situation in the former communist countries and offer some perspectives on the future of **religious co-existence** in the area. This volume provides accurate source material for scholars, area specialists, and students interested in the region. The invited authors, among the best internationally recognized scholars in the field, present sophisticated analyses of common religiously motivated patterns that historically faced and are at present facing the region.

The first part of the book evaluates the major theoretical observations focusing on the common phenomena affecting the countries under investigation, including Bulgaria, Georgia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, and Slovakia. The second part of the volume presents a number of country-specific case study investigations. Sample countries from Central Eastern Europe -- including Russia, Georgia, Poland and Slovenia -- will be under scrutiny. The third part of the volume focuses on the Balkans and the troubled religious, political, and social problems facing the region. The Balkan countries -- including Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, and Serbia -- are the focus.

This volume contains the **following essays**: Ines Angeli Murzaku (*The Changing Face of Europe: Prospects and Problems on the Path for a United Europe*), Paul Mojzes (*Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue in Eastern Europe*), James R. Payton, Jr. (*Religion, Nationalism, and National Identities*), Thomas Breme (*The Official Theological Dialogue between the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Churches*), Jean-François Mayer (*A Field Ripe for Harvest: Missionaries and New Religious Movements in Eastern Europe*), Lavinia Stan (*Church-State Relations and Secularism in Eastern Europe*), James T. Richardson (*Protection of Religious Minorities in Former Communist States with Dominant Religions*), Walter Sawatsky (*Teaching about the Other. Inter-church Dialogue for Russian/Ukrainian Christianity*), Krystyna Górniak-Kocikowska (*A New Challenge. Poland and its Church in the Global Society of the Post-communist Era*), Srečo Dragoš (*Religious Freedom in Slovenia*), Bert Groen (*Religion in Bulgaria after the Second World War*), James Pettifer (*The Gligorov Regime in Former Yugoslav Macedonia and the Development of Religion*), Aleksa Ivanovic (*Religious Tolerance in Montenegro. The Challenges of the Post-Communist Period*), Lucian Turcescu and Lavinia Stan (*Religion and Politics in Post-Communist Romania*), Angela Ilić (*Serbia: The Role of Religion in Society from 1990 to the Present*).

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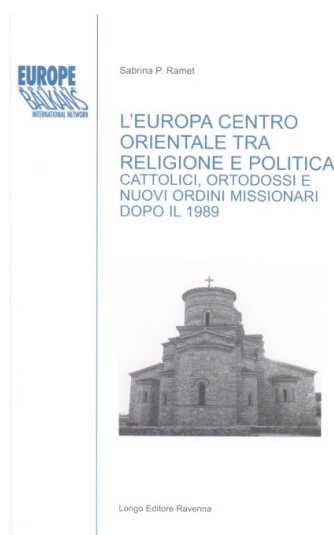
**Guida ai Paesi dell'Europa
centrale, orientale e balcanica.
Annuario politico-economico 2007**

The new version of our guide, written in Italian, has been recently published by the prominent scholarly publisher *il Mulino* (Bologna). This year's issue discusses the way **environmental policies** and **sustainable development** evolved in Central-eastern Europe and the Balkan area in the last years. In particular, the analysis focuses on the agricultural policies and the tools implemented by the Balkan countries in order to support the rural areas in the region, as well as on the implementation of European rules and the observance of the Kyoto Protocol by new EU member states.

The volume includes essays by the following authors: Andrea F. Saba (CECOB), Vera Cvejić (University of Novi Sad), Giorgio Andrian (UNESCO), Andrea Segré (University of Bologna), Renata Rakić (Agricultural development service, Republika Srpska), Gordana Rokvić (University of Banja Luka), Matteo Vittuari (University of Bologna), Daniele Pedretti (Ngo UCODEP), Antonio Dal Borgo (Municipality of Modena), Simona Mameli (CECOB), and Margherita Fatica (CECOB).

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After the fall of communism in 1989-90, the conditions in which religious organizations operate in Central and South-eastern Europe have changed dramatically. The severe constraints limiting church activities were lifted and missionaries from outside the region, especially from the United States, flocked to the post-communist countries in the hope of winning converts. In several countries the dominant churches have succeeded in obtaining legislation to enforce their own agenda, e.g. in Poland, where the Catholic Church secured the passage of a strict anti-abortion law and the establishment of a council to protect Christian values on the radio and television.

This volume, written in Italian by **Sabrina Ramet**, a veteran observer of Central and South-eastern Europe, focuses on the recent experiences and activities of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches in the region, as well as on the penetration of the region by neo-Protestant missionaries. A collection of works already published in Serbian, the book includes the following essays: *Nihil Obstat*: the Communist Legacy and the New Religious Landscape; The Catholic Church in Poland; The Catholic Church among the Czechs and Slovaks; The Catholic Church in Croatia; The Serbian Orthodox Church; Religion and politics in Romania; The Bulgarian Orthodox Church; Missionaries, proselytism, and innovation; *Ego te absolvo*: The nature of religious-political interaction.



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ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME

A Ukrainian PhD candidate at the University of Bologna



As a PhD student of the Dnipropetrovs'k National University (Ukraine), I have received a doctorate scholarship within the frame of the Erasmus-Mundus External Cooperation Window Lot-6 programme. As for my destination, I originally chose the University of Bologna, and the rightness of my choice was confirmed at once.

I was enrolled as a visiting student at the *Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica*, University of Bologna (Forlì Campus).

During the 10 months of my enrollment I have developed in depth the argument of my thesis which is "Political subjectivity of trade unions in electoral process: the tendencies and the prospects of its development in modern Ukraine". I had the great opportunity to work in the well-stocked libraries of the University of Bologna, to attend lectures at the Faculty of Political Science "Roberto Ruffilli" in Forlì, and to collaborate with my Italian colleagues. I also widened my argument in favor of studying the experience of such countries like the United States of America, Great Britain, Italy and the Russian Federation in order to investigate the role of trade-unions in the electoral process in these countries.

Moreover, I have acquired knowledge about the functioning of the Italian system of higher education and learnt some new teaching methods which will be very useful and informative for me as a future lecturer.

I would like to make special mention of the attitude of Bologna University in general and of the *Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica* in particular towards exchange students, because they rendered me really an invaluable service while I was conducting my research.

Ganna Kalmius
Dnipropetrovs'k National University



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- Chairman:* **Vincenzo Cesareo** – Università Cattolica di Milano
- Speakers:* **Romano Prodi** – Brown University
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The Mediterranean and Europe
Mona Said – American University in Cairo
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- h 17* *Coffee break*
- h 17,30-19,30* Parallel Workshops (*see specific programme*)

Friday 27th March

- h 9* Parallel Workshops (*see specific programme*)
- h 11* *Coffee break*
- h 11,15* Parallel Workshops (*see specific programme*)
- h 13,30* *Lunch*
- h 14,45* Plenary Session: ***Young People and Social Inclusion: School, Work, and Processes of Identification***
- Chairman:* **Claire Bidart** – Laboratoire d'économie et de sociologie du travail (Lest) - Cnrs
- Speakers:* **Stéphane Beaud** – École Normale Supérieure
Fractured Education and Diversity in Social Integration among French Young People
Maurizio Ambrosini – Università Statale di Milano
Young Immigrants: social problems or actors of a new society?
Dominique Charvet – Commission Jeunes et politiques publiques au Commissariat Général du Plan
Integration : a Task for Young People or a Task for Society?
- h 17* *Coffee break*
- h 17,30-19,30* Parallel Workshops (*see specific programme*)

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| <i>Presentation of the 11th AlmaLaurea survey: Graduates' employment condition</i> | |
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- h 20,15* *Dinner*

Saturday 28th March

h 9 **Round Table: Young People and Society: Continuity, Transformation and Ambivalence**

Chairman: **Antonio de Lillo** – Presidente Associazione Italiana di Sociologia

Speakers: **Gilberto Antonelli** – Università di Bologna
Carles Feixa - Universitat de Lleida
Carmen Leccardi – Università di Milano - Bicocca
Danilo Martuccelli – Université de Lille 3
Augusto Palmonari – Università di Bologna
Alessandro Rosina – Università Cattolica di Milano
Françoise Tétard – Centre d'histoire sociale du XX^e siècle - Cnrs

h 11,30 *Coffee break*

h 11,45 *Discussion*

h 12,45 Closing Addresses
Paolo Zurla – Università di Bologna
Henri Eckert – Centre d'études et de recherches sur les qualifications (CEREQ)

h 13 Presentation of the 5th edition of the Conference
Yves Doazan - Institut D'Économie Publique (IDEP) – Cnrs

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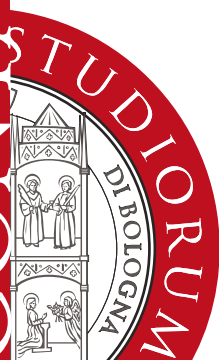
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