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The European Union is slowly emerging from the deepest economic recession in its history. Long-standing challenges like insufficient growth and population ageing have been coupled with fiscal instability and deep fissures within the euro-zone. Competitiveness and unemployment indicators place the EU behind its main global rivals. Moreover, the crisis has put in doubt the overall political architecture and economic governance of the Union. With millions of citizens

unemployed, to amend inequalities and sustain a democratic and social Europe have become issues of legitimacy for the European political elite and for the whole project of united Europe. While member states tend to keep the main focus on national interests and well-being of their citizens, EU's politico-economic model as a pole of attraction for the aspirant countries is clearly in decline. This inter- and multi-disciplinary one-day conference seeks to reconsider the current EU complexities across diverse policy areas and suggest perspectives on growth and ways leading out of the crisis.

Major issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Austerity or Growth Union?
- How to amend state structures to sustain economic growth in Europe?
- Scientific and technological achievements, renewable energy sources and sustainable growth
- How to save the euro, or the EU without the euro?
- Synergy of competitive capitalism and the welfare state: setting an integrated socio-economic agenda
- EU funds: assessing their scope and effectiveness
- Economic rationale behind investments in education and human capital in general
- EU Cohesion Policy reconsidered: perspectives on regional and urban development
- How to overcome the democratic deficit in the EU
- EU integration and enlargement: opportunities for success vs. likely alternatives to the project

Case studies comparing at least three countries (including but not limited to those of South East Europe) as well as research-based policy recommendations are encouraged.

By tradition, key speakers and high level officials from the country and from abroad are invited to address the conference.

Abstracts due

Tuesday, 22 January 2013

Notification of acceptance

Tuesday, 29 January 2013

Papers due

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

Review feedback

Tuesday, 23 April 2013

Revised papers due

Tuesday, 7 May 2013

**Conference date**

**Thursday, 16 May 2013**

[Please find attached the complete version of the Call for Papers.](#)

For abstract & paper guidelines, conference program and other updates, please visit our web page: <http://www.uacs.edu.mk/conference>

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