

TALKING EUROPE 2019-2020 panel debates series

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Re- and circular migration as cohesion strategy

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**Monday,
November 11th**

16.00 h

Welcome

Mijo Marić

Director of the Croatian Heritage Foundation

Holger Haibach

Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Office for Croatia and Slovenia

Prof. Željko Holjevac, PhD

Director, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Zagreb

Senada Šelo Šabić, PhD

Senior Scientific Associate, Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO), Zagreb

Olive Hemenstall

Irish Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia

16.20 h

Introduction

Caroline Hornstein Tomić, PhD

Scientific Advisor, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Zagreb

16.30 h

Key Note

Martin Russell, PhD

UCD Clinton Institute, Dublin

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Panel discussion

Croatiana Orešković

Counselor with a special position on the issue of Croatian
Diaspora, Central State Office for Croats abroad, Zagreb

Alida Vračić

Visiting Fellow, Europe's Futures fellow of IWM and ERSTE
Foundation, Vienna

Remus Gabriel Anghel, PhD

Senior Researcher, Romanian Institute for Research on National
Minorities Issues, Cluj-Napoca

Moderator

Caroline Hornstein Tomić, PhD

Scientific Advisor, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Zagreb

17.30 h

Discussion

18.00 h

Reception

Conference languages: English-Croatian (with provided
simultaneous translation)

Re- and circular migration as cohesion strategy: In today's globalized, interdependent and digitalized world migrants, migrant associations and diasporas are increasingly understood as transnational actors who engage and can be engaged for homeland development. The impact of remigration or circular migration between different countries on homeland development has been of interest for migration researchers and policy makers on a global level for quite some time. With regards to Central and Eastern Europe return from the diaspora or circulation between home and host-country is increasingly discussed as an attractive policy strategy to counter the effects of emigration, brain drain / loss of skilled labour force and demographic change. By stressing the "migration and development nexus" it is presupposed that the tapping not only into money, but also into knowledge, ideas and connections the modernization processes in countries of origin may be spurred; that migrant associations, transnational business and science networks, political diaspora organizations and individual migrants may act as development agents and so contribute to growth, security / stability and well-being and thus in return reduce migration pressure. How has the Republic of Ireland, for long a classic country of emigration, been able to attract return migrants? Are there lessons to be learned for Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe (CESEE), and for Croatia respectively, from Ireland's diaspora policy?

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About Talking Europe II 2019 – 2020

With *Talking Europe*, the Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar in Zagreb organized a series of seven public lectures and panel debates during the run-up of Croatia's accession to the European Union. The series was organized in partnership with the Croatia Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. For each panel a foreign guest (from academia, politics, or think tanks) was invited as a speaker; the panelists and discussants were from different Croatian scientific and public institutions, as well as from Pilar Institute. The series tackled topics ranging from EU enlargement, demographic developments, European social systems, identity / alterity, European centers and peripheries, to the Euro crisis, and finally, how to complete SOE-integration into the European Union.

Talking Europe II 2019 – 2020 continues the debate on current challenges and future perspectives of the European Union, this time in the run-up to and during Croatia's EU Council Presidency. Talking Europe 2019 – 2020 again is organized in partnership with the Croatia Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and this time also with the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) as third partner. Again, a cross-institutional, interdisciplinary and international principal of organization is followed: each panel host is a scientist from Pilar Institute who will convene speakers from international academic and public institutions or organisations, including stakeholders from think tanks or industry, as well as panellists from Croatia. Thus, the series continues to encourage dialogue on issues of relevance both on local as well as on supranational / European levels. The panels strive not only for academic expertise but also for cross-sectorial and controversial debate from multiple perspectives as quality criteria. Talking Europe 2019 – 2020 consists of three panel debates per year.

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