



Call for speakers

“Beyond neoliberalism – ideas for a new development pathway in Romania”, October 4th, 2014, Cluj Napoca, Romania

Venue: Cluj Napoca, Romania, October 4, 2014

Speaker proposal deadline: 1 July 2014

Speakers will be notified by: 15 July, 2014

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Atelierul de Critica Sociala (ACRIS, the Group for Social Critique) of the Faculty of European Studies of Babeş-Bolyai University from Cluj-Napoca will organize the conference “*Beyond neoliberalism – ideas for a new development pathway in Romania*” on 4th October 2014 in Cluj-Napoca. After 25 years of transformation, Romania’s development model is neither economically sustainable nor socially inclusive. Romania is still the poorest country in EU, with a fragile economy that is highly dependent on capital inflows and whose main competitive advantages is cheap labor. Neoliberal policies and austerity measures which have frequently been applied in the country lead to a tense social situation. Inequality is among the highest in Europe, public goods such as health and education are under-financed and significant parts of the society are excluded. There is a strong need for new ideas and fresh thinking on how to raise welfare levels, create new job opportunities, enhance social cohesion, foster sustainable growth and promote participation. Against this background the conference aims to present ideas for a new development pathway that goes beyond neoliberal and towards a model that is economically more sustainable and socially more inclusive.

The organizers call for speakers for the conference. Speakers will have the possibility to present and discuss their ideas, as well as to publish an article based on their presentation in *Studia Europaea* Journal (<http://www.studia.ubbcluj.ro/serii/europaea/>). Journal articles will be expected to be provided by 15 January 2015 at the latest. Moreover, the organizers hope that the conference

might stimulate networking across academics and policy-related persons eager to take part in thinking about and acting for development beyond neoliberalism

FES will cover travel and accommodation costs of the selected speakers. Speakers can come from Romania and abroad.

Applicants are asked to send a short abstract of their presentation. The abstract should be maximum 2000 words.

The abstracts should be sent to: Serban Vaetisi (vaetisis@yahoo.com) and Victoria Stoiciu (Victoria.stoiciu@fes.ro) until 1 July 2014.

Organizing committee: Victoria Stoiciu (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung). Ciprian Bogdan, Serban Vaetisi and Eniko Vincze (ACRIS – Faculty of European Studies - UBB).