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It is a great pleasure for us to share with you current and recent activities of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza"!

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On 28th November the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza", the German Embassy to Bulgaria and the British Embassy to Bulgaria organize a conference "Economic Impact of Low Carbon Investment". The event is going to take place at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Bulgaria (25, Fr. Joliot Curie Str, Sofia) and will start at 9:00 am. The conference will present and discuss opportunities and challenges of low-carbon investments to the Bulgarian economy on the eve of the 17th UN Conference on Climate Change in Durban, South Africa and will discuss opportunities for investments in low carbon technologies and the necessary national, European and global sources for them. The participants will deliberate the potential role of Bulgaria as a regional EU center of low carbon development and how the new, more ambitious EU targets to reduce emissions will affect national economies. During the conference the most interesting new economic model "New Growth Path for Europe", composed by the Potsdam Climate Institute, will be presented. German, English and Bulgarian politicians, economic analysts and business leaders will exchange knowledge and ideas between them. Please contact the Bulgarian School of Politics for more information and reservations.

The selection of the participants for the National Program Class 2012 was done and the results were announced. Forty representatives of the parliamentary political parties and civic organisations will attend the courses from the National Program 2012. The first seminar is to be from 30th November to 04th December.



Recent activities

On 15th November a conference "Philanthropists and the state - partners for change" was held. Welcome addresses had Mr. Georgi Pirinski - Vice-president of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, and Ms. Maya Nikovska - Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Social Policy. The British Ambassador for Philanthropy - Dame Stephanie Shirley, was a special guest speaker and presented her experience and how she became the Philanthropist Voice. Induction speeches also had Members of Parliament Mr. Anton Kutev and Ms. Petya Raeva, the Executive Director of the Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation - Ms. Iliyana Nikolova, Mr. Roman Vasilev - a Co-chair of the CSR Committee, American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria, and Mr. Milen Vrabeviski, a philanthropist and the founder of the Bulgarian Memory Foundation. More than 90 participants from state institutions, companies and NGOs attended the conference and participated in the discussions about the Bulgarian experience, and gave their ideas on what could be done to facilitate the relationships between the state and philanthropists. The generated ideas will be summarised and sent to political parties, state authorities and the School Alumni. The conference was part of a project funded through the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation about promoting philanthropic culture in Bulgaria and introducing philanthropy among young civic and political leaders. More information could be found at our website.

The anthology on philanthropy in contemporary Bulgaria, which was developed within the project funded through the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, was published and is available upon request at the office of the School. It contains materials which will help those who donate or accept donations, best charity practices on how to collect donations for a cause, how to build long-term relationships with donors, templates of different documents, etc. Please feel free to contact the School for a free copy.

Since mid-October a sociology student - Ms. Dilyana Karadjova, has been doing her three-month internship at the School. She assists the team with the organization of the seminars from the National Program and other conferences, as well as with doing a research on international practices in the area of philanthropy.



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