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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## Wednesday, June 23<sup>th</sup> 2021

17.00 – 19.00 EARLY ONISTE REGISTRATION

## Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

08.00 – 09.00 ONSITE REGISTRATION

09.00 – 09.30 [OPENING AND CONFERENCE GREETINGS](#) - Grand Hall of the Hotel Ambassador

### **OPENING GREETINGS:**

Alen Host, dean of the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business

Saša Drezgić, president of the Program Committee

Ana Grdović Gnip, delegate of the President of the Republic of Croatia

09.30 – 10.30 [PLENARY SESSION](#) - Grand Hall of the Hotel Ambassador

### **Keynote speaker:**

**Brad Delong**, University of California, U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, California, USA

**FROM THE COMMODITY TO THE ATTENTION ECONOMY**

10.30 - 10.45 BREAK

10.45 – 12.30 SESSIONS – AS DESCRIBED IN THE INDIVIDUAL AGENDA

12.30 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.30 – 16.00 SESSIONS – AS DESCRIBED IN THE INDIVIDUAL AGENDA

14.30 – 16.00 PANEL 1. [Smart City Panel: Near Future of Urban Life](#) (Passcode 2021) - **ROOM A**

This year, the Smart City Panel will kick off a debate on two big issues that are rapidly changing our everyday lives. It's about technology and the job market. There are many unanswered questions. How does technology affect our well-being? Are we using technology to deliver efficient and effective outcomes? How does technology intertwine with business and the labour market? On the other hand, we will discuss the potentials of the IQ network and how innovative urban ecosystems can use technology to leapfrog stages of urban development.

### **Chair Person:**

Saša Drezgić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**Discussants:**

Jelena Stanković, University of Niš, Faculty of Economics, Niš, Serbia

Jason Papathanasiou, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

**Presenters:**

Nicholas Zingale, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, USA

**ARE SMART CITIES BEING SMART ENOUGH ABOUT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF CITY LIFE?**

Daria Tataj, Tataj Innovation, Warsaw, Poland

**NETWORK IQ AND THE FUTURE OF WORK**

**16.15 – 17:45 [PANEL 2. Unger Family Foundation Panel: \*The World After Covid\*](#) (Passcode 2021) - **ROOM A****

The Unger Family foundation has been working in Croatia since the mid-1990s, helping to support and foster economic and community development through independent research and civic education and engagement. The foundation has worked closely with USAID, the Harvard Kennedy School, Cleveland State University, and the University of Rijeka to engage Croatian political leaders and civil servants and improve the quality and professionalization and governance. More recently, the foundation has also supported the efforts of individual scholars who are conducting research in various related fields. The panel will give a group of these scholars a chance to share their experiences working with the foundation and to present some of their current research related to issues of governance, economic development, and smart cities.

The ongoing global Covid19 pandemic has deeply affected all aspects of political, economic, and social life. Online work and distance learning are changing way humans work and interact with one another and blurring geographical boundaries. Contact tracing and digital applications that monitor or geographic location have tremendous economic and health benefits, but also bring up a slew of privacy and security issues for individual. The pandemic has disrupted global production chains and forced national leaders to reconsider moving production of essential equipment and medicines back to their home countries. Populist politicians use Covid to stoke political divides and maintain their grip on power. Meanwhile, the pandemic is having a profound effect on international relations and has significant implications for the power transition currently under way between the US and China. The panel will give a diverse group of scholars a chance to share their research on these and other issues, so that we may develop a better understanding of what a post-Covid world will look like.

**Chair person:**

Andrej Kričković, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

**Discussant:**

Al Saracevic – Editor in Chief, San Francisco Examiner

**Presenters:**

Predrag Pale, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**THE PANDEMIC AS A NEW DIVIDE: THOSE WHO USE THE CHANGE TO THRIVE, AND THOSE WHO IMPRECATATE THE PAST**

Kristijan Kotarski, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**CORONA ECONOMICS: THE FIVE HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE**

Gracielle Li, University of California, Berkeley, California, USA

**INSTABILITY DURING THE TIME OF CORONA: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES AND THE 1990S YUGOSLAVIA**

Andrei Eydlin, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

**THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON US AND CHINESE SOFT POWER**

**20.15 - GALA DINNER**



## Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

**09.30 – 11.00 STATE OF AFFAIRS: FINANCIAL AND MONETARY ISSUES (Passcode 2021)- **ROOM B****

**Speakers:**

Boris Vujčić, Governor, Croatian National Bank, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Ante Žigman, President of the Board, Croatian Financial Services Supervisory Agency, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**11.00 – 13.30 SESSIONS – AS DESCRIBED IN THE INDIVIDUAL AGENDA**

**11.00 – 13.30 FINANCE DEPARTMENTS MEETING – **ROOM A****

**13.30 – 13.45 CLOSING SESSION (ONSITE)**

**14.00 – 15.30 LUNCH**

**15.00 – 17.30 CONFERENCE FOR THE DOCTORAL STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA, FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS - **ROOM A****

**17.45 – 20.00 SCIENTIFIC COLLOQUIUM FOR THE DOCTORAL STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA, FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS - **ROOM A****

## **SESSION 1** **Regulation Economics**

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, 10.45 -12.30 – ROOM A**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

Dubravka Aksamović, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law Osijek, Osijek, Republic of Croatia

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**VIRTUAL MERGERS**

Davorin Pichler, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law Osijek, Osijek, Republic of Croatia

**APARTMENT OWNERSHIP IN CONDITIONS OF HOUSING CRISIS AND SLOWING DOWN OF REAL ESTATE MARKET**

Dejan Bodul, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**WORKPLACE PRIVACY AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES: CASE STUDY OF ECHR JURISPRUDENCE AS A GUIDELINE FOR TIME AFTER COVID-19?**

Qingxiu Bu, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom

**THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE ON AUTOMATED FACIAL RECOGNITION (AFR): ETHICAL AND LEGAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PRIVACY CHALLENGES**

Matija Damjan, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**PANDEMIC-DRIVEN SUSPENSION OF IP RIGHTS: A NEW WAY FOR PROMOTING PUBLIC POLICY OBJECTIVES?**

Francesco Gaspari, University G. Marconi, School of Law, Rome, Italy

Giuseppina Agata Di Guardo, University G. Marconi, School of Law, Rome, Italy

**DISTANCE LEARNING AS A TEST BED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DIGITALISATION IN ITALY DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC: THE WAY FORWARD BETWEEN DATA PROTECTION AND THE SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM ISSUES**

Dionis Jurić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Antonija Zubović, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**ONLINE FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES**

**SESSION 2**  
**Contemporary Issues and Challenges of Tourism and Connected Activities**

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, 10.45 -12.30 - ROOM B**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

Romina Alkier, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management Opatija

Romina Alkier, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management Opatija, Opatija, Republic of Croatia

Vasja Roblek, University of Novo Mesto, Faculty of Organisation Studies, Novo Mesto, Slovenia

Nenad Petrović, University of Niš, Faculty of Electronic Engineering, Niš, Serbia

**THE EMERGENCE OF SMART TOURISTIC DESTINATIONS AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE POST-COVID PERIOD**

Ana Rimac Smiljanić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

Blanka Škrabić Perić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

**TOURISM, INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND HOUSE PRICES IN EU COUNTRIES**

Filip Gelo, University of Applied Sciences Burgenland, Eisenstadt, Austria

Maja Matanić Vautmans, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**LONG TERM CARE (LTC) IN CROATIA; CURRENT STATE, COVID19 IMPACT AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Tomáš Hanák, University of Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Brno, Czech Republic

Lucie Kopečková, University of Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Brno, Czech Republic

Ivan Marović, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE OPERATION OF CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Jelena Musanović, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Opatija, Republic of Croatia

Jelena Dorčić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Opatija, Republic of Croatia

**TOPIC MODELLING OF CROATIAN FIVE-STAR HOTEL BRANDS POSTS ON FACEBOOK USING LATENT DIRICHLET ALLOCATION**

Ana-Marija Stjepić, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Dalia Suša Vugec, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**HOW THE APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS SUPPORTS THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?**

## **SESSION 3** **Digitalization and Sustainable Development**

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, 10.45 -12.30 - ROOM C**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

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Antun Biloš, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Economics, Osijek, Republic of Croatia

Bruno Budimir, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Economics, Osijek, Republic of Croatia

Juraj Rašić, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Economics, Osijek, Republic of Croatia

**DIGITALIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVITALIZATION OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS**

Lea Perinić, Institution Regional Energy Agency Kvarner, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Nada Denona Bogović, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Saša Čegar, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**THE ROLE OF SOCIAL INNOVATIONS IN THE GREEN TRANSITION OF CITIES**

Tanja Fatur Šikić, Primorje-gorski kotar County, Department for Physical Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Đula Borozan, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Economics, Osijek, Republic of Croatia

**MEETING THE LOW-CARBON CHALLENGE: THE ROLE OF EU ENERGY POLICY**

Lana Kordić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

Ivana Zrno, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: EVIDENCE FROM EU**

Jelena J. Stanković, University of Niš, Faculty of Economics, Niš, Serbia

Ivana Marjanović, University of Niš, Faculty of Economics, Niš, Serbia

Sandra Milanović, University of Niš, Faculty of Economics, Niš, Serbia

**TRANSPORT INDUSTRY AFTER COVID-19: EVIDENCE FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

Helena Šlogar, Libertas International University, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia  
Heri Bezić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Ivan Zagorac, Libertas International University, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**DIGITALIZATION OF CITY SERVICES THROUGH SMART APPLICATIONS AND E-SERVICES**

Viktorija Kunštek, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**THE POTENTIAL FOR THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE CENTRAL STATE OFFICE FOR CROATS ABROAD**

**SESSION 4**  
**Challenges and Trends in Education in an Era of Digitalization and COVID 19**

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, 10.45 -12.30 - ROOM D**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

Dejan Ravšelj, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Aleksander Aristovnik, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Damijana Keržič, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Dejan Ravšelj, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Nina Tomaževič, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Lan Umek, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**LIFE AND DIGITAL LEARNING ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS IN SLOVENIA: COMPARISON OF THE FIRST AND SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19**

Darwin Beletić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Nenad Vretenar, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**STUDENT'S PERCEPTION OF ROBOTS IN THE WORKPLACE**

Jesús García Laborda

Ismael Sanz Labrador

Jorge Sanz Sainz

**THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF EDUCATION CHANGES DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC: A LITERATURE REVIEW**

## **SESSION 5**

### **Entrepreneurship and Digitalization**

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, 14.30 – 16.00 - ROOM B**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

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Marko Brkić, Croatian institute of Public Health, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Danijela Sokolić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Iva Zdrilić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ERP SYSTEM IN A PUBLIC INSTITUTION**

Ada Guštin Habuš, University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Daša Farčnik, University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Aleš Gorišek, University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Tjaša Redek, University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**INTANGIBLE CAPITAL ACCUMULATION AND FIRM OWNERSHIP: THE CASE OF SLOVENIA**

Bono Beriša, University of St. Andrews, School of Management, St. Andrews, Scotland-United Kingdom.

Dejan Miljenović, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR "PORTFOLIO GREENES" WITHIN FINANCIAL RETAIL PRODUCTS**

Jerko Markovina, European Research Council Executive Agency, Bruxelles, Belgium

Eduard Petranović

**IS THERE A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL? THE ROLE OF MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT IN SHAPING ENTREPRENEURIAL MOTIVATION, INTENTIONS AND OPTIMISM IN THE CONTEXT OF PANDEMIC**

Bojan Morić Milovanović, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Mihaela Mikić, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Zoran Bubaš, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**ENTREPRENEURIAL ORIENTATION, STRATEGIC NETWORKING, AND BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AMONG CROATIAN SMES: A CONFIGURATIONAL APPROACH**



Mladen Turuk, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Ivan Turčić, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Tin Horvatinović, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**DIGITAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP: EASE OF DOING DIGITAL BUSINESS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Iva Gregurec, University of Zagreb, Faculty of organization and informatics, Varaždin, Republic of Croatia

**DIGITAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC – DATABASE REVIEW**

**SESSION 6**  
**Innovation Economics, Labour Market and Other**  
**Contemporary Economic and Business Issues**

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, 14.30 – 16.00 - ROOM C**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

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Daria Tataj, Tataj Innovation, Warsaw, Poland

Kevin Balanda, Eolas Projects, Dublin, Ireland

**NETWORK INTELLIGENCE: A NEW DIGITAL COMPETENCY MODEL FOR LEADERS AND MANAGERS IN TIMES OF COMPLEXITY**

Lana Galić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

Josipa Višić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

**INTEGRATING DATA SCIENCE IN BUSINESS: EVIDENCE FROM CROATIA**

Mariusz W. Sienkiewicz: Marie Curie Skłodowska University, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, Lublin, Poland

**THE INNOVATION POLICY IN THE THREE SEAS COUNTRIES. GOALS, INSTRUMENTS, EFFECTS**

Marko Tomljanović, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Danijela Sokolić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Igor Cvečić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**RECENT DYNAMICS OF THE EUROPEAN LABOUR MARKET**

Lukasz Arendt: University of Lodz, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, Lodz, Poland

Karolina Bolesta, Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland

Ewa Gałęcka-Burdziak, Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland

**LABOUR MARKET POLARISATION - THE ANALYSIS OF UNMET LABOUR DEMAND USING AI METHODS**

**SESSION 7**  
**Finance departments meeting**

**Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, 11.00 – 13.30 – ROOM A**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

Mira Dimitrić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Helena Blažić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**SMART CITY/LOCAL TAX: SPECIFIC CONSUMPTION/SALES TAX FOR THE POST COVID CROATIA**

Marijana Oreb, HAMAG BICRO, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia Croatia

Saša Drezgić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**ROLE OF GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE MEASURES IN COVID-19 CRISIS**

Ana Rimac Smiljanić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

Blanka Škrabić Perić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

**RESIDENTS' PERCEPTIONS OF PEER-TO-PEER ACCOMMODATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AFTER COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

Iris Lončar, University of Dubrovnik, Department of Economics and Business Economics, Dubrovnik, Republic of Croatia

Nika Limov, University of Dubrovnik, Department of Economics and Business Economics, Dubrovnik, Republic of Croatia

**ACCEPTANCE OF CRYPTOCURRENCIES BY CROATIAN CITIZENS**

**SESSION 8**  
**Taxation, Finance and Banking**

**Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, 11.00 – 13.30 – ROOM B**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

Primož Pevcin, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Boris Vujčić, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business; Croatian National Bank, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Sanja Gongeta, College of Applied Sciences Lavoslav Ružička, Vukovar, Republic of Croatia

**TEN YEARS OF DIRECTIVE (EU) 2011/7 ON COMBATING LATE PAYMENT IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND ITS ROLE IN PROTECTING BUSINESSES IN THE POST-CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY PERIOD**

Denis Buterin, Polytechnic of Rijeka, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**OPTIMAL STRUCTURE OF TAXATION AND RESPONSE AT COVID-19**

Josip Grgić, Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBOR), Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**THE ROLE OF EU FUNDED FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS IN ADDRESSING THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND POST RECOVERY PERIOD**

Primož Pevcin, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND STATE SIZE: SCALE AND VULNERABILITY EFFECTS ASSESSED**

Neda Vitezić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Dejana Dojčinović

**EFFECTIVENESS OF TRADITIONAL GOING CONCERN FORECASTING MODELS BASED ON FINANCIAL INDICATORS IN CROATIAN ECONOMY**

Krunoslav Ris

Tomislav Radoš

**NEXT GENERATION OF CONSUMER BANKING**

Marko Vešligaj, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Public Administration, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**THE PROCESS OF FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN THE CONDITIONS OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

Hrvoje Jošić, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Berislav Žmuk, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

**COVID-19 AS AN ULTIMATE STOCK MARKET BLACK SWAN**

Mario Pečarić, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

Andrej Ilijevski, University American College Skopje, Skopje, North Macedonia

Šime Jozipović, University of Split, Faculty of Economics, Business and Tourism, Split, Republic of Croatia

**THE IMPACT OF A DIGITAL EURO ON NON-EUROZONE EU MEMBER'S STATES AND EU CANDIDATE COUNTRIES: THE CASE OF CROATIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA**

**SESSION 9**  
**Doctoral Students Workshop (1)**

**Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, 11.00 – 13.30 - ROOM C**

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Ani Trstenjak, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Saša Žiković, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**EU TOURISM SECTOR AS MORE GREENER, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE: STATIC PANEL DATA ANALYSIS**

Nikolina Blašković, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Nela Vlahinić Lenz, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**THE IMPACT OF THE LIBERALIZATION IN THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS MARKET ON RETAIL ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRICES IN EUROPEAN ENERGY UNION**

Antonio Kuzmanić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Jasmina Dlačić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**DETERMINANTS OF A SPORTS FANS' LOYALTY TO A SPORTS CLUB**

Ivana Knežević, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Jasmina Dlačić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**EXPLORING THE PERCEPTION OF INFORMATION AVAILABILITY ABOUT RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES: THE ROLE OF MARKETING COMMUNICATION**

Joško Marić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**INDEBTEDNESS AND GROWTH OF THE TRANSITION COUNTRIES OF THE EU: WHEN PUBLIC DEBT AFFECTS NEGATIVELY ON ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Daniel Zadro, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Nikolina Dukić Samaržija, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

Luka Samaržija, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka, Republic of Croatia

**THE ROLE OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE PERSPECTIVES OF CROATIAN DENTAL TOURISM**

**SESSION 10**  
**Doctoral Students Workshop (2)**

**Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, 11.00 – 13.30 – ROOM D**

**Chair Person and Reporter:**

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