



Danube Rectors' Conference
Summer School on Regional Co-operation



DRC and IDM



- ❖ Close co-operation since many years, project office since 1999
- ❖ IDM gives administrative support to DRC activities (maintenance of the website www.d-r-c.org until August 2007, project proposals, dissemination of information)
- ❖ Since 2004: DRC Summer School as joint project with the International House Pécs and since 2007 with IDResearch



Objectives of IDM



- ❖ Research and information on the Danube Region, Central and Southeast Europe (publications, projects, educational activities, events etc.)
- ❖ Improvement and fostering of Austria's relationship to the neighbouring countries
- ❖ Creation of networks with partner institutions in the Danube Region, Central and Southeast Europe

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DRC and IDResearch



- ❖ After a change in the management and profile of International House in Pécs, and with the formation of a new social sciences research enterprise, closely working with different units of the University of Pécs, IDResearch Ltd. has become a regional academic and cultural contact point for IDM and DRC.
- ❖ Organiser of numerous activities with a focus on the Danube Region and with the involvement of DRC members.
- ❖ Strong co-operation with the administrative centre provided by IDM, esp. in form of the DRC Summer School.



Objectives of IDResearch



- ❖ To generate research and co-operation between different disciplines (InterDisciplinary)
- ❖ To act as generator or organiser of creative ideas for international co-operation (Idea+Development)
- ❖ To provide Innovative power and offer Dedicated work

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DRC Summer School project

organised by IDM and IDResearch



Objectives

- ❖ Awareness for the significance and possibilities of regional co-operation
- ❖ Strategies for the improvement of co-operation
- ❖ Regional scientific network of young social scientists
- ❖ Support mobility
- ❖ Foster relations between the DRC members
- ❖ Sustainable series of events (6 Summer Schools, 2 Winter Seminars, 6 Proceeding Volumes)

DRC Summer School project: Events 2004-2009

- ❖ **1st DRC Summer School 2004 in Pécs:**
“The Europe of Regions for the Regions of Europe”
- ❖ **1st regional Winter Seminar 2005 in Pécs:**
“The Future of Intergovernmental Regional Co-operation in the Enlarged EU”
- ❖ **1st proceedings volume** was published and presented in 2005

DRC Summer School project: Events 2004-2009

- ❖ **2nd DRC Summer School 2005 in Eisenstadt:**
“Social, Economic and Political Cohesion in the Danube Region in Light of EU Enlargement”
- ❖ **2nd regional Winter Seminar 2006 in Pécs:**
“Central European Co-operation promoting Culture and Education“
- ❖ **2nd proceedings volume** was published and presented in 2006

DRC Summer School project: Events 2004-2009

- ❖ **3rd DRC Summer School in Dubrovnik:**
“The Future of Europe – A View from the Danube Region“, 6 - 13 August 2006
- ❖ **3rd proceedings volume** was published and presented in July 2007 at the opening session of the 4th DRC Summer School in Pécs.

DRC Summer School project: Events 2004-2009

❖ 4th DRC Summer School in Pécs:

“European Higher Education in a Changing World
– A View from the Danube Region“,
22 - 29 July 2007

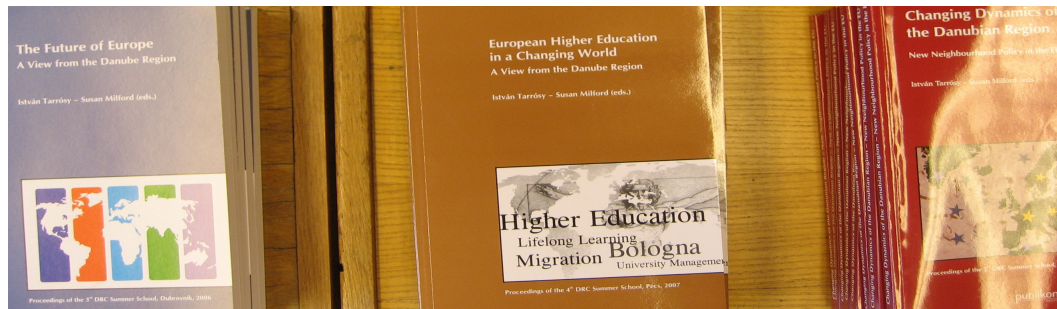
❖ 4th proceedings volume was published in
December 2007

DRC Summer School project: Events 2004-2009

- ❖ **5th DRC Summer School in Krems (Danube University Krems):**
“Changing Dynamics of the Danubian Region – New Neighbourhood Policy in the EU”,
29 June – 6 July 2008
- ❖ **4th proceedings volume** was presented in June 2008 at the opening session of the 5th DRC Summer School in Krems.

DRC Summer School project: Events 2004-2009

- ❖ **6th DRC Summer School in Budapest (ELTE):**
“Regime Change and Transition across the Danubian Region: 1989 - 2009”, 5 - 12 July 2009
- ❖ **5th proceedings volume** was presented in July 2009 at the opening session of the 6th DRC Summer School in Budapest.



DRC Summer School 2009

Target group

- ❖ Young scientists from the Danube Region and Central Europe who have records in Political Science or other social science disciplines (average 20 participants).
- ❖ Graduates who want to present and discuss their research projects.
- ❖ Interested persons from regional organisations, public administration and scientific institutions.

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Target group

- ❖ 15 young scientists from 8 countries, 7 of them came from DRC-Member Universities



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Workshop items

- ❖ Revolutionary Changes and Their Political Impacts on Europe
- ❖ Economic and Social Perspectives of Democratic Change
- ❖ 1989 as Impetus for Regional Co-operation with Special Focus on Science and Research and for Development of Civil Society in CEE
- ❖ New Geopolitical Era for CEECs? – The Danubian Region in International Relations 20 Years after the Fall of the Iron Curtain

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Working methods

- ❖ Lectures by high level scientists, young graduates and experts – room for discussion
- ❖ Presentation of Best Practice projects
- ❖ Presentation of papers prepared by the participants in parallel workshops
- ❖ Discussion in parallel workshops
- ❖ Presentation of the results of each working group
- ❖ Social programme
- ❖ Proceedings volume was published in December 2009 and will be presented in 2010



Organisers since 2004

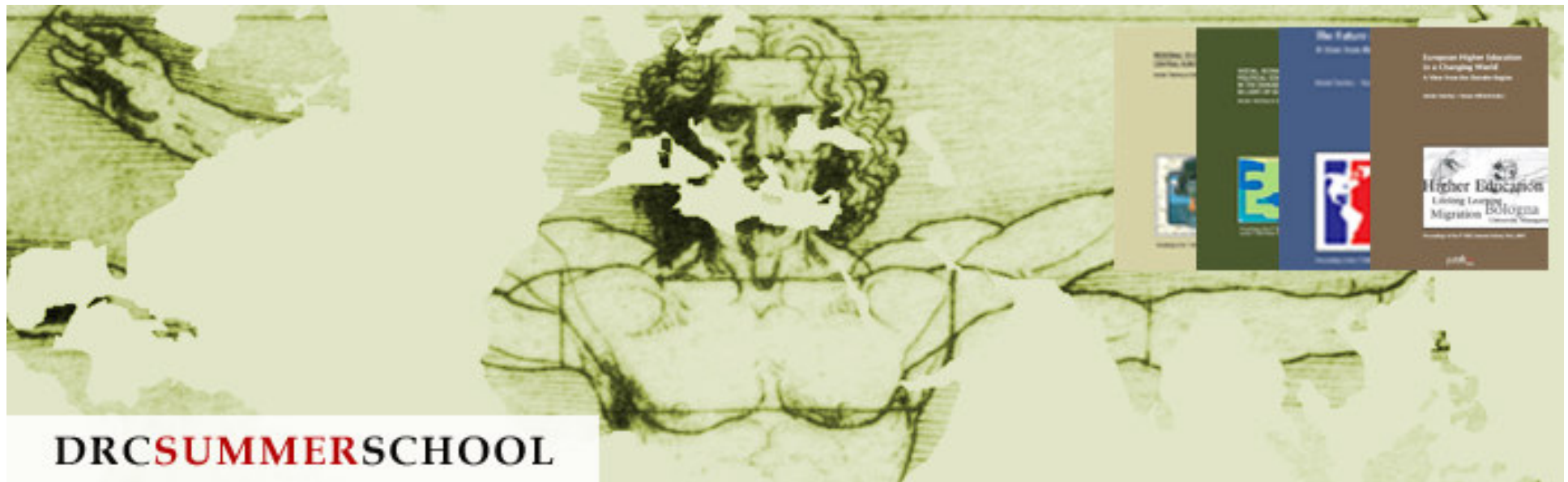
- ❖ Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)
- ❖ IDResearch
- ❖ under the intellectual sponsorship of the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC)





Partners and supporters 2009

- ❖ Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC)
- ❖ Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)
- ❖ University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities
- ❖ Central European Initiative (CEI)
- ❖ Working Community of Danubian Regions
- ❖ Lower Austria
- ❖ Upper Austria
- ❖ Hanns Seidel Foundation
- ❖ ERSTE Foundation
- ❖ Erste Group



The **6th proceedings volume** was published in December 2009 and will be presented in 2010 at the opening session of the 7th DRC Summer School.



DRC Summer School 2010

- ❖ **7th DRC Summer School** on Regional Co-operation in Pécs
- ❖ **Location and Cooperation Partner:**
Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Pécs
- ❖ **Main Topic:**
“The Western Balkans: Lessons from the Past and Future Prospects – A View from the Danube Region”
- ❖ **Date:** 25 July – 1 August 2010



Workshop items 2010

- ❖ Transforming the Western Balkans:
A Specific European Journey since 1990 and Future Perspectives
- ❖ Economic and social conditions and perspectives in the Western Balkans
- ❖ Dimensions of Civil Society in the Western Balkan Region
- ❖ Geopolitics and the Issue of Stability in the Western Balkans



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