International Conference
Bucharest, 24 - 26 November 2005
Hotel Athenee Palace Hilton (Regina Maria Hall)
Extending EU Labor Markets Eastward

**Friday 25 November:**

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome and Introduction
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
Group of Applied Economics

*Introductory speech*
Ministry of Labour and Social Protection

9.30 – 10.00 **PANEL I: Competitiveness through low wages vs. higher wages for stimulating demand**

Richard Jackman, London School of Economics

10.00 - 10.30 Discussants:
Bela Galgoczi, European Trade Union Institute
Rumen Dobrinsky, UN Economic Comission for Europe

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.00 **PANEL II: Migration vs. Industrial Relocation**

Henning Klodt, The Kiel Institute of World Economics

14.00 - 14.30 Discussants:
Daniel Daianu, Romanian Society of Economics
Vladimir Boyadjev, Economic Adviser ‘Podkrepa’ Confederation of Labour

14.30 – 14.45 Coffee Break

14.45 – 16.00 Discussion
16.00 – 16.30  
**PANEL III: Formal and Informal Markets for a Growing Economy**

**Manuela Stănculescu,** The Research Institute for Quality of Life, Bucharest

16.30 - 17.00 Discussants:
- **Grzegorz W. Kolodko,** TIGER Institute, Warsaw
- **Vlado Dimovski,** University of Ljubljana

17.15 – 18.30 Discussion

19.00 Dinner

**Saturday 26 November:**

9.00 – 9.30  
**PANEL IV: How to reduce/avoid rural overpopulation**

**Dumitru Sandu,** The University of Bucharest

9.30 - 10.00 Discussants:
- **Randall K. Filer,** Professor of Economics, City University of New York and CERGE-EI
- **Cătălin Pâuna,** World Bank Representation Office in Romania and GEA

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee Break

10.15 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 - 13.00 OPEN DEBATE - ROUNDTABLE

13.00 – 13.30 Conclusions & Press Conference

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch