Political Science Department
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30th Anniversary Conference
“The Future of the EU and Eastern Europe?”
27 May 2017 г.
Aula Magna, Rectorate, Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“
Sofia, 15 Tzar Osvoboditel Blvd.

09.00 – 09.30 Registration of participants
09.30 – 11.00 Opening of the conference (Aula Magna, Rectorate)

THIRTY YEARS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- Assoc. Prof. Rumyana Kolarova, PhD, Head of the Political Science Department - “25 years of institutional dynamics: what is Bulgaria’s model of democracy?”
- Prof. Aleksandar Tomov, Dr.Habil, Political Science Department - „The scenario that makes Europe a global power”
- Assoc. Prof. Daniel Smilov, PhD, Political Science Department - "Constitutionalism and self-restriction of power”
- Assoc. Prof. Tatyana Burudzhieva, PhD, Political Science Department – „Media vs.democracy“
- Asst. Prof. Stoycho Stoychev, PhD, Political Science Department – „Controlled voting and vote buying in Bulgaria (2013-2017)"
- Asst. Prof. Iskren Ivanov, PhD, Political Science Department – “Geopolitics of Orthodoxy as part of the concept of hybrid war”
11.00 – 11.30 Keynote speaker – Prof. Dennis Galligan, Oxford University – “Parliament, the People and the Foundations of Constitutional Authority”

Discussion

11.40 – 12.30 Lunch

12.30 – 14.00 First panel (Aula Magna):

**BULGARIA, EASTERN EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN VALUES**

*Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Daniel Smilov, PhD*

- Prof. Antoniy Todorov, PhD, New Bulgarian University – “Crisis or fall of the European democracy: how efficient is the EU in defending its values?”
- Prof. Iskra Baeva, PhD, Faculty of History, Sofia University – “What is Eastern Europe after the fall of the Berlin wall?”
- Prof. Georgi Manolov, Dr. Habil, University of Security and Economics, Plovdiv – “Political privileges of the Bulgarian society after 10 November 1989”
- Assoc. Prof. Kaloyan Simeonov, Dr.Habil, European Studies Department, Sofia University – “The Eurozone – a unique model or a wrong construction?”
- Asst. Prof. Vihar Georgiev, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University – “The eyes of fear: assessing the impact of the migration crisis on the European integration process”
- Assoc. Prof. Momchil Badzhakov, PhD, New Bulgarian University – “The European democracy on a crossroad: counter democratic populism in a post democratic alternative”
- Asst. Prof. Gergana Radoykova, PhD, Political Science Department, Sofia University – “Multi-speed EU and Bulgaria – the road ahead”
- Discussion

14.00 – 15.30 Second panel (Aula Magna, Rectorate)

**BULGARIA AND THE EU ENLARGEMENT PROCESS**

*Moderator: Prof. Ognian Minchev, Dr. Habil*

- Prof. Tatyana Dronzina, Dr. Habil, Political Science Department and Suleiman Mucha, PhD, University of Tirana, Albania - “Islamic State as a threat for the security of the Western Balkans”
- Assoc. Prof. Antoniy Galabov, PhD, New Bulgarian University – “The quality of European integration – consensus and decision-making in the context of regional and transnational cooperation”
- Asst. Prof. Antonina Habova, PhD, UNWE – “CEE-China Relations: Reloading”
• Assoc. Prof. Jean Crombois, PhD, American University, Blagoevgrad - „The Limits of the EU Transformative Power Narrative? The Case of the EU’s Eastern Partnership“

• Pande Lazarevski, PhD, Nikola Gjorgon, PhD, Jadranka Denkova, PhD, Goce Delchev University, Stip, Macedonia – „Reinventing the Illusion or getting back to the reality: EU Myth vs. Balkan Identity“

• Asst. Prof. Ana Nikodinovska, Phd, Law Faculty, Goce Delchev University, Stip, Macedonia – „EU’s democracy promotion towards Republic of Macedonia“

• Prof. Jovan Ananiev, PhD – Dean of the Law Faculty, Goce Delchev University, Stip, Macedonia – „Discrimination of Roma Children in Education Process in the Balkan Countries: Council of Europe Standards, Fact Findings and Recommendations“

• Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 coffee break

16.00 – 17.45 Third panel (Hall №224, Rectorate)


Moderator: Asst. Prof. Stoycho Stoychev, PhD

• Assoc. Prof. Maria Bakalova, PhD, UNWE - „The impact of identity on the national foreign policies and EU decision-making in relation to Russia“

• Assoc. Prof. Sonya Hinkova, PhD, New Bulgarian University – Turkey: a future EU member state or a rival?”

• Asst. Prof. Lyubomir Stefanov, PhD, New Bulgarian Univesrity – EU against its fears it the 21st century”

• Asst. Prof. Marjan Gjurovski, PhD, University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bitola, Macedonia – “The World Order Projected Through the EU Ideological Lenses”

• Ildiko Otova, PhD, New Bulgarian University – Brussels and Belene: two points of view over migration”

• Dragomir Stoyanov, University of Finance, Business and Entrepreneurship – „To Oppose (Europe) from the Periphery: Bulgarian Fringe parties in the period 2013-2017

• Adam Balazs, PhD, Central European University, Budapest - “On Late Europe: Lateness as a Political Perspective”

• Discussion
16.00 – 17.45 Fourth panel (Hall № 63, Rectorate)

BULGARIA, EASTERN EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION – THE YOUNG SCHOLARS’ PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: Asst. Prof. Iskren Ivanov, PhD

- Maria Popkovacheva, PhD and Kalina Georgieva, PhD, Sofia University – “The Other in a Populist Europe: The Case of Brexit”
- Velislav Ivanov, PhD student, European Studies Department - „Things should change in order to remain the same. Political will for enlargement in the Western Balkan states”
- Aleko Stoyanov, PhD student, UNWE - „The Ukraine Crisis – a Clash of World’s Paradigms?“
- Rositsa Filatova, PhD student, Political Science Department – “EU-NATO cooperation for building an Architecture for security in Europe”
- Georgi Georgiev, PhD student, Political Science Department – “Nationalism in post-communist Europe. Poland and Bulgaria (1989 – 2005)"
- Svetlin Tachev, PhD student, Political Science Department – „Nature and characteristics of the protest mobilisation in Bulgaria” (1989-2014)“
- Presian Dochev, student, Political Science Department – Three cases of problematic integration
- Alexandra Alexandrova, student, Political Science Department – The role of social media in the hybrid war of Russia in Ukraine
- Denislav Uzunov, student, Political Science Department – Foreign policy or foreign policies of the EU: Ukraine, Russia and Eastern Europe?“
- Vladiislav Krastev, student, Political Science Department – “The necessity of rules and regulation of prostitution in Bulgaria”
- Anna Goto, student, Toyo University, Japan, – Controversy for Immigrants in Japanese Society
- Yu Yunai, student, Sofia University - Nuclear deterrent power in Japanese case and the relation with surrounding countries
- Yuki Maruyama, student, Sofia University - The US-Japan alliance under the Trump doctrine
- Discussion

18.00 Presentation of the 30th anniversary edition of the Political Science Department (Aula Magna, Rectorate)

19.00 Official dinner at “Yaitseto” Restaurant (Rectorate)