

FALL 2003 CLASS SCHEDULE

	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
Week 1	Sept. 9 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Sept. 11 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	Sept. 13 Public Management 9:00 – 12:00 break 13:00 – 16:00
Week 2	Sept. 16 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Sept. 18 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 3	Sept. 23 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00		
Week 4	Sept. 30 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	Oct. 2 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 5	Oct. 7 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Oct. 9 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 6	Oct. 14 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Oct. 16 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	Oct. 18 Public Policy Analysis 9:00 – 12:00
Week 7	Oct. 21 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Oct. 23 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 8	Oct. 28 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Oct. 30 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 9	Nov. 4 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Nov. 6 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 10		Nov. 13 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 11	Nov. 18 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Nov. 20 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 12	Nov. 25 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Nov. 27 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	
Week 13	Dec. 2 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00		
Week 14	Dec. 9 Public Policy Analysis 18:00 – 21:00	Dec. 11 Public Management 18:00 – 21:00	Dec. 13 Public Management 9:00 – 12:00 break 13:00 – 16:00 End-of-the-Semester Evening Event with Students and Faculty

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Student Newsletter Fall 2003

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME FALL 2003 STUDENTS!

The University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs congratulates you on your admission to the Graduate Center of Public Policy and Management in Macedonia (GCPPM).

We are excited that you will be part of this innovative program that will prepare you to take leadership responsibilities and provide you with the vision to build a better world.

The faculty and staff look forward to working with you during your studies at the Center in Macedonia. Again, congratulations and welcome.



From left to right: Shqipe Tahiri, GCPPM Office Manager; Igor Stomatovski, Unet; Marta Arsovska Tomovska, Unet; Marijana Loncar Velkova; Vesna Sekulovska; Verica Markovska (back) GCPPM Deputy Director; Meri Kostovska; Prof. William N. Dunn, GCPPM Director; Kelmend Zajazi; Jadranka Daskalova Sullivan; Prof. David Y. Miller, GSPIA Associate Dean and GCPPM Co-Director; Sonja Nikolovska; Magdalena Saldeva; Ana Zabevska (back); Vesna Atanasova; Margareta Nikolovska; Redzep Prekopuca; Veli Kreci, GCPPM Program Coordinator

FROM THE DIRECTOR

ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 the Graduate Center for Public Policy and Management (GCPPM) welcomed new students to their first official class session. This event, more than any other, is a watershed marking the end of one process and the beginning of another. It is the end of a long process of establishing GCPPM, which is the first graduate institution of its kind in the Balkans, and the first foreign university accredited in the Republic of Macedonia. It is also a bold new start, one that marks the opening of a new chapter in the joint effort of the Macedonian Government, the U.S. Department of State, and GSPIA to sponsor,

design, and implement an innovative graduate professional education program. This program, which leads to the Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM) degree and the Certificate in Public Policy and Management (CPPM) specialization, is first and foremost for Macedonians engaged in policy and management reforms that aim to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and responsiveness of government in Macedonia.

Macedonian and American faculty, staff, and sponsors in the Ministry of Education and Science, St. Cyril and Methodius University, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Af-

fairs of the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Mission and Embassy in Skopje, and the University of Pittsburgh have made essential and in some cases unprecedented contributions to GCPPM. In a future issue of this newsletter we will acknowledge and honor these contributors. In the meantime, we are all hard at work on our guiding mission — providing a well-designed, innovative, and world class graduate professional educational program that serves the aims of public administration reform in Macedonia.

William N. Dunn
Director and Professor

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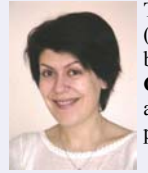
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A WORD FROM THE INCOMING STUDENTS, FALL 2003



Andrija Aleksoski, (Adviser, Ministry of Finance) **MPPM**: "The MPPM studies will help me build up on my knowledge and skills in public management and public policy. With my academic background and work experience, I need an international program like this

to enhance my skills and abilities. Knowledge gained from this program will help me solve more complex tasks and accept positions with higher responsibility. From the program I expect to gain better analytical, conceptual and technical skills applicable to administrative and policy reform in Macedonia."



Tatjana Andreevska, (Facilities and Adm. Asst., Mobile Telecommunications) **CPPM**: "My goals are to learn as much as possible and to apply the gained knowledge."



Vesna Atanasova, (Program Implementation Manager, Development Alternatives Inc.) **MPPM**: "Academic knowledge that I will gain at MPPM will increase my understanding and expertise in the sphere of public administration. My expectations are that I will achieve great professional and intellectual progress, and it will represent a significant step in the process of crafting my career."



Jadranka Daskalova-Sullivan, (Free Lancer for Customs and Translations) **CPPM**: "With the gained knowledge from GSPIA, I hope to give my contribution in bringing the South Eastern region to the permanently growing family of the European Union. With the GSPIA degree I expect to participate and give my input in the policy reforms in the Balkan region."



Ivana Gribovski, (ESL Teacher, QSI International Primary School Skopje) **MPPM**: "This program is one of the most interesting ways to stay involved and participate in the process of creating a modern society. I am very happy to be part of it."



Bekim Imeri, (Program Sustainability Manager, Development Alternatives Inc.) **MPPM**: "GSPIA will help me understand issues that concern Public Policy development, aspects of decision making where public has its stake, and how this is implemented in real life."



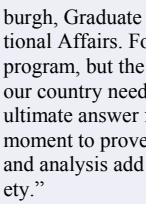
Meri Kostovska, (Adviser, Skopje Mayor's Office) **MPPM**: "I do believe that the Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM) degree will help me to enrich my education and experience."



Marijana Loncar-Velkova, (Project Coordinator, Consumer Organization-GTZ Project) **MPPM**: "GSPIA is a new opportunity to get the skills for influencing and developing the knowledge of the public policy and management in our country and in the region."



Margareta Nikolovska, (Head of Unit for Strategy and Policy, Ministry of Education and Science) **MPPM**: "Changing the obsolete state of affairs in PA is the best investment for a country like Macedonia. In that context I look at my studies here at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. For me this is not only an MPPM program, but the development of a vision that our country needs. If we agree that learning is the ultimate answer for us, then now seems to be the moment to prove that the concept of public policy and analysis add value in our ever changing society."



Sonja Nikolovska, **CPPM**: "I consider my coming to Graduate Center for Public Policy and Management to be a double gain for me. First, it is a great opportunity for professional development; and second, it is place where you can exchange ideas, opinions, and spend hours talking with wonderful and highly educated colleagues, and very professional staff members."



Elena Pehcevska, **CPPM**: "I'm really looking forward the opportunity to advance and shape up my professionalism, by being part and participating in the team of Graduate Center for Public Policy and Management. I'm hoping for a great and very useful experience."



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Burim Sadiku, (Political Communications Assistant, South Eastern European University) **MPPM**: "I expect to specialize in public policy and management and engage in the reforms of the civil service and the decentralization process of my country."



Magdalena Saldeva, (Local Consultant, Public Administration Reform Project DFID) **MPPM**: "My personal goal is to help Macedonia become a modern European country. I regard the GSPIA program as a step towards accomplishing that goal."



Vesna Sekulovska, (Head of Unit of Coordination of Foreign Aid, Government of Macedonia) **MPPM**: "This is the winning race of my professional career. University of Pittsburgh! Thank you for being with me."



Mihaela Stojkoska, (Assistant Head of Legal and Normative Matters-European and Integration Affairs- Ministry of Local Government) **MPPM**: "Building up a vision is the precondition for creation and achievements. Learning to implement the vision correctly and efficiently is a reason for entering into the Pittsburgh world of knowledge."



Ana Zabevska, (Office Manager, Bearing Point Macedonia Fiscal Reform Project) **CPPM**: "The GSPIA program in my opinion is a first class program for developing competent future leaders. This is evident by the candidates chosen to attend the program, as they are all extremely smart and eager to learn. Such a motivated team makes me feel that I have already learned a lot. My expectation is that I will be very successful in completing this program. This will enable me to lead my country in constructive reforms."



Kelmend Zajazi, (Association Development Specialist, Local Government Reform Project) **MPPM**: "I hope to grasp some of the most advanced contemporary theories and academic approaches about policy development. I expect just as well to build on my knowledge in the field of management. Both are of an essential importance for effective reforms that my country needs to accomplish. This includes reforms in the health sector."

GETTING READY FOR FALL CLASSES - SOME "PITT" JARGON

The first semester is about to start! The Fall 2003 Incoming Class will take two courses: (1) Administration of Public Affairs (Public Management) and (2) Policy Analysis. In University of Pittsburgh ("Pitt") terms: You are taking PIA 2000 and PIA 2009 this Fall. PIA stands for Public and International Affairs. You can find these classes if you browse the University of Pittsburgh website <http://www.pitt.edu>. The classes are also listed on the GSPIA website <http://www.gspia.pitt.edu>. Moreover, the classes appear on your personal information [\[info.pitt.edu\]\(http://www.pitt.edu\). On there you find the classes you registered for each semester, your semester grades, and other personal information. To access that site, you need your Pitt username, password, and your social security number. The username and social security numbers have been assigned and handed out to you \(the social security number has been assigned to you for university administrative purposes only\). You choose your password and no one else has access to it. Your Pitt username and password also give you access to your course websites \[\\[pitt.edu\\]\\(http://www.pitt.edu\\). You will have to visit this website regularly throughout the semester. It contains your classes, with syllabus, documents, and assignments, as well as announcements.\]\(http://courseweb.</p>
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Lastly, you want to check out <http://www.library.pitt.edu> for on-line databases and readings. You can only access those from the Center, not from your home computer. Come to the Center Computer Lab and check it out!

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Legislative and Public Policy Internship at the American Chamber of Commerce in Macedonia



The American Chamber of Commerce offers two paid internship opportunities for Students of the Graduate Center for the Fall Semester 2003. Interested candidates should submit their application to the Center by October 15, 2003. To apply, please submit a cover letter and your current résumé to the Graduate Center, to the attention of Veli Kreci.

Legislative and Public Policy Internship at the American Chamber of Commerce in Macedonia (AmCham):

- The intern is expected to work 15 – 20 hours per week
- The intern will be paid \$100 per month, with AmCham covering all relevant taxes and employment fees
- The intern will work in the following areas:
 - Legislative and public policy research for the Executive Director and the AmCham Committees
 - Assisting AmCham member companies on specific public policy requests and questions
 - Interaction with the Macedonian government including ministries and members of Parliament
 - Researching and drafting of at least one article for the AmCham publication "Free Market Rules"
 - Assisting with developing relevant AmCham events and seminars
 - Additional responsibilities as agreed upon by the Executive Director regarding general assistance in the AmCham office.

Apply by October 15, 2003
For questions, please contact the Graduate Center.

OF NOTE

Tutunska Banka News

Tutunska Banka AD Skopje, one of the largest banks in Macedonia, has announced a special loan program with favorable terms for students enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate Center for Public Policy and Management.

Memorandum of Understanding with ADF

The director of the Center of Public Policy and Management, Dr. William N. Dunn, and Dr. Ahmet Akyerek, President of the Anatolia Development Foundation (ADF), signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on August 28, 2003, in Skopje. The MOU provides, among other things, up to five scholarships for Macedonian students

enrolled in the Graduate Center for Public Policy and Management.

Memorandum of Understanding with CSA

On September 17, 2003 the Graduate Center for Public Policy and Management (GCPPM) and the Civil Servants Agency (CSA) agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding. Under the MOU the CSA will nominate outstanding applicants for MPPM and CPPM programs, and collaborate in the development of policy issue papers for the Macedonian Government.

For further information contact Veli Kreci, Program Coordinator Skopje, tel.: +389 2 306 3560.