

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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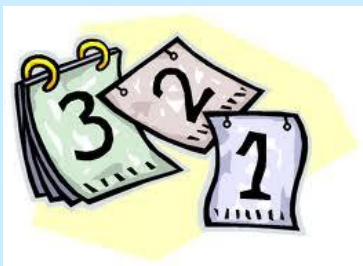
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We have renewed our website! Please visit it at <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/>

On 19th February the children from St. Pantelejmon Social Institution for Children with Disabilities in Vidrare village, Pravets municipality, supported by BSoP Class 2010, will perform "Djadovata rakavichka" play. It is part of their music and drama therapy, organized under the project "Young Leaders Assisting the Social Integration of Children from Institutions" and funded through the Bonita Trust.



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On 14th February a meeting with different organizations working in the field of philanthropy was organized. Its goal was to discuss the summarized ideas and proposals shared by business and non-governmental organizations during the

conference "Philanthropists and the state - partners for change", organized within the project "Promoting Philanthropic Culture in Bulgaria" and funded through the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. After finalizing the document, it will be presented to the state authorities for their consideration and further actions.

Sasha Bezuhanova, who is a Board member of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza", took the leadership over the HP strategic division for collaboration with public sector in emerging markets, thus becoming the most senior Bulgarian in the management body of the world's technological company. Her activities cover formulation and implementation of strategies and new business models in the sector of public administration in 63 countries around the world, among them Bulgaria. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/140-sasha-bezuhanova>

The **second course from the National Program 2012** was held from 25th to 29th January 2012. The topic was "Local development and self-government". Special guest lecturers were Ms. Yordanka Fandakova - Mayor of the Sofia municipality, and Mr. Sergey Stanishev - President of the European Socialists Party and the Bulgarian Socialist Party. To follow the most interesting moments throughout the course, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/139-innovations-competitivenessnext-steps-bulgaria-nationalprogramme>
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Mr. Ahmed Driss and Ms. Emna Jebblaoui from the Center for Mediterranean and International Studies at the University of Tunisia did a study visit to Bulgaria for studying the experience of the Bulgarian School of Politics. Mr. Driss gave in interview about the situation in Tunisia a year after the Spring Revolution and why it is important to establish a School of Politics in the country. You could read the interview (in Bulgarian) at http://www.dnevnik.bg/sviat/2012/01/27/1754654_profesor_ahmed_dris_tunis_se_nujdae_ot_investicii/

School Alumni from different classes the National and Regional Programs continue their work with the children from the Center for Family Type Accommodation in Velingrad and "Nezabravka" (Forget-me-not) Orphanage in Stara Zagova. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/131-detsa-velingrad-bonita>

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