On 5th and 6th November 2020, in joint cooperation of the Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies of the University of Public Service in Budapest and the Center for Public Finance of Central and Eastern Europe (CPFCEE), Faculty of Law of the University in Bialystok, an international conference was held, entitled: Pandemic and Governance – Towards an Approximation of Covid-19’s Legal, Administrative, Fiscal and Political Dilemmas. As part of the conference, on the second conference day also PhD students and young scientists’ seminar was organized. The conference had both English and Russian panel.

The conference was organized due to the global outbreak of a new coronavirus, COVID-19. In order to slow down the spread of the disease governments throughout the world introduced a variety of regulations from several forms of social distancing to provisional quarantine. These measures turned normal state operations completely upside down, affecting several segments and aspects of governance, local administration, residential liberties, fiscal policies and national and global politics at large. Key research areas are the trends and changes in legal and administrative solutions regarding the changes in public financing and fiscal models in connection with the pandemic.

In line with the expectations of the organizers, the conference provided a scientific forum for the participants of the event, consolidating in all respects heterogeneous academic environment and presenting an interdisciplinary approach. The interdisciplinary and heterogeneous nature of the conference is well illustrated by the diverse origin of participants and multiplicity of issues examined: in addition to the EU issues, considerations on the Middle East and Russia and the disciplinary attachment of speakers: from public finance and fiscal theories to government ethics, up to decision and game theory, various governance theory and public finance issues related to the coronavirus have been addressed. It was a special pleasure for the organizers that doctoral students were able to discuss their theses with professors from renowned research institutions.
PANDEMIC AND GOVERNANCE
Towards an Approximation of Covid-19’s Legal, Administrative, Fiscal and Political Dilemmas

Day 1 (5th November 2020)

The Conference is scheduled in Central European Time (UTC+1)

10:00—10:15 Péter Smuk (University of Public Service) & Mariusz Popławski (University of Bialystok): Conference opening

English Panels
Chairs: Gábor Hulkó & Ákos Tussay

10:15—10:45 Saqr Sulaiman (University of Public Service): Governance of Coronavirus Crisis


11:15—11:45 Magdalina Csath (University of Public Service): The pandemic and the economy: how the “next normal” will look like?

11:45—12:00 Break

12:00—12:30 Raphael Cohen-Almagor (University of Hull): Track and Trace in Israel: Promoting Health Rights and Invading Privacy Right

12:30—13:00 Anne Lykkeov (University of Copenhagen): Ethical implications of shifting decision-making authority from health experts to politicians: the case of Denmark

13:00—13:30 Péter Klotz (University of Public Service): Financial dilemmas in the time of Covid-19

13:30—13:45 Break

13:45—14:15 Kirill Maslov (Dostoevsky Omsk State University): Methods of tax governance in the context of COVID-19 pandemic

14:15—14:45 M. Radvan & S. Papavasilevská (Masaryk University): Abolition of Tax on Acquisition of Immovable Property: A Tool to Suppress the Negative Consequences of Covid-19

14:45—15:15 Dana Šrámková (Masaryk University): Tax Changes as a Way of Helping Czech Entrepreneurs During a Pandemic

15:15—15:30 Break

15:30—16:00 Viktor Marsal (University of Public Service): Ruling the Bush: The challenge of COVID-19 for ungoverned territories in Africa

16:00—16:30 Jason J. Howard (Viterbo University): Covid-19 and the conditions of political liberation: the Pandemic as “Event”

16:30—17:00 Erhan Aygün (University of Public Service): Migration management in Turkey during the pandemic

Russian Panels
Chairs: TBD

10:15—10:45 M. Popławski (University of Bialystok) & M. Charkiewicz: Prolonging payment deadlines of real estate tax installments to entrepreneurs in connection with COVID in Poland


11:45—12:00 Break

12:00—12:30 Lillya Abramchik (Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno): Tax measures to support business before a pandemic in the Republic of Belarus

12:30—13:00 Yulia Ledneva (ILCL): Covid-19: financial support for small and medium enterprises in Russia

13:00—13:30 Ewelina Bobrus-Nowinska (University of Bialystok): The impact of the Anti-Crisis Shield on the limitation periods for tax liabilities
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Day 2 (6th November 2020)

The Conference is scheduled in Central European Time (UTC+1)

10:00—10:15 Mariusz Popławski (University of Bialystok): conference opening
10:55—11:15 Natália Antušová (Pavol Jozef Šafárik University): Taxable person as an element of an European digital services tax
11:15—11:30 Break
11:30—11:50 Sofian Bouhlel (University of Public Service): Role of the Hungarian Local Governance in Responding to COVID-19 Crisis
11:50—12:10 Ekaterina Popova (University of Public Service): The Urge of Vaccine: COVID-19, Immigrants and Nationalism in Hungary
12:30—12:50 Anna Urbanovics (University of Public Service): Communication of Covid-19 in the Mediterranean region - a social media content analysis
12:50—13:05 Break
13:25—13:45 Ola Majthoub (University of Public Service): Navigating the Way Forward and Survive the Crisis
13:45—14:05 Jozef Sábo (Pavol Jozef Šafárik University): Taxation of robots: back to the future?