

Minutes of

PROSEPS WG1 meeting at the University of Sarajevo

September 19-20, 2018

Working 1 had **three sessions** within the two-day programme.

The sessions targeted two main tasks of WG1: the preparation of the country template and discussion of the prospective publication strategy of WG1. All the three sessions were lively with active participation of the members.

Sessions 1 and 2

Before the discussion of the newly proposed country template, feedback was provided on the former version. The former version, i.e. the first country template was a test case for the country reports that are expected to be delivered on the state of political science in the member countries of PROSEPS Cost project. That version was filled in only members of WG1 thus WG1 experiences to prepare the final version that will be used by each and every participating country are valuable in this regard.

The newly proposed template for the country reports is partially built on these experiences while additional questions have been included and further ones have been suggested particularly by WG2 together with some individual initiatives. During the sessions most questions and issues were carefully discussed, some have been specified and reworked. A few questions have been left open with the decision that after some further input the final version of the template will be submitted to the PROSEPS Core group by the beginning of October and when accepted this will be the basis of the deliverable country reports. WG1 has good faith that the template will provide the information of the aspects of institutionalisation that are essential to understand the state of the discipline – and also help WG1 to contribute with relevant academic materials to the publication plans of the PROSEPS project.

Session 3

After some follow up on the former two sessions the publication strategy has been discussed.

WG1 aims to contribute to the PROSEPS project with an edited volume with the tentative title “Late Institutionalisation of the discipline in a comparative perspective”.

The book can include single country case studies if a country case provides a substantial contribution to an aspect of institutional development. More particularly however comparative chapters are more welcome as they can add more to the problem of the institutionalisation of our discipline. These comparative chapters can be cross country chapters (covering a cluster of countries within a region) and cross regional chapters (covering a cluster of countries from different regions). The two regions in the focus will be Southern Europe and East Central Europe but WG1 aims to include some (small) countries that might act as counterpoints to the late institutionalisation perspective. The chapters will be preferably multi-authored.

Regardless of the chapter types (specified above) the chapter themes should clearly connect to aspects of institutional development or/and the state of the political science discipline in the selected cluster of countries.

Potential themes have been raised in the context which indicators (as independent variables) would be essential to unfold the institutionalisation developments in the countries to be covered. It has been agreed that by the next WG1 meeting (on the basis of on-line discussions) extended abstracts of potential chapters will be developed. The next meeting of WG1 will take place in March, 2019. Exact time and venue still under discussion.

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