

Dear partners and friends,

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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Follow the interview of H.E. Piotr Świtalski, Director of Policy Planning of the Council of Europe, about challenges faced by the Council of Europe in a greatly changing Europe and the role of the Policy Planning Directorate. The interview (in English) is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNJ1Je4JKB8&feature=youtu.be>

The **Glavoditel for the forthcoming elections for European Parliament 2014** will be available soon. It is part of the project “More citizen participation and more reason in elections: online tools and public debates for engaging citizens with National and European elections in Bulgaria”, implemented by the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” and the Centre for Liberal Strategies, with the financial support of the Trust for Civil Society for CEE.

The 3rd edition of the **photo contest “Charity through lens”** started. The terms and conditions could be found at <http://www.blagobektiv.org/> For more information, please contact Ms Boryana Kirilova (Class 2012) at bkirilova@dfbulgaria.org or (+359) 02 951 59 78 or (+359) 0882 527 438. Take a picture of good and participate in the contest!

Come along to **Bulgaria's first ever science festival!** It is organized by the British Council and this year will take place from 8 to 11 May, in Sofia. For more information about the program and how to find tickets, please visit Festival's website at www.sofiasciencefestival.bg.



Recent activities

Between 5 and 12 April, a new training cycle for BSoP's alumni took place. The topics were "Style, Etiquette, Protocol and Rules of Public Behaviour", "Once upon a time... or the path to the cause through a story" and "Techniques of Media Behaviour". 54 alumni from different classes participated in the trainings. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/336-bsop-alumni-trainings-april-2014> and <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/338-thesecondcycleofalumnitrainingshasfinished>

Prof. James Robinson, co-author of the bestseller "Why Nations Fail?", visited Bulgaria from 20 to 22 March. His **public lecture, entitled "Why Nations Fail or Succeed? A view on Bulgaria"**, was on 20 March at the Military Club in Sofia. The lecture highlights could be found at <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/335-prof-james-robinson> The video recording of the lecture will be available soon at the Internet site of the School.



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