

Panel 1:

Political and administrative reforms after the economic crisis

Current panel continues the inquiries started at the NIG Annual conference in 2014 in exploring mechanisms governing the effectiveness and sustainability of the political and administrative reforms in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) as well as in the relationship between the EU and its neighbors during the past decades, particularly given the complex political evolutions in the region. The goal is to compare and contrast different strategies of continuing reforms in the target region (defined as CEE, and the regions of European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and Eastern Partnership (EaP)) in the aftermath of the economic crisis.

Given the emergence of complex politico-strategic situations in the target region, coupled with the consequences of an economic and financial crisis of the magnitude of which the world has known in the recent years, it is to be expected that innovative strategic approaches are found in order to develop sustainable reforms on a long term. The turbulence of the broad socio-economic context raises more issues regarding the development and sustainability of democratization and administrative reforms.

Papers in this panel will also analyse and compare the mechanisms through which the EU promotes democratization, as well as the determinants for the successful adaptation and implementation of reforms in CEE, ENP and EaP partners.

The panel therefore aims to attract papers which examine the impact of the EU on democratization in CEE and ENP partners as well as institutional reform in a complex and turbulent environment. Paper contributions with a focus on public sector/ administrative reforms are particularly welcome.

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