

***Filling Institutional Voids: Market Self Organisation,  
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## ***Filling Institutional Voids: Market Self Organisation, Informal Sector or Organised Crime***

A CRCE Colloquium

Wednesday 25 September – Saturday 28 September 2013

### ***Programme***

#### ***The Informal Economy***

Chairman: Philip Hanson

Discussion Leaders: Arnis Sauka –

*The Recent Shadow Economy Index for the Baltic countries*

Tomasz Mickiewicz –

*To Pay or not To Pay: Which Business People Want to Pay Taxes in Latvia?*

#### ***Economic Transformation, Criminality in the Economy***

Chairman: Matej Kovac

Discussion Leaders: Richard Connolly –

*Violence and Disorder in Under- institutionalised Societies: Evidence from Russia*

Sandra Damijan –

*Poor business environment and corruption: does anyone benefit?*

#### ***Informal and Shadow Economy***

Chairman: Bernard Brscic

Discussion leaders:

Norma Rossi – *Conceptualizing Illicit sovereigns.*

Rok Spruk – *Macroeconomic Effects of Mexico's Drug War*

#### ***Bulgaria organized crime: legacy and formal structures***

Chairman: Tomasz Mickiewicz

Discussion Leader: Krassen Stanchev

#### ***Russia: unofficial asset-grabbing and official anti-corruption campaigns***

Chairman: Silvana Malle

Discussion leaders: Philip Hanson

Alexander Chepurenko – *Informal and Shadow Economy in Russia*

#### ***The Present Situation in Slovenia***

Chairman: Krassen Stanchev

Discussants: Bernard Brscic, Matej Kovac, Tania Stumberger and Ziga Turk