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## **Eighth International Conference “The Call for More Europe - Ambitions and Realities”**

**14 October 2021 (Thursday)**

**10.00 - 10.15 BG time (09.00 – 09.15 Brussels time)<sup>1</sup> Opening of the conference**

***Moderator: Asst.prof. Gergana Radoykova, PhD***

- Prof. Ingrid Shikova, PhD – European Studies Department, Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”
- Mr. Bogdan Mirchev – Representative of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Bulgaria
- Eoin Drea, 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”

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<sup>1</sup> **Important: The programme timeline is indicated as Bulgarian time, i.e. the conference will start at 09.00-09.15 Brussels time.**

- **10.15 – 10.45 Keynote speaker: Prof. Eckart Stratenschulte, PhD, Executive Director of the German National Foundation Application - “Is the Emperor Naked? Procedures and Expected Results of the Conference on the Future of Europe”**

**10.45 – 12.00**            **First panel:**

**THE DEBATE FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND THE CALL FOR MORE EU**

***Moderator: Assoc. prof. Kaloyan Simeonov, Dr. Habil***

- Prof. Ingrid Shikova, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – “Those Who Want More Do More”
- Assoc. Prof. Maria Bakalova, PhD, UNWE – What Europe Before More Europe?
- Assoc. Prof. Georgiana Ciceo, PhD, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania – “The Many Dimensions of EU’s Strategic Autonomy”
- Assoc. Prof. Plamen Ralchev, PhD, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria – “The EU Polity and Its Disintegrated Public. Challenges of Public Communications in Multi-Level Governance”
- Asst. Prof. Miruna Andreea Balosin, PhD, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania – “A Vision of More EU. The EU Social Media Strategy”
- Discussion

*12.00 – 12.30 – break*

- **12.30 – 13.00 Keynote speaker: Eulalia Rubio, Senior Research Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute – “Are We Moving Towards a EU Fiscal Union?”**

**13.00– 14.00**            **Continuation of the first panel:**

***Moderator: Prof. Ingrid Shikova, PhD***

- Assoc. Prof. Kaloyan Simeonov, Dr. Habil, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – “The Call for more Europe in the Area of Measures against Money Laundering”
- Roxana Triffonova, PhD, European Studies Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – “European Single Market in Conditions of the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- Asst. Prof. Nikolay Velichkov, PhD, UNWE, Sofia – “Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Gross Value Added by Economic Sectors in the EU Countries”
- Discussion

*14.00 – 15.00 – lunch*

- **15.00 – 15.30 Keynote speaker: Eoin Drea, PhD, Senior Research Officer, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels – “Has Europe Forgotten the Real Lessons of Brexit”**

**15.30 – 16.45            Second panel:**

**EU ENLARGEMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY**

*Moderator: Maria Yourukova, European Studies Department*

- Aleksandar-Andrija Pejović, University of Belgrade – “Is There Any Future for the EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans?”
- Jean Crombois, PhD, Free University of Brussels – “Geopolitics and EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans”
- Assoc. Prof. Diana Gabriela Reianu, PhD, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania – “EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans: Fabricating Reforms in Public Administration”
- Oana Poiană, PhD, University of Cluj, Napoca, Romania – “The Geopolitical Remaking of the Black Sea region. What Role for the EU?”
- Katina Joneva, PhD, BAS – “The Warden of the North: Advances and deficiencies in the EU Arctic Policy”
- Discussion

**16.45            End of the first day of the conference**

**15 October 2021 (Friday)**

**10.00 – 11.45      Third panel:**

**EUROPEAN IDENTITY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE**

***Moderator: Iglika Ivanova, European Studies Department***

- Assoc. Prof. Theodora Kaleynska, VTU – “Civic Education as a Tool for European Social Integration and Community Involvement”
- Krasimira Vassileva, PhD, NABEC – A Holistic Approach to Teaching and Learning Europe at School – an Approach for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Asst. prof. Dessislava Karaasenova, PhD, European Studies Department, Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – “Europeanisation in higher education and (inter)cultural sensitivity in transnational activities of scholars”
- Gabriela Motoi, PhD & Assoc. Prof. Alexandrina Mihaela Popescu, PhD, University of Craiova, Romania – “EU Education Systems after the COVID-19 Pandemic. An Analysis of the Romania’s Recovery and Resilience Plan”
- Ildiko Otova, PhD, New Bulgarian University – “What is New in the New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum Discussion”
- Asst. prof. Gergana Radoykova, PhD - The Values Deficit in the EU and the Covid-19 Crisis as Its Consequence
- Discussion

**11.45– 12.00 Final comments and closing the conference**

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