

The Annual Report of the Working Group “Transformations in the World System – Comparative Studies in Development” (2009)

The total number of active WG participants is 18, including 16 formal members of EADI, nine of them representing their institutions. This number is the same as in 2008.

The current list of the WG participants is the following:

Surnames & names	Membership	Affiliation	Country	Field of research
BUKOWSKI Slawomir	Individual	K. Pulaski Technical University of Radom	Poland	Development of Eastern Europe (financial problems)
BUSTELO Pablo	Individual	Real Instituto Elcano, University of Complutense	Spain	Development of East Asia and China
CASTEL Odile	Individual	Université de Rennes	France	North – South relations, social (dis)integration: the case of Brazil
CASULA Philipp	Individual	Basel University	Switzerland	Comparative studies of development in East Europe and Latin America
DESPINEY Barbara	Institutional	Université Paris-1, GEMDEV	France	Development of Eastern & Central Europe
GALEK Aleksandra	Institutional	International Security Department, Warsaw School of Economics	Poland	India in the world system, the problems of security in coherence with development
GARCIA Clara	Institutional	Department of Applied Economics, University of Complutense	Spain	The post-crisis development of East Asia

HEIN Wolfgang	Institutional	German Overseas Institute	Germany	Global development and governance
HORNIDGE Anna-Katharina	Institutional	The Centre for Development Research, Bonn University	Germany	East Asia in the world system, the rise of knowledge-based society in the region
KOMLOSY Andrea	--	Vienna University	Austria	Comparative studies of development in East Europe, history of development
KRASILSHCHIKOV Victor	Individual	Inst. of World Economy & International Relations	Russia	Development of Latin America, Russia and East Asia
LEVAL Imre	Individual	Institute for Political Science, Hungary	Hungary	Globalisation and East Europe, globalisation and small states
RAFFER Kunibert	Individual	University of Vienna	Austria	The general problems of development, unequal exchange
de SOUSA Ricardo Real Pedrosa	Institutional	African Studies Centre, ISCTE, Lisbon	Portugal	The poorest countries (LDCs), "the resource curse"
SCHMIDT Johannes Dragsbaek	Institutional	Research Centre on Development and International Relations, Aalborg University	Denmark	Development and Globalisation, East Asian countries
TAUSCH Arno	--	Innsbruck University	Austria	The general problems of development, EU and the Third World relations
ZUKROWSKA	Institutional	International Se-	Poland	Institutional Fac-

Katarzyna		curity Department, Warsaw School of Economics		tors of Develop- ment, Compara- tive Studies of In- stitutionalisation
ZUMKEHR Hye Jin	Institutional	University College, Utrecht	Netherlands	East Asia in the world

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The efforts of conveners were aimed at realisation of plans to proceed the workshop on the changes of Latin America's position in the world system because of the Left turn in the continent. Due to visit of one of the WG conveners to Madrid, the arrangement to organize this workshop in 2009 is achieved. It has to be hosted by the Economic faculty of Complutense University in April 2010. Participation of two-three scholars from Latin American countries is expected. Among them are researchers from Instituto Fernando Henrique Cardoso (São Paulo) and Centro Argentino de Estudios Internacionales (Buenos Aires).

Unfortunately, publication of the Vienna workshop proceedings (September 2007) announced previously in the journal of the Higher School of Economics (Warsaw) has been postponed on the technical reasons. The situation has to be clarified by November of this year.

As regards the academic issues, the activity of WG members focuses on the following problems:

Position of developing and East/Central European countries in the world system in the conditions of globalisation (B. Despiney, I. Lévai, A. Tausch, A. Komlosy, Ph. Casula);

Regional development in Eastern Europe and its significance for development co-

operation (S. Bukowski, B. Despiney);

The experience of pseudo-modernisation in “petrol states” (Venezuela and Angola) (R. Sousa);

The changes in financial system and the international trade (from the point of view of developing countries) (K. Raffer);

The changes in the world system with respect to high rate growth in the Asian region (C. García, H.J. Zumkehr);

The rise of China and India and its impact on the world system (P. Bustelo);

The social-political dimension of development in Asia (J. D. Schmidt);

The trends of Human Development Indices and the world system (V. Krasilshchikov, A. Tausch).

Prospects and tasks of the working group

The WG envisages to convene seminars on the major developing regions with special regard to the regions' development *in the context of world system evolution*. The workshop on Latin America in the world system (with focus on the results of the Left governments' activity in the continent) is to be held in April 2010 (***jointly with the WG “Europe and Latin America”***). In the future, it appears relevant to organise a special workshop on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the start of East European transition (with focus on the region's position in the world system and comparing it to other developing areas). The preliminary discussion with the WG participants engaged into this subject has begun.

On behalf of the Working Group

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