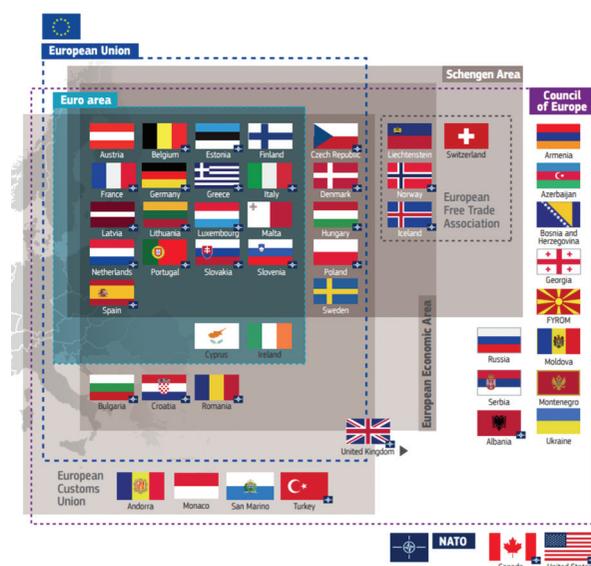


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# POLITICS AND POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (MA PROGRAM IN ENGLISH)



Faculty of Philosophy  
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The interdisciplinary MA in *Politics and Policies of the European Union* (in English) aims to advance and deepen the competences of students from both EU countries, Bulgaria included, and non-EU countries from the near neighborhoods and beyond, who are interested in Euro-integration and the variety of public policies through which it is carried out.

It is open to BA degree holders in social sciences, political and administrative sciences, economics and humanities.

The Program helps students acquire knowledge and competences, based on a broad interdisciplinary training, that are necessary for successful implementation of the public policies through which the European integration is maintained and developed.

## Description

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The graduates of this MA should be familiarized with the basic facts, concepts, problems and the methods of problem-solving concerning:

- The political history of EU enlargement
- The pattern of work of the EU institutions
- The processes of policy formation and implementation in the EU
- The specificities of a variety of major EU integration policies

The graduates of the program, after being introduced to the key academic studies in the field, should understand the EU integration processes and the Europeanization of the societies involved in them. They should possess the competences required for participation in the EU public policies implementation and assessment of these policies.

## Professional Qualifications

The MA in *Politics and Policies of the European Union* (in English) helps students acquire knowledge and competences, based on a broad interdisciplinary training, that are necessary for successful implementation of the public policies through which the European integration is maintained and developed.

The graduates will benefit from career opportunities in various EU institutions and bodies, governmental and non-governmental institutions which pertain to the EU policy implementation, prepare and fulfill activities under EU programs within it, in the accession countries from the Western Balkans and Turkey and in the neighborhood countries. They will be able to carry out studies on current processes and trends in the EU and on its relationships with non-EU countries.

## Application information

In order to apply you have to send the following documents

- A copy of your ID document
- Your updated CV with an explicit statement about the level of English language proficiency
- A legalized copy of your diploma with transcript of the grades
- A motivation letter which will convince the Program Board in the authenticity of your academic aspirations and interest in this particular program
- Two recommendation letters by professors who know your previous academic performance.

These documents should be sent to the Program Board electronically by September 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest to <http://ma.su-phls.info/en/>

More information about the rules and procedures for applying for MA programs at Sofia University is available at <https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/admission>

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[https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/admission/international\\_students/master\\_s\\_degree\\_programs\\_in\\_english\\_or\\_other\\_foreign\\_languages](https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/admission/international_students/master_s_degree_programs_in_english_or_other_foreign_languages).

The academic year begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. **Duration of Studies:** two semesters of course attendance plus a third semester for writing the MA thesis.

## Further information

If you need any further information, please, contact us:

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## Interdisciplinary MA programme/ MA programme „Politics and policies of the EU“ (in English), full-time

Program code

academic year beginning 2017/2018

| № | Course code | Course Title | Type – C, E, O | Term | ECTS credits | Number of classes- total |          |          |                              | Number of classes per week | Type of Grading* - e, ca, m, a |
|---|-------------|--------------|----------------|------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   |             |              |                |      |              | Total                    | Lectures | Seminars | Practical classes / practice |                            |                                |
| 1 | 2           | 3            | 4              | 5    | 6            | 7                        | 8        | 9        | 10                           | 11                         | 12                             |

### Compulsory courses

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |    |   |    |       |    |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|----|---|----|-------|----|
| 1 | Z | 0 | 0 | 1 | European Political Process (institutions and representation of interests) | C | 1 | 5  | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0  | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 2 | Z | 0 | 0 | 2 | Theories of European Integration  | C | 1 | 5  | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0  | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 4 | Z | 0 | 0 | 3 | Comparative European Public Administration                                | C | 1 | 5  | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0  | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 6 | Z | 0 | 0 | 4 | Policies Formulation and Participation in the Decision-Making Process     | C | 1 | 5  | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0  | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 5 | Z | 0 | 0 | 5 | EU Enlargement Conditionality   | C | 1 | 5  | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0  | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 3 | Z | 0 | 0 | 6 | Political History of the EU's Enlargements                                | C | 2 | 5  | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0  | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 7 | Z | 0 | 0 | 7 | European Integration through Public Policies                              | C | 2 | 5  | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0  | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 8 | Z | 0 | 0 | 8 | Pre-diploma Research Project  | C | 3 | 15 | 450 | 0  | 0 | 60 | 0/0/4 | e  |

**Elective Courses:** Students must have at least 5 ECTS credits in the first semester and at least 20 ECTS credits in the second semester from elective courses

|    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |    |   |   |       |    |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|----|---|---|-------|----|
| 1  | I | 3 | 0 | 0 | Rotational Presidency of the EU                                     | E | 1 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 2  | I | 3 | 0 | 1 | Regional Policy of the EU   | E | 1 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 3  | I | 3 | 0 | 2 | EU's Standards and Policies of Rule of law                          | E | 1 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 4  | I | 3 | 0 | 3 | Policies of Pressure in the EU                                      | E | 1 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 5  | I | 3 | 0 | 4 | EU's Energy Policy  | E | 2 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 6  | I | 3 | 0 | 4 | EU's Policy towards the WB and Neighbourhood Policy                 | E | 2 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 7  | I | 3 | 0 | 5 | European Migration Policy   | E | 2 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 8  | I | 3 | 0 | 6 | EU Foreign & Security Policy  | E | 2 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 9  | I | 3 | 0 | 7 | Administrative Reforms in the EU Countries - Theories and Practices | E | 2 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |
| 10 | I | 3 | 0 | 8 | Transnational Organized Crime in the EU                             | E | 2 | 5 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 4/0/0 | ce |

## Degree completion

| Form of degree completion | ECTS credits | First state exam/ thesis defence session | Second state exam/thesis defence session |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Defence of an MA thesis   | 15           | March                                    | July                                     |

## Teaching team-members:

### 0 1 *European Political Process (institutions and representation of interests)*

#### Associate Professor **Rumyana Kolarova**

Dr. Rumyana Kolarova is Associate Professor of Political Sciences. She is Head of the Political Science department at St. Kl. Ohridski University of Sofia, director of the “Diplomacy and Integration of EU” MA program. She specialized in London (London School of Economics and Political Science), New York (New School for Social Research) and Florence (European University Institute). She is author of more than 50 scientific publications and more than 300 publications in the periodic press. Chief of the Managing Council of the Center of Women’s Studies and Policies, member of the Managing Council of the Bulgarian Political Science Association.



### 0 2 *Theories of European Integration*

#### Associate Professor **Daniel Smilov**

Dr. Daniel Smilov is Associate Professor of Political Sciences at St. Kl. Ohridski University of Sofia, Head of the Program “Politics and Policies of the EU”. He is a comparative constitutional lawyer and political scientist. He is Programme Director at the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Recurrent Visiting Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law at the Central European University, Budapest, and Assistant Professor of Political Theory at the Political Science Department, University of Sofia. He holds doctorates from the University of Oxford (DPhil, 2003) and the Central European University, Budapest (SJD, 1999, summa cum laude). In 2002-2003 he was Research Fellow at the Centre for



Policy Studies, at the Central European University. In 2003-2004 he was Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence. He has also been a Visiting Scholar at the Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley in 1995. Dr. Smilov is co-author (with Martin Tisne) of *From the Ground Up: Assessing the Record of Anticorruption Assistance in Southeast Europe*, Central European University Press, 2004, co-editor (with Denis Galligan) of *Administrative Law in Central and Eastern Europe*, CEU Press, 1999, and co-editor (together with Jurij Toplak) of *Political Finance and Corruption in Eastern Europe*, Ashgate, 2007. He has published articles in *ICON* (International Journal of Constitutional Law, Oxford University Press), *Public Law*, and the *Austrian Journal of Political Science* (ÖZP), as well as a number of chapters in edited volumes.

### 0 3 *Comparative European Public Administration*

*This course will introduce the general and the specific features of the administrative systems and structures of the EU member states to the students and its major asset is the chance for them to carry out autonomous comparative research.*

#### Associate Professor **Milena Stefanova**

Dr. Milena Stefanova is a lecturer at Department of Public Administration at Sofia University. She graduated in Sociology at Sofia University, Doctor of Political Science. She has specialized European public administration in the Ireland and the Netherlands. She is an author of 5 monographs and numerous articles in Bulgarian and foreign journals in the field of local government and public administration.



### 0 4 *EU Policies Formulation and Participation in the Decision-Making Process*

#### Assoc. Prof. **K. Simeonov/Dr. G. Radoykova**

*The politics and policies of the EU are changing constantly depending on the decisions that are taken by the EU institutions. The course will explain, through interactive exercises includingly, the EU decision making process and how the EU policies are formulated.*

Associate Professor **Kaloyan Simeonov**, Dr. Habil

Kaloyan Simeonov is Doctor Habilis in Political sciences and holds a PhD in Economics as well as master degrees in European Studies and International Economic Relations. He is Associate Professor on EU affairs and Head of the European Studies Department at the Sofia University. He is also a lecturer at the Diplomatic Institute in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria with previous teaching experience in the European Institute of Public Administration, the Bulgarian Institute of Public Administration, the Centre for European Programmes to the American University in Bulgaria and other universities and centers.



He has also around 20 years of practical experience in the EU affairs in the EU Departments at the Ministry of Finance, the administration of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Financial Supervision Commission. Simeonov has more than 80 publications in different fields of the EU affairs, including many books and two manuals for students as co-author. His research interests are in the areas of EU Polices, EU Internal Market, Economic and Monetary Union, Enlargement Process of the Western Balkans, etc.

He has also experience in EU funded projects and programmes in Bulgaria, Kosovo, the northern part of Cyprus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, Macedonia, Montenegro, Azerbaijan, Algeria and others.

### 0 5 *EU Enlargement Conditionality*

*The EU enlargement can be postponed but cannot be avoided. Certainly, it needs improvement!*

Professor **Georgi Dimitrov**

Georgi Dimitrov, Dr. Habil., is professor of sociology at the European Studies Department, "St. Kl. Ohridski" University of Sofia, being its foundation father. He was Senior Fulbrighter twice (2002-2003 at The University of Chicago; 2010 at The G. Washington University) with research projects on the history of American sociology. He teaches courses on *European civilizing process, EU integration, Reform policy studies, and History (and Sociology) of sociology.*



He has a sound background in empirical research team leadership (more than 20 projects). He was awarded the highest National Prize 'Pythagoras' in 2014 for Excellence in social sciences and humanities. He has been the guest-editor for *South-East Europe*, Brill, 3/2015 and *Sociological Problems*, BAS, 1/2017.

### 0 6 *Political History of the EU's Enlargements*

*The course History of EU Enlargements will enhance students' understanding of the current nature and mode of operation of EU.*

Associate Professor **Mirela Veleva-Eftimova**

Doctor Mirela Veleva-Eftimova is an Associate Professor, European Studies Dept., Sofia University St Kliment Ohridsky, teaching courses: *History of European Integration, History of Europe in 20<sup>th</sup> century.* She was Jean Monnet professor in History of EU Eastern Enlargement (2012-2015). She is author of the books *History of European Integration, History of European Idea, History of Europe – XX century.* She has specializations in Maastricht University (Nederland) and European University Institute (Italy). She is currently interested in the Bulgarian case of EU Eastern Enlargement and particularly – the impact of Russophilian tradition in this case.



### 0 7 *European Integration through Public Policies*

*If you are interested why the EU Member States solve their problems in the same way and why they exchange 'good practices' with each other, participation in the course "European integration through public policies" is exactly for you.*

Associate Professor **Tatyana Tomova**

Dr. Tatyana Tomova is an Associate Professor of public administration and public policy at Sofia University and Head of Public Administration Department. She graduated in Sociology. Her PhD thesis was in the field of comparative social policies. She specialized in the same topic at CEVIPOF and Institut d'Etude Politique (Paris, France). She has 20 years of experience in teaching Public and Social policies and Policy Making in the EU. She is an author of four monographs, two of which are dedicated to the social policy practices



and the other two – to the methods of public policy making. She has a extensive experience as a consultant. She has worked for state and local authorities in Bulgaria. Her main competences are in the field of analysis and research of public and social policies with a focus on social security, labor relations, health, and ethnic groups.

### 3 0 0 *Rotational Presidency of the EU*

*If you wish to understand contemporary Europe, than this MA programme should be your choice. This particular course lets you discover the multifaceted role of the EU rotating presidency, the details of decision making process and the subtleties of diplomatic negotiations.*

#### Professor **Ingrid Shikova**

The academic carrier of Professor Ingrid Shikova is dedicated to the European Studies. She is one of the founders of the European Studies Department at Sofia University. She has many publications in the field of European integration issues as well as broad teaching experience and specialisations at prestigious Universities in Europe. In 2009 she was awarded the honorary sign with blue ribbon of Sofia University for her contribution to the development of European Studies in Bulgaria.

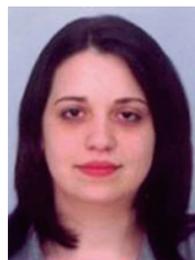


### 3 0 1 *Regional Policy of the EU*

*Dear students in "Politics and policies of the EU" program, I am really excited that together with you we will have the chance to discuss one of the most important EU policy – the regional one.*

#### Chief Assistant Professor **Elena Kalfova**

Dr. Elena Kalfova is Chief Assistant Professor in Public Administration Department of Sofia University. Regional policy is the core focus of her academic achievements. For more than twelve years she is training students in Regional Policy, Impact Assessment, Project management at local level, Local government. She has participated in more than 20 projects in the field of public governance.



### 3 0 2 *EU's Standards and Policies of Rule of law*

#### Chief Assistant Professor **Atanas Slavov**

Dr. Atanas Slavov is a jurist and constitutional scholar, senior assistant professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridsky" (Public Administration Department). He holds Ph.D. in Constitutional Law from Sofia University (2009) and a second Ph.D. in Law from the University of Glasgow (2016). He has published extensively on public/ constitutional law and theory, direct democracy and civic participation, law and religion, political theology. Slavov served as an adviser on constitutional reform to the Minister of Justice (2014-2015) as well as an adviser on legislative issues to the Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of the Interior (2016). Prior to these, he has served as a state constitutional expert with the Council on Legislation Directorate with the Ministry of Justice, as well as a legal consultant with the NGO sector. Since 2010, Slavov has been a member of the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Direct Democracy.



### 3 0 3 *Policies of Pressure in the EU*

*Negotiation in the EU is complex and contested, with organized interests playing an ever more central role in the decision-making. Who are they? What are their access points? What pressure strategies do they use? This course will help you learn more about lobbying in the EU institutions.*

#### Adjunct Assistant Professor **Linka Toneva**

Dr. Linka Toneva holds a PhD in EU Political Studies (2012) from the Department of European Studies at Sofia University. She has a MA degree from Lund University, Sweden (2006) and Bachelors in both Political Science and European Studies from Sofia University. In the past 10 years she has participated in research and advocacy projects for various non-governmental organizations in Bulgaria. Her research interests include public partnerships in EU policy-making, transparency/integrity standards, civic participation in reform processes, the functioning of the CVM in Bulgaria. She has published in international and Bulgarian journals and participated in academic conferences on topics related to post-communist transition, rule of law and civil society.



### 3 0 4 EU's Energy Policy

If you are interested in the latest aspects of the EU energy policy, the main achievements and challenges of its implementation, the course EU energy policy is exactly for you.

#### Assistant Professor Lyubima Andreeva

Dr. Lyubima Andreeva is an Assistant Professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". She works in the field of energy policy, including the EU energy policy, services of general economic interest, more specifically energy services, public policy, public governance (the regulatory state), administrative systems and development.



### 3 0 4 EU's Policy towards the Western Balkans and EU Neighbourhood Policy

The EU enlargement process will not be completed without accession to the EU of the countries from the Western Balkans. If the EU would like to preserve stability and economic prosperity at home – we shall have good and well-designed policies towards the numerous and diverse neighboring countries. Both EU policies are challenging today and the future of the EU depends to a large extent on their success.

#### Associate Professor Kaloyan Simeonov/ V. Ivanov

The essential CV details of Assoc. Prof. Kaloyan Simeonov are provided above.

### 3 0 5 European Migration Policy

#### Professor Anna Krasteva

Prof. Anna Krasteva, Dr. Habil., Doctor honoris causa of University Lille 3, France, Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques, is the Director of CERMES, NBU, Editor-in-chief of the international Journal *Southeastern Europe*, (Brill) (2008 - ); Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* (Routledge) (2000- ); Member of the editorial



board of the Journal *欧洲评论 (Europeana)*; Member of the Board of AISLF; Member of the international scientific board of numerous other academic bodies. She has been a guest professor at Laval University, Quebec; University of Metz; Ecole normale supérieure, Lyon; Institute for European studies, University, Paris; Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Nantes, France. She is internationally renowned expert on migration and refugee studies, on democracy and citizenship and has published vastly on these and many other political topics. Her major works are *From migration to mobility : policies and roads*(2014); Krasteva A. et Vasilcu Despina (eds) *Migrations en blanc. Médecins d'est en ouest.* (2014); Brown Elinor and Anna Krasteva (eds) *Migrants and refugees. Equitable education for displaced populations* (2013); Krasteva A., A.Kasabova, D. Karabonova (eds) *Migrations from and to Southeastern Europe.* Ravenna: Longo Editore, (2010); Krasteva A. (ed) *Immigration and integration: European experiences.* Sofia: Manfred Worner Foundation, 2008.

### 3 0 6 EU Foreign & Security Policy

The course offers a researcher's view on the most dynamic and topical EU's policy of decisive importance for the European integration process and for the restoration of European citizens' confidence in the internal and external security of the EU. These are challenges that any young researcher of the European integration should be tempted by.

#### Adjunct Assistant Professor Borislav Mavrov

Dr. Borislav Mavrov works as an adjunct lecturer at the Department of "Public Administration" at Sofia University and he is also part of the team of the Jean-Monnet Center of Excellence at the Department of European Studies, Sofia University. His research interests are in the field of International Relations and Foreign Policy, European Integration and Enlargement, etc. Dr. Mavrov is Programme Director of the European Institute in Sofia and has actively participated both as a team leader and a senior researcher in many international scientific and networking projects at EU level, as well as in the Balkans and in the Black Sea region.



### 3 0 7 *Administrative Reforms in the EU Countries - Theories and Practices*

Welcome to our program and prepare for an exciting journey in the universe of public administration!

#### Professor **Alexander Marinov**

Alexander Marinov is Professor in Public Administration, PhD in sociology. Main fields of study: administrative development and administrative reforms; performance management; senior civil services; politics-public administration relationship.



### 3 0 8 *Transnational Organized Crime in the EU*

*My current research is focused on improved methods for measuring political risk connected to criminal markets, organized crime and high-profile political corruption. Together we will embark on an adventure in the world of organized crime.*

#### Dr. **Stoycho Stoev Stoychev**

Doctor Stoycho Stoychev is Chief Assistant Professor at the Political Science Department of Sofia University, where he teaches courses in political risk analysis, quantitative political analysis and statistics, comparative political economy and international political economy. In recent years he has participated in various research projects assessing institutional policymaking capacity and development at the national and international level. His most important works are 'Political Risk in Europe: A Quantitative Index Based on Measures of Corruption, Market Distortion, and the Shadow Economy', *Journal of Political Risk* (2013)1(5); (2012) 'The National Assembly as a policy maker in the fight against organized crime and corruption', *Public Policies* 3(2); 'Europeanization and Destabilization of the Bulgarian Party System: Effects on the Professionalization of the Representative Elite', in *Challenges to Bulgaria after EU Accession*, (2010); *Organized Crime and the Balkan Political Context* (ed.), (2010).



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