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The politicisation of governance in CEE countries

The proposed presentation concerns the politicisation of governance in CEE countries. Wholesale changes of CEE governments involving alternations between competing ideological were attributed to higher politicisation in the civil service (Meyer-Sahling and Veen, forthcoming). Also, it was found that the turnover of governments after a large change in parliamentary majority is an important factor explaining organisational changes (and terminations) in Lithuania (Nakrosis and Budraitis, forthcoming).

It is important to analyse how different types of politicisation (politicisation of policy, organisational structure, top civil service, financial and non-financial management) are combined and pursued by CEE governments in order to achieve their political goals. Also, it is important to understand which factors (of constitutional, legal, political, economic or institutional nature) limit the implementation of politicisation and which counter-politicisation actions could be initiated by different political actors, interest groups and other stakeholders.

Drawing on his research and personal experience in Lithuania dr. Vitalis Nakrosis (from Vilnius University) will present several insights and lessons as to how the politicisation and counter-politicisation of governance could be studied by undertaking quantitative or qualitative studies sensitive to the particular CEE context (Zubek and Goetz, 2010).