

Call for contribution to the publication

TRANSITION- LESSONS LEARNT: 30 YEARS NOW FROM CHANGE ALBANIA 1990- 2020

Your honorable,

December 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the multi-party system establishment and the communist system disbandment in Albania. Our country has been through - ever since 1990 - a long complex transformation and reformation process, in an attempt to build a new system underpinned by the rule of law, free market economy, Euro-Atlantic integration and functional democracy.

Debate on transition, its nature and ending is inextricably linked to debate on transition balance sheet, or even debate on the ratio between expectations in the 90', capacities and tools available, as well as outcomes and reflections on the verge of these three decades lapsing. Transition is to Albanian researchers a period rather experienced and commented on, than studied in depth and complexity. To the rest of the world, the insights and the professional information on the 30-year post-communist era developments in Albania are much shallow. In both cases, professional publications on transition are quite a handful - as such they never managed to satisfy the greater need of younger generations and interested public in and outside the country to get to know and evaluate this period on professional robust foundations.

Therefore, in order to provide a humble contribution in this regard, the Institute for Political Studies and Konrad-Adenauer Foundation have planned to arrange and release a special publication on the 30th anniversary of the multi-party system establishment in Albania, focusing on the balance sheet and challenges over these 30 years of transition. The publication will be issued in English and Albanian, as edited by two co-editors: a history professor expert on post-communist political developments in Albania and a history professor expert on post-communist political developments in Germany.

The publication announcement will be coupled with an open forum/conference addressing the very same topic in order for the publication and wider-scale experts, or public, media and political actors interested on issues tackled therein exchange their perspectives.

Main publication topics focus on the political system analysis, elections and representation, political culture, elites' role, inheritance and breaking with the past, economic reforms and their balance sheet, human rights, foreign politics and external influences, justice system and independent institutions, cultural changes, education and science, security institutions, migration, civil society role, social movements etc.

Participation in the said publication will not be open to all applicants, but will rather aim at the selection of the most 13-17 professional and representative experts, in line with the exigency for the publication to reflect all thematic issues. The selected experts' contribution will be humbly remunerated by the organizers.

The forum/conference details will be made public in June 2020. We are providing below the preliminary technical data on publication only:

1. Abstract submission is due 30.04.2020 (400 words, 3-5 key words, short CV)
2. Confirmation to participate in the publication is due 15.05.2020
3. Full paper will be submitted before 30.07.2020 (6-8 thousand words, Times News Roman, 12 font, 1.0 space)
4. The full paper may be submitted in Albanian, or English.

We encourage a wide variety of ideas and perspectives on themes to be presented. As enshrined by the international academic debate norms and values, we will consider no paper that is offensive, discriminating against, polemical, or seeking to advance a national or party-bound political stance.

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