

## RESEARCH STUDENTS' SEMINAR SERIES

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**14:00 – 15:00**

**SEERC Conference Room**  
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### **“A Proposed Framework for University - Industry Interactions: The case of South - East European Countries”**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this thesis is to propose a University - Industry Collaboration (UIC) framework for South East European Countries (SEEC). In addition, this thesis address identified conceptual frameworks from different stakeholder's levels to a proper organizational form and type of an interaction at five SEEC: Greece, Albania, Kosovo, FYROM and Montenegro. Findings provide initial insights into individual, institution and community attitudes, desires, motives and barriers for UIC. Based on three focus groups organized in Greece, Albania and Kosovo we find increased UIC tendency in Greece, while in Albania and Kosovo much more work is needed to be done. By identifying and researching on characteristics of all these factors in different stakeholder's levels and in different tiers of geographical proximity, a proper framework on UIC will have a positive impact on increasing the level of innovations, employment level and economic development in general at SEEC.

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