



## **Conflict of Interest in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Toruń, 25-27 August 2010**

*draft conference programme as of 10 August 2010*

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### **Wednesday, August 25**

Session 1. 10:00-11:30 Conflict of Interest in Politics and Academy – guest lectures

Janine Wedel, George Mason University, *Shadow Elite: Today's New System of Power and Influence*

*11:30-12:00 coffee break*

Session 2. 12:00-13:30, General Aspects of Conflict of Interest

1. Georg P. Mueller, Univ. of Fribourg, *Coping with Low-Trust Situations in Eastern and Western Europe: On the Role of Corruption and Justice as Risk-Buffers*
2. Joanna Szalacha, Torun School of Banking, *Interlocking directorates and possible conflicts of interest*
3. Andrzej Zybertowicz, Nicolaus Copernicus University, *Structural Conflict of Interests as the Foundation of the Post-Communist Poland*

*13:30-14:30 lunch*

Session 3. 14:30-16:00 Conflict of Interest – Regional Experiences

1. Kenneth Roberts, University of Liverpool, *Class, Politics, and Trust in the South Caucasus*
2. Flavio Augusto Lira Nascimento, Sao Paulo State University, *Conflicts of interests in post-authoritarian regimes: differences and similarities between Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Latin America (LA)*
3. Martin Mendelski, Goethe University Frankfurt, *Rule of law reforms in the shadow of clientelism: the limits of the EU's transformative power in Romania*

*16:00-16:30 coffee break*

Session 4. 16:30 – 18:00 Discussion about the Janine Wedel's book *Shadow Elite: How the World's New Power Brokers Undermine Democracy, Government, and the Free Market* (Basic Books, 2009). Discussants: Kenneth Robersts (University of Liverpool), Mateusz Trawiński (NCU).

## **Thursday, August 26**

### Session 5. 9:00-11:00 Conflict of Interest as a Political Problem and a Research Category – guest lectures

Andrzej Górski , Vice-President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, *Conflict of interest and the integrity of medical research and care*

Emil Pływaczewski, University of Białystok, Faculty of Law; main coordinator of the Polish Platform for Homeland Security, *Polish Platform for Homeland Security: Idea, History and Research Projects*

*11:00-11:30 Coffee break*

### Session 6. 11:30-13:00 Areas of Conflict of Interest in Poland

1. A. Jan Kutylowski, University of Oslo, *Legal institutions and corruption in the Polish post-communist bureaucracy from the viewpoint of civic risk and uncertainty*
2. Aleksandra Lis, Central European University in Budapest, *Polish actors in the EU Climate change and energy package debate: How to render an interest translation robust?*
3. Arkadiusz Peisert, University of Gdańsk, *Conflict of interest – case of housing cooperatives in Poland.*

*13:00-14:00 lunch*

### Session 7. 14:00-16:00 Ways to Regulate Conflict of Interest – Polish Experiences

1. Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć, The Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, *CoI in civic and social programs on the local level*
2. Paweł Ruzewski, Piotr Sitniewski, *Declarations of income as a control mechanism to prevent conflicts among local government officials at the voivodship level in Poland*
3. Sylwia Męćfal, University of Łódź, *A local journalist in the network of conflicts of interest*
4. Bartosz Pilitowski, Nicolaus Copernicus University, *Corporate bankruptcy proceedings - a conflict of interest institutionalized*

*16:00-16:30 Coffee break*

Session 8. 16:30-18:30 Guest session: *Politically modified organisms – how interest groups affect the GMO-debate in Poland, Germany and the EU*, chaired by Beate Friedrich, Daniela Gottschlich, Yen Sulmowski (Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany)

1. Introduction
2. Marek Kryda, Indigena, *Conflict of interest in the realm of Polish agriculture on it's way to the free market economy*
3. Anna Witowska, Food & Water Europe, *Biotech Diplomacy: How US Embassies Are Pushing GMOs Throughout Europe. Fact Sheet*
4. Benedikt Haerlin, Save our Seeds, *Interest groups and their influence on the GMO debate and legislation in Germany and the EU*
5. Discussion

**Friday, August 27**

Session 9. 10:00-11:30 Conflict of Interest in the Ukraine and Russia

1. Olga Brusylovska , I.I.Mechnikov Odessa National University, *Groups of interests in political process of modern Ukraine*
2. Kateryna Novikova, Warsaw School of Personal Management, *Where does the Social Network Capital End and Informal Corrupting Connections Begin? Post-Soviet Practices in the Internet Era*
3. Tetiana Kostiuchenko, National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", *Central actors and groups in political elite: advantages of network approach*

*11:30-12:00 coffee break*

12:00-14:00 Panel Discussion, *Combating COI in post-communist countries*

Antoni Z. Kamiński, former President of Transparency International Poland,  
Grażyna Kopińska, Director of the Anti-Corruption Program, Stefan Batory  
Foundation

Marek Kaduczak, Head of Legal Affairs unit at OLAF: European Anti-Fraud Office

*14:00 Closing of the conference*