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The appointment of agency CEOs and board members: Modes of politicisation

The case of the Bulgarian executive agencies

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Proposition for presentation

The current research makes part of a broader research on the role of politics and politicians in the governance of the Bulgarian agencies and what are the effects of political interference for the functioning and performance of the agencies. These are subjects of my master's thesis to be performed before Erasmus University (due summer, 2012). This section of the thesis, to comprise a short presentation for the TED5 Conference, assesses the extent and mode of politicisation of the appointment of the top positions at ten Bulgarian executive agencies – agencies' CEOs and board members. The present study will borrow the conceptual framework of four modes of politicisation as suggested by Meyer-Sahling (2008) for the case of the senior civil service in Hungary. The modes of politicisation differ with respect to the political control over the making and breaking of bureaucratic careers. This part of my broader research attempts to arrive at the answers of the following questions: what is the level of politicisation of the appointment of CEOs and board members in the Bulgarian (executive) agencies and what mode seems to prevail across time with respect to government changes and to different ideological camps.

Reference:

Meyer-Sahling, Jan-Hinrik (2008). The changing colours of the post-communist state: The politicisation of the senior civil service in Hungary. *European Journal of Political Research*, 47: 1–33.

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