



**Political Science Department  
Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

**"The Future of the EU and Eastern Europe?"**

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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)**

**BULGARIA, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE WORLD – THE NEW CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES**

***Moderator: Asst. Prof. Stoycho Stoychev, PhD***

- Assoc. Prof. Maria Bakalova, PhD, UNWE - „*The impact of identity on the national foreign policies and EU desicion-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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 te hibrid war of Russia in Ukraine*
- Denislav Uzunov, student, Political Science Department – *Foreign plicy or oreign policies of the EU: Ukraine, Russia and Eastern Europe?*”
- Vladislav 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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Political Science Department (Aula Magna, Rectorate)**

**19.00    Official dinner at “Yaitseto” Restaurant (Rectorate)**