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1 RESEARCH @ SEERC

1.1 Externally funded research projects update

Six new externally funded projects were approved for funding and kick started in 2015. Another six projects were successfully completed.

1.1.1 New Awards

NetMIB: Network of multidisciplinary ideation and business model generation

The key innovation of this projects resides in establishing a cutting-edge framework for boosting entrepreneurial skill competence and open innovation through the triple helix model by engaging also society which leads, in various extents, to piloting a quadruple (university, industry government, society) helix model in Europe, where open innovation, co-creation and co-learning are key enablers of economic growth and shaping of new enterprises.

TrainERGY: Training for Energy Efficient Operations

The aim of the project is to develop an innovative, evidence-based transnational framework that will markedly improve the knowledge and skills of academic institutions to produce more marked oriented EEO curricula, reducing the barriers in this field. The project consortium comprises key academics, SMEs, and industrial association partners from different sectors who will co-create the envisaged EEO curriculum and will pilot it through an open innovation and co-creation virtual learning environment (VLE).

GABE: Greek – Albanian cross border cooperation in Biomass Exploitation

Creation of an elearning platform for training on the use and technologies of biomass production.

REINVEST: EU-India Research & Innovation Partnership for efficient and sustainable freight transportation

The project has the general goal of enhancing co-operation and research collaboration between EU and India and combining their expertise in the field of freight transportation to make freight transportation more efficient and therefore more environmental friendly, financially and socially sustainable for a longer term benefits.

Startify7: A team-building, thematically-focused and learn-training summer academy system for young future ICT entrepreneurs.

The aim of the project is to provide an innovative training structure focused on addressing the limited capability of young European ICT entrepreneurs to compete against global players, on enhancing their commercial readiness, and, on systematically connecting young ICT entrepreneurs to international markets is needed.

PaaSword: A Holistic Data Privacy and Security by Design Platform-asa-Service Framework Introducing Distributed Encrypted Persistence in Cloud-based Applications

The vision of PaaSword is to maximize and fortify the trust of individual, professional and corporate customers to Cloud -enabled services and applications, to safeguard both corporate and personal sensitive data stored on Cloud infrastructures and Cloud-based storage services, and to accelerate the adoption of Cloud computing technologies and paradigm shift from the European industry.

1.1.2 Ongoing Research Projects (as of the end of December 2015)

	PROGRAMME	ACRONYM/FULL TITLE	COORDINATOR
1	Erasmus+ Strategic partnerships	NetMIB: Network of multidisciplinary ideation and business model generation	University of Pecs
2	Erasmus+ Strategic partnerships TrainERGY: Training for Energy efficient operators		University of Lodz
Innovation Partnership fo		REINVEST: EU-India Research & Innovation Partnership for efficient and sustainable freight transportation	University of Sheffield
4 Erasmus+ Strategic partnerships		HELPCare: Health and socialcare workers: Employability Learning and Professionalisation	Lancaster University

	PROGRAMME	ACRONYM/FULL TITLE	COORDINATOR
5	HORIZON ICT35	STARTIFY7: A team-building thematically-focused and lean – training summer academy system for young future ICT entrepreneurs	University of Sheffield
6	HoRIZON ICT07	PaaSword: A Holistic Data Privacy and Security by Design Platform-as-a-Service Framework Introducing Distributed Encrypted Persistence in Cloud-based Applications	CAS, Germany
7	Erasmus+	KEEP ME SAFE IN EUROPE	Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom
8	7 th Framework Programme – Capability, European Commission	HOMER: Home made explosives (HMEs) and recipes characterisation	PNSI - Police Service of Northern Ireland, United Kingdom
9	Erasmus, Lifelong Learning programme	JEMMS: Joint European Masters In Search & Social Media Marketing	University of Salford, United Kingdom

1.1.3 Completed Research Projects in 2015

SEERC successfully completed six projects during 2015. Details on the completed projects are available in the table below:

	PROGRAMME	ACRONYM/FULL TITLE	COORDINATOR
	Greek- German		
1	research	INVENT: Reinventing the	Singular Logic, Greece
	cooperation	Distribution and Delivery of	

	PROGRAMME	ACRONYM/FULL TITLE	COORDINATOR
		Personal Services through Cloud Apps and Marketplaces.	
2	Life Long Learning Program	PrESS: Promoting Sustainable SMEs	Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry, United Kingdom
3	FP7/ICT	ICT2B: Bridging the Entrepreneurial Gap: Transforming European ICT Research into Investment Opportunities	Fraunhofer IOSB, Germany
4	Leonardo da Vinci: Multilateral projects for developing of innovation	ELIEMENTAL: Breaking Down Barriers to Enterprise	University of Lancaster, United Kingdom
5	FP7 ICT	Broker@Cloud: Enabling Continuous Quality Assurance and Optimization in Future Enterprise Cloud Service Brokers	SINTEF
6	FP7 Marie Curie Initial Training Network Programme	RELATE: Trans-European Research Training Network on Engineering and Provisioning of Service-Based Cloud Applications	Karsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany

1.2 Other Research Activities

1.2.1 Research Submissions

A total of 30 new research project proposals were submitted throughout 2015 to various funding bodies, including 14 in H2020, and 8 in the Erasmus+ program. The proposals reflected the research interests and related work of the research tracks and research clusters within the tracks. Most of these proposals received positive evaluations and 3 of them were selected for funding.

1.2.2 Publications

A series of publications by SEERC staff and students were published in 2015. (An extensive list of publications appearing by Research Track is provided at the end of the report in the Appendix).

2 THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

2.1 Viva examinations

Three PhD candidates have undergone through Viva examination in 2015. The Viva examinations took place at SEERC. The PhD students and were awarded with the Degree of Philosophy. Eminent academics were invited to act as external examiners and contribute to a rigorous process by providing insightful remarks for the candidates. The names and affiliations of the examiners of the PhD viva examination that took place in 2015 are provided in the list below:

PhD Candidate	PhD Topic	External Examiner	Affiliation
Ms Miljana Mitic	Exploring the role of social media in relationship marketing in retail banking: Opportunities and challenges in South East Europe	Dr Neeru Malhotra	Aston Business School, UK
Ms Despina Panagiotidou	Distractor, Temporal, and Inhibitory Variations of the Distractor Devaluation Effect of Visual Selective Attention	Prof. Bernard Hommel	Lweiden University, Netherlands

PhD Candidate	PhD Topic	External Examiner	Affiliation
Mr Sofoklis Vogiazas	Determinants of credit risk in the Bulgarian and the Romanian banking systems and the role of the Greek crisis	Prof. Philip Arestis	University of Cambridge, UK

2.2 Confirmation Review Process

February 2, 2015: The PhD status of SEERC's student Mr Danimir Ljepava, (Part time student) registered with the Management School, has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

March 27, 2015: The PhD status of SEERC's student Ms Fatbardha Qehaja-Osmani, (Part time student) registered with the Department of Psychology, has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

April 3, 2015: The PhD status of SEERC's student Ms Krenare Pireva, (Part time student) registered with the Computer Science Department, has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

June 26, 2015: The PhD status of SEERC's student Ms Marina Ntika, (Full time student) registered with the Computer Science Department, has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

December 21, 2015: The PhD status of SEERC's student Ms Adelina Basholli, (Part time student) registered with the Information School, has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

2.3 Call for Doctoral Applications 2015-2016

New Admissions

A new Call for applications to the SEERC Doctoral Programme for the academic year 2015-2016 was published in April 2015 and resulted to the following recruits:

Name	Country	Topic	Mode of Study
Ms Zlatina Gubatova	BUI GARIA for building brand loavity Gender		FULL TIME
Mr Ioannis Gavriilidis	GREECE	Cognitive Neuroscience of emotions in older adults: Self-disgust and the brain	FULL TIME
Mr Dimitris Pappas	GREECE	Exploring Paths to Pervasive Computing with Bio-inspired, Autonomous Distributed Systems	PART TIME

Scholarships offered by the Ministry of Education in Kosovo - New Admissions

The International Faculty of the University of Sheffield, CITY College in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Kosovo (under UNSC 1244) announced a call for 5 scholarships for Full time PhD studies at SEERC for 2015-2016.

Following an evaluation process in which both potential supervisors from CITY College – International Faculty and from TUoS participated, one scholarship was offered to the successful PhD applicant below.

Name	Topic	Dept.	Mode of Study
Mr. Besart Hajziri	Determinants of Innovation and the Impact of Innovation on the Performance of Small and Medium Enterprises	MNG	FULL TIME

2.4 DSC 2015

The 10th Annual South East European Doctoral Student conference took place on 17-18 September 2015 in Thessaloniki. The audience of the conference expanded beyond the boundaries of South East Europe confirming the need for Doctoral Students to come together, discuss their experiences and gain external feedback to their work as well as listen to the progress and methodology of fellow PhD candidates.

This year's during the two-day conference more than 50 presentations of full papers while two workshops took place, one on "Structural equation modeling using AMOS" presented by Dr Anastasios Diamantides, and one on "Ethics in Research" presented by Dr Alexandra Prodromidou. The keynote speech was delivered by Professor Ian Douglas, Deputy Dean of the School of Clinical Dentistry and Director of the Doctoral Academy of The University of Sheffield on "Developing Doctoral Research education for the 21st century: Interdisciplinarity, community and impact."

2.5 Other Academic Activities

Throughout 2015 SEERC continued the organization of research seminars in the frame of Open Seminar Series and Research Student Seminars. (For a full list of the SEERC seminars, see Appendix).

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2.6 Events Organised by SEERC

February 2, 2015: SEERC as a supporting partner to the AgriEntrepreneurship team hosted their "Business Strategy Workshop"

March 18, 2015: SEERC as a supporting partner to the AgriEntrepreneurship team hosted their experiential workshop on "Strategic Analysis of Agri-nutrition Entrepreneurship"

March 18, 2015: SEERC's director Mr. Zaharis along with Alexander Kritikos - Research Director for Entrepreneurship Research at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), and Angelos Gketsis – Local Prize, Google Science Fair 2014 (PEACE), were guest speakers at The Hellenic Society of Imperial College London event on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Fuel for Recovery".

July 1, 2015: SEERC as a supporting partner to the AgriEntrepreneurship team hosted their workshop on "Organic agriculture and its certification"

September 8, 2015: SEERC, in the frame of Promoting Environmentally Sustainable SMEs (PrESS) Project organized an event in order to present the key findings of PrESS and to demonstrate the online decision support system for green decision making that the transnational project team (Greece, UK, Poland, Italy) developed, in Electra Palace, in Thessaloniki, Greece.

September 10, 2015: SEERC along with The International Faculty of TUoS - CITY college and the City Hall of Thessaloniki in cooperation with Sheffield Political Economy Research Institure (SPERI) and Istanbul Sehir University organised an event on "The Political Economy of Crisis in South Europe".

September 17-18, 2015: 10th Annual South East European Doctoral student conference, Thessaloniki, Greece.

September 19-21, 2015: SEERC in cooperation with the Northern Greece Entrepreneurs Cultural Society, Navarino Network, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and American College of Thessaloniki, organized the 4th Thessaloniki International Symposium in World Affairs, on October 18, 2015, at Olympion theatre.

November 23, 2015: SEERC in cooperation with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung organized a workshop on "The Role of Democracy in a Social Market Economy"

December 1, 2015: SEERC, in the frame of ELIEMENTAL Project organized a conference on "Breaking Down barriers to Enterprise", in Brussels, Belgium

December 3, 2015: SEERC, as an official supporting partner to the Balkan Venture Forum together with the Balkan Unilimited, organize the Balkan Venture Forum, the largest venture capital and private equity investment forum in the region created to facilitate access to finance, to improve investor readiness, to catalyse innovation for Balkans' Region Business community and to foster entrepreneurship development. The 7th forum took place in Zagreb, Croatia

3 SEERC INTERNAL NEWS

17th Steering Committee Meeting (2015)

The 17th Steering Committee meeting took place on November 20, 2015 in Thessaloniki. Professor Tony Payne Chaired the meeting. Professor Panayiotis Ketikidis, Mr. Nikos Zaharis, Mr. Tom Rhodes, Dr Chay Brooks, Dr Mike Stannett, Dr Gabriel Ozon, Dr Barry Dixon, Dr Anastasios Karamanos, Dr George Eleftherakis, Dr Iraklis Paraskakis, Dr Efrosyni Kalyva and Dr Zoi Tatsioka took part in a discussion on future prospects of the Center and approved SEERC's Business Plan for 2016-2020.

3.1 New Staff @ SEERC

Mr Dimitris Pappas, is a full time research associate working as a software developer. Mr. Dimitrios Pappas holds a Bsc(Hons) in Computer Science and a MSc with Distinction in Software Engineering and Telecommunications, both from the University of Sheffield and currently he is a part-time PhD student under the Doctoral Scholarship Scheme of SEERC and the University of Sheffield. He is also chairing the local Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Student Chapter and has been active with the development of Serious Games in the context of teaching, learning and therapy.

Mr George Pavlidis, is a part time research associate working on several research projects. Mr. Pavlidis holds a Bsc (Hons) in Psychology from the International Faculty of the University of Sheffield, City College and currently he is a PhD student under the Doctoral Scholarship Scheme of SEERC and the University of Sheffield

Ms Christina Batzaka, is appointed as SEERC's financial administrator.

4 Appendix:

4.1 Publications per Research Track

Research Track 1: Enterprise, Innovation and Development

Agolli, R. and K., A. (2015). The impact of microcredit on women-owned MSEs: evidence from Albani. In Proceedings of the 8th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development (ICEIRD), June 18-19, Sheffield, UK.

Agolli, R., Neagu, L.C. and Karamanos, A. (2015). Entrepreneurial intentions among university students in the Balkans. In 3rd Strategica International Academic Conference organized by the College of Management, from the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Romania (NUPSPA) in partnership with the National Bank of Romania, October 29-30, Bucha.

Baresel-Bofinger, A., Ketikidis, P. H., & Zaharis, N. (2015). Impediments and Needs of Start-ups and Investors in South-East Europe for Investment Readiness and Growth. In 10th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship..

Bendic, N., Baresel-Bofinger, A. (2015). Improving the Cold Supply Chain for Fresh Agricultural Food Products between Serbia and Western Europe. In 1st International Conference of Agrifood SCM and Green Logistics. Porto Carras, Greece.

Brewster, C., Szamosi, L. T., & Psychogios, A. (2015). Work Organization, Human Resource Management and the Economic Crisis. In J.P. C. F. and D. Machado (Ed.), Human Resource Management Challenges and Changes (pp. 1–19). New York: NOVA Science Publishers.

Damaskinov, V., Ketikidis, P. H., & Solomon, A. (2015). Employees' technology acceptance of ERP systems in a Bulgarian car dealer company. In 8th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development. Sheffield, UK..

Domi, A., & Ketikidis, P. H. (2015). Entrepreneurship and competitiveness serve as the model for economic growth and resilience in Kosovo. In 8th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development. Sheffield, UK.

Ivanov, S., Ketikidis, P. H., & Solomon, A. (2015). Assessing the Implementation of a Food Producer Union Business Model in Bulgaria: Pitfalls and Success Factors. In 1st International Conference on Agrifood Supply Chain Management & Green Logistics. Porto Karras, Greece.

Kapoulas, A., and Ratkovic, D. (2015). E-CRM dilemmas in developing markets: The case of a tourism company in Serbia. European Journal of Tourism Research, 9, 24–40.

Karamanos, A. (2015). An alliance network view of stock market responses to alliances: alliance announcements by biotechnology firms in an era of industry ferment.

Karamanos, A. (2015). Effects of a firm's and their partners' alliance ego-network structure on its innovation output in an era of ferment. R&D Management, forthcoming.

Karamanos, A. (2015). The Effects of Knowledge from Collaborations on the Exploitative and Exploratory Innovation Output of Greek SMEs. Management Dynamics in the Knowledge Economy, 3(3), 361–380.

Karamanos, A., Bakatselos, G., Agolli, R. (2015). Abnormal stock market returns to announcements of M&A banking deals in Greece 1996-2013. Management Dynamics in the Knowledge Economy, 3(2), 317–338.

Ketikidis, P. H., & Ververidis, Y. (2015). A Risk-Taking Model of Entrepreneurial University Internationalization: the Case of CITY College. In 10th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Genoa, Italy.

P. M. Papadopoulos, T. D. L., and S. N. Demetriadis. (2015). The Impact of Ranking Information on Students' Behavior and Performance in Peer Review Settings. In 7th International Conference on Computer Supported Education (pp. 139–147).

Priporas. C., K., I., Kapoulas, A., Papadopoulou, F. (2015). Counrfeit purchase typologies during an economic crisis. European Business Review, 27(1), 2–19.

Psychogios, A., & Szamosi, L. T. (2015). Fight or FlyP Rationalising Working Conditions in a Crisis Context. In European Group for Organizational Studies EGOS).

Serafini, G. O., & Szamosi, L. T. (2015). Five star hotels of a multinational enterprise in countries of the transitional periphery: A case study in human resources management. International Business Review, online.

Solomon, A., Choudhary, A., & Ketikidis, P. H. (2015). Drivers and Barriers to Green Freight Transportaiton: Industry Evidence from UK and India. In 20th International Symposium in Logistics. Bologna, Italy.

Solomon, A., Koh, S. C. L., & Ketikidis, P. H. (2015). Drivers and Barriers to the Implementation of Green and Resilient Freight Transportation in South East Europe. In 10th South East European Doctoral Student Conference. Thessaloniki, Greece.

Szamosi, L. T. (2015). Do Not Kill The Messenger: It Is Time to Upgrade the HR Profession in South-Eastern Europe. Bulgaria HR Magazine, July/August.

Research Track 2: Information and Communications Technology

Dautov, R., Paraskakis, I., & Stannett, M. (2015). A monitoring and analysis framework to support self-management in cloud application platforms (Poster). In Sheffield University Engineering Symposium (SUSE 2015). Sheffield, UK: The University of Sheffield.

Dautov, R., Paraskakis, I., & Stannett, M. (2015). Utilising Stream Reasoning Techniques to Create a Self-Adaptation Framework for Cloud Environments. In Proceedings of Sheffield University Engineering Symposium (SUSE 2015). Sheffield, UK: The University of Sheffield.

Dranidis, D., Stamatopoulou, I., & Ntika, M. (2015). Learning and Practicing Systems Analysis and Design with StudentUML. In Proceedings of the 7th Balkan Conference on Informatics (BCl'15). ACM.

G. Eleftherakis, D. P., T. Lagkas, K. Rousis, O. Paunovski. (2015). Architecting the IoT Paradigm: A Middleware for Autonomous Distributed Sensor Networks. IJDSN, .

Gonidis, F., Paraskakis, I., & Simons, A. J. H. (2015). Rapid Development of Service-based Cloud Applications: The Case of the Cloud Application Platforms. International Journal of Systems and Service-Oriented Engineering (IJSSOE), 5(4), 1–25.

Hatziapostolou, T., Gellci J., Paraskakis, I. (2015). Engage with InGauge: Measuring Participation and Engagement within an Academic Facebook Group. In 7th International Conference on Computer Supported Education (CSEDU2015). Lisbon, Portugal.

Papadopoulos, P. M., Lagkas, T. D., & Demetriadis, S. N. (2015). The Impact of Ranking Information on Students' Behavior and Performance in Peer Review Settings. In 7th International Conference on Computer Supported Education (pp. 139–147)...

Sakellariou I., D. D., Ntika M. and Kefalas P. (2015). From Formal Modelling to Agent Simulation Execution and Testing. In Proceedings of the International Conference on Agents and Artificial Intelligence.

T. D. Lagkas, A. L., P. Sarigiannidis, and Charalabos Skianis. (2015). The Impact of Mobility Patterns on the Efficiency of Data Forwarding in MANETs. In IEEE International Conference on Communications.

Research Track 3: Society and Human Development: Psychology, Politics, Sociology, and Education

Hatzifilalithis, S. C., E., Pavlidis, G., Vivas, A.(2015). (2015). On-line social networking and cognitive performance in older adults: A Greek-Canadian cross-cultural study. 19th Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology, .

Kalyva, E., & Melonashi, E. (2015). Parental perceptions of health-related quality of life of Albanian children with epilepsy. Health Psychology Research,.

Kalyva, E., Abdul-Rasoul, M., Kehl, D., Barkai, L., & Lukacs, A. (2015). A cross-cultural study on perceived health-related quality of life in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes mellitus. Journal of Diabetes and Its Complications, .

Kalyva, E., Kyriazi, M., Vargiami, E., & Zafeiriou, D. I. (2015). Changes in cognitive performance in children and adolescents with Neurofibromatosis Type 1. . European Journal of Paediatric Neurology, 19, S91.

Kalyva, E., Tsakiris, V., Kyriazi, M., Vargiami, E., & Zafeiriou, D. I. (2015). Effective interventions in addressing play deficits in children with autism spectrum disorders. European Journal of Paediatric Neurology, 19, S94.

Kazana, D. (2015). Verb Agreement Strategies with Disjunctively Conjoined Nouns in MG.Meletes gia tin Elliniki Glossa, (35), 274–285.

Kyriazi, M., Vargiami, E., Kalyva, E., & Zafeiriou, D. I. (2015). The influence of motor and vocal tic severity of children's quality of life. European Journal of Paediatric Neurology,,19, S81.

Ladas, A., Carroll, D., & Vivas, A. B. (2015). Attentional processes in low-SES bilingual children: Are they modulated by the amount of bilingual experience. Child Development, 86.

Ladas, A. I., Vivas, A. B. & Carroll, D. J. (2015). Bilingualism as a potential factor protecting against cognitive decline. In the 9th Panhellenic Conference on Alzheimer's Disease & 1st Mediterranean on Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Marazi, K. (2015). Superhero or vigilante? A matter of perspective and brand management. European Journal of American Culture, 34(1), 67–82.

Panagiotis D. Bamidis, P. F., Sokratis G. Papageorgiou, Vasiliki Zilidou, Evdokimos I. Konstantinidis, Antonis S. Billis, Evangelia Romanopoulou, Maria Karagianni, Ion Bearatis, Angeliki Tsapanou, Georgia Tsilikopoulou, Eirini Grigoriadou, Aristea Ladas, Athina Kyrillidou, Anthoula Tsolaki, Christos Frantzidis, Efstathios Sidiropoulos, Anastasios Siountas, Stavroula Matsi, John Papatriantafyllou, Eleni Margioti, Aspasia Nika, Winfried Schlee, Thomas Elbert, Magda Tsolaki, Ana B. Vivas and Iris-Tatjana Kolassa. (2015). Gains in cognition through combined cognitive and physical training: dosage and severity of neurocognitive disorder matters. Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience, 7.

Pavlidis, G., Hatzifilalithis, S., Zawaher, M.N., Vivas, A.(2015). (2015). Validation of the OTDL-G: the Greek version of the Observed Tasks of Daily Living Revised. Presented at the 19th Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology.

Pavlidis, G., Vivas, A.(2015). (2015). Cognitive performance and everyday funcitonality in Healthy Greek seniors. 17th International Conference on Applied Psychology, .

Vivas, A. B., Ypsilanti, A., Ladas, A. I. & Estevez, A. F. (2015). Working memory is enhanced by the differential outcome procedure in a group of participants with Mild Cognitive Impairment. In World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology, International Science Index, Psychological and Behavioral Sciences, (Vol. 2, 329).

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http://www.seerc.org/new/index.php/component/refbase/Pltemid=132

4.2 Open Seminar Series

January 20, 2015: "Transnational languages, Multilingualism and the Challenges for Language Analysis for the Determination of Origin" delivered by Prof. Suzan Fitzmaurice, Head of the School of English, The University of Sheffield.

June 5, 2015: "From nature observation to autonomic wireless sensor networks" & "Med Vision project" delivered by Dr George Eleftherakis, & Dr Thomas Lagkas, Department of Computer Science, The University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College.

June 6, 2015: "Emergence of connectivity motifs via interaction of long - term and short - term plasticity" delivered by Dr Eleni Vasilaki, CEng, Senior Lecturer, (Associate Professor) Dept. of Computer Science, University of Sheffield

June 12, 2015: "Architerure design challenges of the EDUSAFE Supervision System" delivered by Mr Panagiotis Mousouliotis, Marie Curie ITN Fellow, EDUSAFE ESR 3, PhD Student, ECE Department, AUTH.

June 19, 2015: "Quality assurance in Service - Based Applications" delivered by Dr Dranidis Dimitris, Dept. of Computer Science, The University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College

4.3 Research Student Seminars

February 2, 2015: "The Implementation of Fiscal Policy in the Balkan Region and Their Impact on Economic Growth. Lessons to be learned" delivered by PhD student Mr Ardian Syla.

February 2, 2015: "The impact of Foreign Direct Investment on the exports and economic growth in South-eastern countries. An empirical investigation" delivered by PhD student Mr Kushtrim Zeqiri.

February 6, 2015: "Evaluating Determinants of Innovation Outcome in Information Technology Companies in SEE: Influence of Interorganizational Relationships (IOR) and Knowledge Transfer (KT)" delivered by PhD student Mr Danimir Ljepava.

March 27, 2015: "Executive functions and working memory contributions to children's reading comprehension" delivered by PhD student Ms Fatdardha Qehaja Osmani.

April 3, 2015: "Cloud e-Learning" delivered by PhD student Ms Krenare Pireva.

June 22, 2015: "Understanding Entrepreneurial Behaviours and Resilience in SMEs: lessons from Kosovo" delivered by PhD student Ms Ismaili Flaka.

June 26, 2015: "Investigating the Effects of Emotions and Emotional Contagion on Crowd Evacuation via Multi-Agent System Modeling and Simulation" delivered by PhD student Ms Marina Ntika.

December 21, 2015: "Wireless monitoring systems for enhancing national health services in developing regions" delivered by PhD student Ms Adelina Basholli.



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