

Building Federalism: International Lessons and Perspectives

Monday June 26th, 2017 6pm (to be followed by a reception)

Home for Cooperation, Buffer zone, Nicosia, Cyprus

PROGRAMME

18:00- 18:15

Welcome Remarks:

Hubert Faustmann (Director of the Cyprus Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Professor for History and Political Science, University of Nicosia)

Rita Severis (Honorary Consul, Canada, Executive Director of Costas and Rita Severis Foundation)

18:15-19:00

Keynote address: Building Federalism: International Lessons and Perspectives

Rupak Chattopadhyay (Forum of Federations, Ottawa)

Chair: Nicos Trimikliniotis (Associate Professor in Law and Sociology at the University of Nicosia)

19:00-19:15 Coffee Break

19:15- 20:15

Roundtable: A Federal Cyprus? In Search of a Shared Political Culture

Maria Hadjipavlou (University of Cyprus), Yucel Vural (Eastern Mediterranean University), Nicos Trimikliniotis (University of Nicosia), Allison McCulloch (Brandon University, Canada) & Neophytos Loizides (University of Kent)

Chair: Hubert Faustmann (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)

20:15-21:00 Reception

Keynote Speaker's Bio:

Rupak Chattopadhyay [President and CEO, Forum of Federations, Ottawa] holds master's degrees in economics and political science from the University of Ottawa and the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) and did his doctoral work in political science at the University of Toronto. He was previously a member of the Consultative Group on the Study of Intergovernmental Relations and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms, Inter-State Council, Government of India. In 2004/5 he was Advisor to the Chairman of the Observer Research Foundation. Over the last decade he has contributed as an expert in support of political and constitutional reforms in Mexico, Myanmar, Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Yemen. His edited/co-edited collections include, "Unity in Diversity: Learning from Each Other" (Viva Books 2008), "Dialogues on Diversity and Unity in Federal Countries" (MQUP 2009), "Finance and Governance of Capital Cities in Federal System", (MQUP 2009) and 'Governance and Finance of Metropolitan Area in Federal Countries" (OUP 2013).

The event is organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, the Centre for Federal Studies (University of Kent), Συμφιλίωση-Uzlaşma-Reconciliation and Diadrisis (Astra FM).