

The Centro per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica of the Department of Political and Social Science welcomes a new research fellow **dr. Igor A. Detc**, who is visiting us under the Erasmus Mundus Program Post-Doc Fellowship, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna for 10 months.

Igor A. Detc is a postdoctoral researcher at the School of Political Science, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus for the academic year 2015 – 2016. He defended his PhD thesis on "Project Approach in Russian Regional Policy through the Example of the Baikal Region" at the Institute of Geography of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Irkutsk, Russia). Apart from working at the same institute in the Laboratory of Economic and Social Geography, he also started to lecture at Irkutsk State University (School of Geography) with a course "Social and Economic Geography of Russia". Main research interests were focused on Russian Regional Policy and other state tools to develop backward territories as well as Economic, social and political effects of policy makers' decisions. Italian stage of research is going to be dedicated to investigation of the current situation in social and economic differences between Italian regions; and comparing the policy of Italy and European Commission in this area with the Russian one.