THIRD INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM
ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
29-30 SEPTEMBER
BELGRADE – SERBIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF SERBIA
(Resavska 13-15, 11000 Belgrade)

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Overview

The Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade and the Faculty of Economics of the University of Rome Tor Vergata are pleased to announce the launch of the 3rd Interdisciplinary Symposium on Public Procurement. We are glad to be joined in the organization of this Third Edition of the Symposium by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia.

Aim

The Symposium brings together economists, lawyers, engineers, managerial experts in the field of public procurement through dialogue and discourse with the goal of reducing the terminology barrier among disciplines dealing with public procurement while reaching a joint wider understanding of practical issues. The Symposium also attempts to suggest reform measures for better rules of acquisition for Public Administrations to promote best practices worldwide.

Past Symposia

The past editions of the Symposium were held in the leading European capitals and hosted renowned experts, researchers and scientists in the field of public procurement:

1st Interdisciplinary Symposium on Public Procurement (6-7 June 2011, Rome, Italy)
2nd Interdisciplinary Symposium on Public Procurement (22-23 September 2014, Budapest, Hungary)

All the papers accepted in the previous Symposia have been published in the Routledge’s books “The Applied Law and Economics of Public Procurement” and “Public Procurement Policy. The Economics of Legal Relationships” edited by the organizers.

Symposium’s topic

During two days 4 main topics will be discussed:

- Local Preferences
- Joint Procurement
- Big Data
- Renegotiation

Venue and Symposium structure

The Third Interdisciplinary Symposium on Public procurement will take place at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, located in Resavska 13-15, 11000, Belgrade September 29th and 30th. On the evening of the 29th of September all the participants of the Symposium are welcome to participate in the Symposium dinner. The Symposium is structured with a total of 4 sessions (2 on each day) dedicated to a specific theme. Each session of the day lasts one hour and a half. On the first part of the session, the two main speakers will present and debate on the topic. Afterwards, there will take place the presentation of the two selected speakers and, lastly, the final discussion with the audience.
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29 September 2016 – Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia

8:45-9:15 - Conference Registration

9:15-9:30 – Welcome Speech

Sima Avramović, University of Belgrade

Professor Sima Avramović is one of the foremost Serbian authorities on comparative law, legal history, law and religion, Roman law, and rhetoric, and the Dean of the University of Belgrade's Law School. Avramović is the current President of the University of Belgrade's Senate.

Avramović extensively serves as a distinguished lecturer at leading universities in Greece, the Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Austria, Italy, the United States, Germany, England and Scotland. His current academic assignments include the following: President of the Commission for the University of Belgrade Bologna Follow Up, President of the Statutory Commission of the University of Belgrade, Member of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Panel of Experts, Editor-in-Chief of the Belgrade Law Review, Member of the Universities’ of Serbia Conference, Member of the Section for Sources of Serbian Law at the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, President of the Center for Cooperation among Religious Communities, President of the Society for Roman Law and Classics Forum Romanum, President of the Alan Watson Foundation, and he leads the Center for Oratory Institutio oratoria. In addition, he is the founder of the monthly bulletin of the University of Belgrade's Law School (Acta Diurna). He is also an editorial board member for the General Encyclopedia of Law, the Journal of Matica Srpska for Classical Studies, and the European Lawyer Journal. Professor Avramović holds the Juris Doctor, Master of Laws and Doctor of Juridical Science degrees from the University of Belgrade. In 1984, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Maryland.

Gustavo Piga, University of Rome Tor Vergata

Gustavo Piga, Ph. D. in Economics at Columbia University, is Full Professor of Economics at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, where he chairs the Master in Procurement Management. He has chaired the Italian Procurement Agency for Goods and Services, Consip Ltd., between 2002 and 2005. His fields of expertise are public procurement, macroeconomics and public debt management. He is the editor of several books, among which of the Handbook of Procurement, Cambridge University Press, with Nicola Dimitri and Giancarlo Spagnolo and of Revisiting Keynes: Economic Possibilities for our Granchildren, MIT Press, with Lorenzo Pecchi. He is also the editor of the Rivista di Politica Economica, the scientific journal of Confindustria.

9:30-10:00 – Honorary Address

Giancarlo Spagnolo, SITE - Stockholm School of Economics, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance & University of Rome Tor Vergata

Giancarlo Spagnolo (M.Phil. Cambridge; Ph.D., Stockholm School of Economics) is Professor of Economics at SITE - Stockholm School of Economics and (on leave) at University of Rome Tor Vergata. He is also research fellow of CEPR, London and ENCORE, Amsterdam, and a non-resident fellow of EIEF. He is an internationally recognized authority on Competition Policy, Public Procurement, Anti-Corruption and related issues. He has published many widely quoted scientific articles in top international academic journals including Econometrica, the Journal of Economic Theory and the RAND Journal of Economics, and has co-edited Cambridge University Press’s Handbook of Procurement. He has founded and directed for four years the Reseach Unit at the Italian Central Procurement Agency (Consip), and has been advising and consulting for many national and international institutions, including the World Bank, the EU Parliament, and the European Commission (several DGs) on antitrust, procurement and anti-corruption issues.
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Theme 1: LOCAL PREFERENCES
Chairman: Alessandro Ancarani

10:00-11:00 – Rapporteurs

Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova, European Commission

Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova is a senior economist in the Chief Trade Economist Unit of the European Commission working on economics of government procurement, economic assessment of free trade agreements and economic modelling. She has authored more than 20 publications on the economic impact of international trade policies, international government procurement, trade in services, regional trade agreements, EU tax policy and others. Zornitsa Kutlina-Dimitrova obtained a PhD from the European Institute for International Economic Relations and a master in European Economy from the University of Aachen. She is also the author of ‘Financial Markets Development and Economic growth in the Central and Eastern European EU Member States (Peter Lang, 2009).

Pedro Telles, University of Swansea

Dr. Pedro Telles is an expert in public procurement regulation, interested in analysing the law in context and changing practice. To this end most of his research to date has a mixed methods approach (law with social sciences and quasi natural experiments) which led to him giving evidence to the Local Authorities Select Committee at Westminster in 2013 and having his research in improving low value procurement adopted by the Federation of Small Businesses in 2014. You can find some of Pedro’s academic publications on SSRN and his more practice focused pieces at telles.eu/publications. He comments regularly on topical public procurement issues at his blog telles.eu. Pedro is currently a Senior Lecturer in Law at Swansea University where he lectures EU, Competition and Company Law. He was previously a Lecturer in Law and procurement law specialist at Bangor University (2011-2015), where he was Course Director for Law with Languages. He co-organised Procurement Week from 2012 to 2015, making it a leading international procurement with over 500 participants and was a founding member of the Institute for Competition and Procurement Studies in 2012. In 2016, he was appointed to the EU Committee of the Law Society. Pedro undertook his PhD at the University of Nottingham (2007-2010) and before that was a lawyer specialised in Portugal and Spain (2003-2007), advising public and private entities in public procurement and administrative law matters.

11:00-11:30 - Coffee Break
11:30-12:30 - Selected Papers

Sharlene Jo-Ann Shillingford McKlmon, Embassies of the East Caribbean States and Mission to the EU

With a dynamic 17-year history leading International development across regional and international settings, Sharlene has worked in the varying capacities of project manager, or team leader in three principal areas of her technical expertise: (1). trade and economic integration primarily including national and regional public procurement reform; (2) diplomatic and strategic relations and (3) regional and international trade. This was achieved through primarily providing her technical expertise to the 26 Latin American and Caribbean countries at Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC, the 15 members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and now the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in the Mission to the European Union in Brussels.

Petra Ferk and Boštjan Ferk, Institute for Public-Private Partnership, Slovenia

Petra Ferk is the researcher at the Institute for Public-Private Partnership Slovenia, as well as one of its founders. She advises on complex legal issues within the areas of operation of the Institute, especially public procurement, public-private partnerships, services of general economic interest and state aid. She also covers the fields of research, international cooperation, and knowledge transfer. Petra Ferk is also Assistant Professor for public administration at Graduate School of Government and European Studies. Boštjan Ferk is the Managing Director of the Institute for Public-Private Partnership, as well as one of the founders. He is involved in different projects, dealing mainly with public procurement and public-private partnerships. Boštjan is also an Assistant Professor for Public Administration at the Graduate School of Government and European Studies, Slovenia. Additionally, he regularly lectures at PPP seminars and trainings organised at the Academy for Administration of the Slovenian Ministry of Public Administration.

12:30-13:00 - Open Debate
13:00-14:00 – Lunch
Theme 2: JOINT PROCUREMENT

Chairman: Annalisa Castelli

14:00-15:00 – Rapporteurs

Nicola Dimitri, University of Siena

BA Statistics, Msc Statistics, Ph. D. Economics, he is Full Professor of Economics at the University of Siena (Italy). He is Life Member of Clare Hall College Cambridge (UK), currently Visiting Professor at IMT Lucca (Italy) and Chair in Innovation Procurement at the Maastricht School of Management (NL). He was formerly Italian Delegate for the 7th EU Framework Programme (Cooperation-SSH) and Deputy Rector and Chair of the Economics Department at the University of Siena. He has been economic advisor for CONSIP, the Italian Procurement Agency, from 2003 until 2008, for the Japanese Embassy in Rome as well as for public and private institutions in The Netherlands, on procurements design. His academic interests and professional experience are in procurement, auctions and market design, game and decision theory, contracts, the economics of innovation, health care and pharmaceutical economics. He published several papers in international journals and contributed, as editor and author, to various books. In particular, together with Gustavo Piga and Giancarlo Spagnolo he edited the Handbook of Procurement, Cambridge University Press.

Tünde Tátrai, Corvinus University of Budapest

Graduated as economist and lawyer, works currently as an associate professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Business Economics. She teaches electronic procurement, sustainable public procurement, ethical procurement and public procurement law. She is member of the Public Procurement Stakeholder Working Group (European Commission) and EXEP.

15:00-16:00 - Selected Papers

Antoinette Calleja, Ministry for Health of Malta

Antoinette Calleja is a Ph.D. graduate from the University of Hull, UK. Her doctoral studies focused on EU Public Procurement and its impact on society with implications for policy-making. Antoinette presently works as Director, International Affairs and Policy Development with the Ministry for Health, Malta. She has also worked as Director, Compliance, with the Public Procurement Office which acts as Malta’s central contracting authority. Antoinette qualified as a nurse in 1984 and as a midwife in 1986 where she actively practiced the profession for 11 years. She further pursued her studies and completed a Master’s Degree in Health Services Management and a Master’s Degree in Business Management, both with the University of Malta. She is the founder of the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses and today is its Honorary President. Antoinette is the author of Unleashing Social Justice through EU Public Procurement published by Routledge in 2015 (http://www.routledge.com/products/9781138930896).

Francesco Saverio Mennini, University of Rome Tor Vergata

Prof. Francesco Saverio Mennini, is presently Professor for Health Economics and Economics (Business Administration Course, in english) at University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, (Faculty of Economics). He is also Professor for Health Economics at University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Faculty of Statistics. Research Interests: Health economics, HTA, Pharmacoeconomics, Pharmaceutical Economics, Corruption and Health, Health System comparison.

16:00-16:30 - Open Debate

20:00 – Symposium Dinner: Restoran Caruso (Terazije 23/8, Beograd 11000, Serbia)
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9:30-10:00 – Welcome Coffee

Theme 3: BIG DATA
Chairman: Elisabetta Iossa

10:00-11:00 – Rapporteurs

Mihály Fazekas, University of Cambridge

Mihály Fazekas completed his PhD at the University of Cambridge in 2014 looking at high-level corruption, state capture, and state capacity in Central- and Eastern Europe. Now, he works at the University of Cambridge as a post-doctoral research fellow as the scientific coordinator of the Horizon 2020 funded project DIGIWHIST. This large-scale research project uses a Big Data approach to measuring corruption in public procurement and to allowing citizens to hold governments to account. He is also taking a leading role in other research projects on corruption such as ANTICORRP; and directs a think-tank, Government Transparency Institute, specializing in using Big Data to understand government performance. He holds three master degrees in economics, public policy, and teaching. He has experience in both quantitative and qualitative methods in diverse fields such as economics, public policy, and political science acquired in numerous research projects across Europe. He has worked for the OECD, World Bank, RAND Europe, Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Hertie School of Governance, and Hungarian Academy of Sciences. His latest research efforts concentrate on fair competition, transparency, and openness in public procurement markets with particular emphasis on quantitative analysis of corruption risks, bid rigging, and administrative capacity using large-scale administrative databases. Together with István János Tóth, he was awarded first prize in a U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre competition for their pioneering work in developing new proxy measures of corruption.

Stéphane Saussier, Université de Paris Sorbonne

Stéphane Saussier is Professor of Economics and Management at the Sorbonne Business Schools where he is running the MBA program. He is a specialist of contract and organization theories. Since 2009, he has been running a research group working on the Economics of Public Private Partnerships at the Sorbonne. He published more than 40 articles, many in international journals. His main publications can be found here: http://www.webssa.net/. He is also regularly involved in reports for international institutions such as OECD and European Parliament. His last report has been for the French Council of Economic Analysis on “How to Improve Public Procurement”, co-authored with Jean Tirole in April 2015.

11:00-11:30 - Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 - Selected Papers

Bernardo Nicoletti, University of Rome Tor Vergata

Bernardo Nicoletti is a lecturer at the Master in Procurement Management of the Tor Vergata University in Rome, Italy, where he teaches ICT Procurement. He is a process improvement researcher and consultant, directing research projects in Lean and Digitize: the joint optimization of processes and automation. In the past he has been CIO with General Electric, AIG, and Alitalia. Bernardo has also authored and co-authored several books and publications on Procurement, Lean, and Digitize.

Nikola Komšić, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia

Nikola Komšić is holds a bachelor with honours of law. He graduated from the University of Rome Tor Vergata successfully finished the International Master in Public Procurement Management. In 2015, he also completed his second master programme – European law on the Faculty of Law, Union University in Belgrade. From 2011 to 2012 he worked in the Commercial Court in Novi Sad. From September till December of 2013 he was hired as a researcher for Public Procurement Office of Serbia, where he did comparative legal analysis of binding EU rules in public procurement for improving public procurement in Serbia. Now, he works the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, in the Center for the Support to Investment and Public Private Partnership. His position is Expert Associate for public private partnership.

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Theme 4: RENEGOTIATION

Chairman: Gustavo Piga

14:00-15:00 – Rapporteurs

**Francesco Decarolis, Boston University**

Francesco Decarolis is a faculty at Boston University – Boston (MA), USA – and EIEF - Rome, Italy - and is a fellow of CEPR and NBER. He holds a BA in Economics from Universita’ Bocconi, Milan, and a MA and PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago. Prior to joining Boston University, he worked at the Bank of Italy, the University of Wisconsin Madison and the University of Pennsylvania. His research is on Industrial Organization, with a focus on public procurement, auctions and health economics. His main publications as well as more details about his research activity are available at: http://people.bu.edu/fdc/

**Martin Trybus, Birmingham Law School**

Martin Trybus, LL.M., Ph.D., is Professor of European Law and Policy and Director of the Institute of European Law at the Birmingham Law School of the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom and Senior Research Fellow at RAND Europe. He has published widely on EU defence regulatory issues and especially defence procurement law and is the author of Buying Defence and Security in Europe: The EU Defence and Security Procurement Directive in Context (CUP, 2014), European Defence Procurement Law (Kluwer, 1999) and European Union Law and Defence Integration (Hart, 2005). He is also the co-editor (with Sue Arrowsmith) of Public Procurement: The Continuing Revolution (Kluwer, 2002), (with Nigel White) of European Security Law (OUP, 2007), (with Roberto Caranta) of The Law of Green and Social Procurement in Europe ( Djøf: Copenhagen, 2010), and (with Roberto Caranta and Gunilla Edelstamm) of EU Public Contract Law (Bruylant, 2014). Apart from Birmingham, he teaches regularly in Turin and Maastricht. He recently completed his second term as a member of the Procurement Review Board of the European Space Agency (ESA) in Paris and has worked on numerous projects for the OECD, the ILO, the European Commission, and the European Defence Agency. In 2008 and 2016 he gave evidence to the European Parliament on the new Defence and Security Procurement Directive.

15:00-16:00 - Selected Papers

**José Luis Guasch, George Washington University**

Mr. Guasch holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University, California, USA and Industrial Engineering Degree from the Polytechnic University of Barcelona, Spain. He is the Former Senior Regional Advisor in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Region in The World Bank in Washington, DC, responsible for regulation, competitiveness, infrastructure/PPP , innovation and technology issues and investment climate for the LAC Region and was the Head of the World Bank Global Expert Team on PPP. He is also a Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego, since 1980. Over 30 years of experience advising Governments on multiple aspects i) on improving Competitiveness, and Innovation and Mainstreaming SMEs into the value chain and reforming SOEs; and ii) on Infrastructure and PPPs and Regulation (legal, institutional, processes, contract design, contract oversight, instruments and capacity building, financial issues, pricing etc). He has assisted and advised Governments in more than 50 countries on a variety of issues among them on competitiveness, SOE reform and infrastructure and PPPs and logistics. He has written extensively in leading economic and finance journals, and has written several books.

**Ilenia Mauro, University of Rome Tor Vergata**

Ilenia Mauro is a PhD Fellow in Economic, Law and Institutions at University of Rome Tor Vergata, with a draft thesis on “The whitelist antimafia Analysis on a preventive anti-corruption measure in Public Procurement” waiting to be defended. She has a master degree cum laude in Law at University LUISS Guido Carli, Rome, major in administrative law and public contracts. As a PhD student, she recently spent 4 months at SciencesPo University, Paris as Visiting Scholar in the Chaire Mutations de l’Action Publique et du Droit public. She is Teaching Assistant in the corse of European Law and Institutions, at University of Rome Tor Vergata. She works as part of a team of experts working on the Programme: “Development and implementation of the infrastructure and instruments for an integrated Caricom Single Market and Economy (CSME) Procurement Market”. She conducts research activity on International Best Practice on Procurement Procedure and drafting of the Standard Bidding Documents (SBD). She is lawyer since 2012. She has published a number of articles and book chapters in the area of administrative law, public procurement law, and administrative justice.

16:00-16:30 - Open Debate

16:30-17:00 – Closing Remarks
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