



“Small-state influence in international organizations: the case of Slovenia”

Friday, 25 January 2013, 10:00am-11:30am
 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore 119595
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<p>Since gaining independence in 1991, Slovenia has put in place all the democratic institutions necessary for state organisation. It has undergone major capital rearrangements (privatisation, liberalisation, denationalisation) and achieved both of the starting objectives of international involvement together with fulfilment of their criteria to enter the EU and NATO. On 1 January 2007, Slovenia became the first former socialist country to enter the common European currency. In addition, in the first half of 2008 Slovenia became the first former socialist country to hold the presidency of the EU.</p> <p>During the transition, the formation of the institutional framework continued apace, while institutional reforms and policies gained credibility and stabilisation. At the same time the influence of international and regional integrations on national policy increased steadily.</p> <p>This lecture and the new book, “Political System of Slovenia”, will present Slovenia as one of the leading former communist countries from Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The presentation will emphasize practical “lessons” learned from the transition to the current democratic system, the EU accession process and the relations with neighbouring countries in the Balkans.</p> <p>For more information, see here.</p>	9:45am	Registration
	10:00am	Introductory Remarks Mr. Karsten Warnecke, Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation Assoc. Prof. Reuben Wong Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore
	10:20am	Presentation: “Small-state influence in international organizations: the case of Slovenia” Assoc. Prof. Miro Hacek, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
	10:50am	Questions and Answers Moderator: Prof. Reuben Wong
	11:20am	Closing remarks and Book Launch “Political System of Slovenia”
	11:30am	End of event

About the speaker



Miro Haček is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, where he teaches several courses (Introduction to Public Administration, Civil Service Systems, Local Self-government, Politics of Bureaucracy). He is former Head of the Political Science Department and former Head of the Policy Analysis and Public Administration Section at the Faculty of Social Sciences and also former President and General Secretary of the Slovenian Political Science Association. He currently serves as a member of the Senate of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Vice-President of both Central European and Slovenian Political Science associations. He is also a lecturer at the CoDe Master’s international programme at the University of Trento, Italy, where he teaches the course Decentralised and Local Administration Compared: the Slovenian Local Self-government System. He was a visiting lecturer at the Hong Kong Baptist University, South Dakota State University and at Hughes Hall in Cambridge.