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Ninth International conference

"Re-new EU – Recovery, Reopening and Revival"

13-14 October 2022, Sofia

13 October 2022 (Thursday)

Conference Hall of the House of Europe in Bulgaria

Sofia, „G.S. Rakovski” Str. 124

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30-10.00

Opening of the conference

- Prof. Ingrid Shikova, PhD – European Studies Department, Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"- Chairman of the Scientific and Organizing Committee
- Prof. Sonya Karabelyova, Dr Habil – Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (tbc)
- Mrs. Antoineta Baycheva – Representative of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Bulgaria (tbc)

- Prof. Jaroslaw Pietras, PhD – Representative from Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies
- Assoc. Prof. Kaloyan Simeonov, Dr. Habil – Head of the European Studies Department, Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

10.00 – 11.15 **First panel:**

RECOVERY, REOPENING AND REVIVAL IN ORDER TO RE-NEW THE EU

Moderator: Prof. Ingrid Shikova

- Assoc. Prof. Kaloyan Simeonov, Dr. Habil., European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- „The Euro Area Enlargement Amid Different Crises – Is It Possible? “
- Linka Toneva-Metodieva, PhD, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “The Debate about the European Union Polity in Light of the War in Ukraine”
- Assoc. Prof. Hristo Hristev, PhD, Faculty of Law, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” - “The European Union and the war in Ukraine - is a common European defence system possible?”
- Assist. Prof. Gergana Radoykova, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”– „Of War and Peace in Europe – the dynamics of public opinion (March-September 2022) “
- Chief Assist. Prof. Monika Moraliyska, PhD, “International Economic Relations & Business” Department, University of National and World Economy- “The Recovery and Resilience Facility – United in Diversity or just more Multi-Level Integration”
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- Discussion

11.15 – 11.45 –coffee break

11.45 – 13.00 **Continuation of the first panel:**

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Kaloyan Simeonov

- Assoc. Prof. Krassen Stanchev, PhD – Public Administration Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – “Nudging: Peculiarities of the Green Deal Planning and Implementation”
- Assoc. Prof. Svetla Boneva, PhD, International Economic Relations and Business Department, University of National and World Economy - “Border carbon taxes: The European decision”
- Roxana Triffonova, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “Transforming EU energy policy – new challenges and opportunities in 2022”

- Prof. Tatiana Tomova, DSc, Public Administration Dept. Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “European policy making after Covid19”
- Assoc. Prof. N. Nevra Esentürk, PhD, Yalova University /IR Department, Turkiye – “EU Development Cooperation during the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- Assist. Prof. Kshitij Naikade, PhD, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India- “Rural Cohesion: A Catalyst to the revival of the EU in a post-Pandemic Europe”
- Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 – lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Second panel:

EU ENLARGEMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY

Moderator: Mariya Yurukova, PhD

14.00 – 14.30 Key note speaker: Prof. Jaroslaw Pietras, PhD - Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Reconsidering the EU Enlargement process. Assurance of due process, credibility of prospects, efficiency of outcome

- Assist. Prof. Monika Panayotova, PhD, University of National and World Economy- “EU enlargement policy in 2022 – challenges or perspectives?”
- Assist. Prof. Dimitar Damyanov, PhD and Assist. Prof. Nikolay Velichkov, PhD, University of National and World Economy – Sofia, Department of Economics, “Economic Convergence of Western Balkan Countries to the EU”
- Dimitar Pehlivanov, lecturer at New Bulgarian University, “Is the Heterogeneity of the EU Measurable?”
- Lubomira Popova, PhD, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “The Specificities of the Commission’s Approach towards the Western Balkans: Lessons learnt from the Eastern Enlargement?”
- Rexhep Vasolli - Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers of the Republic of Kosovo and Vanina Kalemi (Jakupi), Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Albania – “EU Supporting Important Reforms in Albania and Kosovo”
- Discussion

16.00 End of the first day of the conference

14 October 2022 (Friday)

Rosslyn Central Park Hotel Sofia

Sofia, Vitosha Blvd No. 106

9.15 – 10.30

Third panel:

EUROPEAN IDENTITY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Nikolina Tsvetkova

- Assoc. Prof. Angela Maria Romito, Department of Political Science, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy, LLM Pitt, School of Law (2000) – “The Conference on the Future of Europe: facing Challenges from the Citizen’s Perspective”
- Assoc. Prof. Alben Taneva, PhD - Public Administration Dept. Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “Dynamics in Identity Issues: The Role of Interpretations of History”
- Assoc. Prof. Plamen Ralchev, PhD – International Relations Department, University of National and World Economy – “Populism, Ontological Security and the Sense of Belonging at Times of War and Energy Crisis”
- Ildiko Otova, PhD – New Bulgarian University – “Euro or Russia: paradoxes of Bulgarian Euroscepticism”
- Assist. Prof. Miruna Andreea Balosin, PhD, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania – “Today’s EU: “sexy” or “dull”?”

10.30-11.00 - Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00

Continuation of the third panel:

Moderator: Asst. Prof. Gergana Radoykova

- Mariya Yurukova PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “Countering disinformation in Bulgaria: what is achieved under the EU framework and why not more?”
- Ana Lazarova, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “EU policy on access to cultural heritage and the protection of the public domain”,
- Assist. Prof. Desislava Karaasenova, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” - “Facilitators of the internationalization of studies at the doctoral degree level”

- Assoc. Prof. Nikolina Tsvetkova, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”- “Language education and cross-curricular teaching in a tertiary setting”
- Discussion

12.00 – 12.30 Final comments and closing the conference

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