

FROM GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNANCE? NEW GOVERNANCE FOR WATER AND BIODIVERSITY IN AN ENLARGED EUROPE



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Centre for Transdisciplinary Study of Institutions, Evolutions and Policies (CETIP) at the Institute for Forecasting of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (IF, SAS) and Institute for Environmental and Economic policy (IEEP) at the Economic University of Prague with the support of ACADEMIA IREAS, Czech Republic, has organized a conference **Multi-level environmental governance – What does it mean for Europe in Future?** The conference took a place on 15 and 16 of April 2010, in Prague, Czech Republic. The conference was undertaken within the 6 FM Project “Multi-level Governance of Natural Resources: Tools and Processes for Water and Biodiversity Governance in Europe” (GoverNat).

Primary objective of the conference was to analyse adaptiveness of the region of Central and Eastern Europe to the multilevel environmental governance and how does it affect Europeanisation of environmental policy. Among the key addressed questions were: How to govern the commons in a global world? Why are governments no longer the only authorities in decision-making of democratic regimes? Does increasing involvement of non-state actors acting at and across different levels pose a challenge or an opportunity and, what would be the optimal governance modes to address those challenges for robust governance of the commons?

The conference opened Prof. **Bedřich Moldan** (Senate of the Parliament, Czech Republic) with his presentation “Priorities and Options for Future EU Biodiversity Policy”. The conference presented the book “**From government to governance? New governance for Water and Biodiversity in an Enlarged Europe**” edited by **Tatiana Kluvánková-Oravská**, in ALFA Printing, Prague. The book

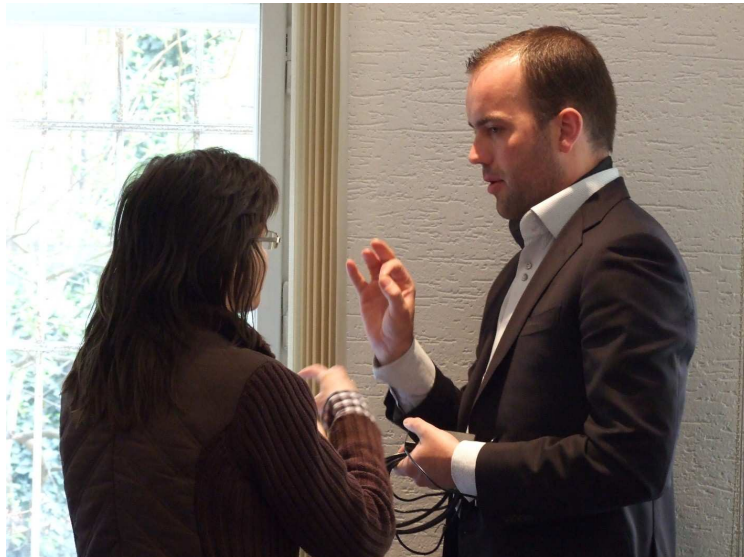
was introduced by **Susan Baker** (reviewer) from University of Cardiff, UK jointly with the editor **Tatiana Kluvánková-Oravská** (CETIP-IF, SAS). Second day of the conference was dedicated to presentation of individual chapters of the book. 15 presenters from different European countries were at the conference, and 35 participants from European academic community and policy makers.

The book is a result of interdisciplinary research conducted under Governat project. It explores evolution of environmental governance in the region of CEE, in particular: how the recombination of institutions “with the ruins of communism” affects the restructuring of command-and-control systems in the post-socialist countries of CEE and how it affects the EU environmental governance.

The book has 233 pages, first part involves 5 chapters which are conceptual introduction on evolution of environmental governance in an enlarged EU. Second part of the book presents 8 case studies on the tools and processes for new governance of water and biodiversity in Europe. The book is dedicated to interdisciplinary researchers, policy makers, as well as students and collects 13 chapters written by 17 authors from 10 European countries: Dr. Tatiana Kluvánková-Oravská, Prof. Andy Gouldson, Prof. Jouni Paavola, Prof. Jiřina Jílková, Dr. Lenka Slavíková, Dr. Veronika Chobotová, Dr. Felix Rauschmayer, Dr. Dimitrios Zikos, Dr. Maria Falaleeva, Minna Santaoja, Dr. Norbert Kohlheb, Dr. Bálint Balázs, Dr. Peter Wirth, Dr. Gérard Hutter, Dr. Jochen Schanze, Dr. Ilona Banaszak, Sonja Trifunovová. Book reviewers: Prof. Susan Baker and Prof. Bálint Baláž.



Conference participants discussing:
Prof. **Mária Kozová** from Comenius University in Bratislava and Prof. **Bedřich Moldan** from Charles University in Prague.



Dr. **Ruben Zondervan** with Dr. **Tatiana Kluvánková-Oravská** discuss future cooperation in the region of Central and Eastern Europe. Or praising the book?



And nature become also agency of decision-making... In time of the conference, European airports were closed due to the volcano eruption on Island. Dr. **Lenka Slavíková**, director of IEEP Prague, presents “Predictions and possible choices”.