CERGE-EI FOUNDATION

TEACHING FELLOWS OVERVIEW

CERGE-EI Foundation Teaching Fellows are economists who have received PhDs at western universities and returned to their home countries across the region to teach market-based economics to the next generation. The CERGE-EI Foundation provides these dedicated and inspiring teachers with pedagogical training and financial and professional support.

SINCE 2007:

167,000
STUDENTS REACHED IN THE REGION

180+
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HOSTED TEACHING FELLOWS

TOTAL NUMBER OF COURSES TAUGHT SINCE 2007: 3,000

28
COUNTRIES IN THE REGION TO DATE

44.5%
TEACHING FELLOWS ARE FEMALE

CROATIA

Economics education in Croatia shares many of the challenges of other countries in Southeastern Europe: curricula are mostly based on outdated textbooks, students have little access to new publications, and insufficient funding for pedagogical development means that teachers persist in old techniques which fail to engage their students. Since its inception, a handful of students from Croatia have enrolled in CERGE-EI's PhD and Master's programs, and today form a small and active alumni network. And for 15 years, the CERGE-EI Foundation's Teaching Fellows Program has provided professional and financial support to western-trained economists who return to teach in the region's universities, seeing a year-on-year increase in support for Croatia. Today, the Foundation's new Distance Learning Program enables us to capitalize on our Croatian network to offer a world-class standard of undergraduate economics to partner universities, starting in 2021 with the University of Split.

13,039
NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAUGHT

TEACHING FELLOWS IN CROATIA

Academic Year	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
# of Fellows	9	7	6	6	5	2
# of courses	33	26	22	22	16	9
# of students	3,958	2,438	1,790	2,610	1,648	399

134
COURSES TAUGHT IN CROATIA

9
TEACHING FELLOWS IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

30 YEARS CERGE EI 1991–2021 ANNIVERSARY

CERGE-EI (Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute) is a joint workplace of Charles University and the Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences. It offers world-class graduate education in economics to students from around the world. Its US-style Ph.D. and Master's programs, U.S. certified and recognized across the EU, are taught in English by western-qualified economists. CERGE-EI is ranked globally in the top 4% of economics institutions by SSRN and in the top 5% by RePEC. To learn more about studying at CERGE-EI, please visit: ***www.cerge-ei.cz***

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

Since 2020, the CERGE-EI Foundation has been growing a program to live stream bachelor's and master's level courses to universities across Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The program provides specialized, basic and advanced courses which could be difficult for many institutions to offer, either because of insufficient student demand or because of a lack of faculty with the relevant expertise. The faculty are western-qualified, and the courses are taught in English.

2,446

STUDENTS REACHED

since the beginning of the program

6 ***Courses Streamed to Students From***

- Georgia
- Russia
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyzstan
- Ukraine
- Croatia
- Uzbekistan
- Kazakhstan
- Tajikistan

FALL 2021:

1,044

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM STUDENTS

Transfer of Knowledge

62

LOCAL INSTRUCTORS

FALL 2021:

Students from the University of Split

WILL BE JOINING THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS FALL

SPRING 2022:

Students from the University of Split will be taking these courses:

- Behavior Economics
- Health Economics
- Education Economics
- Experimental Economics
- Finance Markets
- Introduction to Data Science
- Labor Economics 2

MAIN INSTRUCTORS WITH TIES TO CROATIA

DOC. KREŠIMIR ŽIGIĆ, Ph.D.

Citigroup Endowment Associate Professor at CERGE-EI

Krešimir Žigić has been the Citigroup Endowment Associate Professor with tenure at CERGE-EI since 2007 and a member of the Executive and Supervisory Committee of CERGE-EI since 2004. He has also been a Docent at CERGE, Charles University, and a Senior Researcher at the Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences. He served as Deputy Director for Graduate Studies at CERGE and EI in 1997–1999, 2005–2008, and 2015–2017. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Zagreb and received his Ph.D. in Economics at CERGE-EI. He was Philip Morris Associate Professor, Česká spořitelna Chair, and Altria Group Associate Professor. His work was published in many periodicals as Research in Economics, Economica, Journal of Economics, and more, as in books "Strategic Interactions and Policy Implications in Markets with Innovative Activity: The Cases of Strategic Trade and Market Leadership."

DANIJELA VULETIĆ ČUGALJ, Ph.D.

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23 ***students will be taking Innovation Economics and Transition Economic courses starting the week of November 1-5, 2021.***

4 LOCAL INSTRUCTORS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SPLIT

successfully finished summer 2021 pedagogical course for local instructors

CERGE-EI FOUNDATION PURPOSE

To improve the standard of economics education across Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia regions and ensure that these countries remain on the path towards economic and personal freedom. We achieve this through our support for CERGE-EI and through our flagship programs: Teaching Fellowship Program, Distance Learning Program, and Faculty Development. Learn more at: ***www.cerge-ei-foundation.org***