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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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The fifth issue of the e-bulletin of the European Association of the Schools of Political Studies at the Council of Europe is already available at the internet site of the Bulgarian School of Politics, in "Resources / Bulletins" section. You could also find it at http://www.coe.int/t/dgap/sps/Newsletter/Newsletter_05.pdf

On 21 February the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" organizes a **debate on the state policy towards refugees**. Special guest speakers are Mr. Nikolay Chirpanliev - Chair of the State Agency for Refugees at the Council of Ministers and Shteryo Nozharov, PhD, professor on "Law of the European Union" at the University of National and World Economy. For more information, please contact Mariana Petrova - Programme Coordinator at BSoP at mpetrova@schoolofpolitics.org



Recent activities

The third course of the National Program entitled “National Priorities and National Decisions” took place from 29 January to 02 February 2014. For the highlights from the seminar days, please see

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/320-the-third-course-of-the-national-program-has-began>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/321-politics-parties-and-elections>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/322-frederick-mulder-you-have-the-chance-to-change-bulgaria>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/323-lindsay-saltsgiver-we-should-work-better-together-if-we-want-to-protect-our-children>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/324-long-term-strategies-for-bulgaria-the-judicial-reform>

Mr. Boris Tsvetkov, an MP from the 42th National Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria and an alumnus of the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza”, took part in the conference “Reconstituting Constitutions 2014 - A Comparative Engagement by Parliamentarians”. The event took place in Dublin, Ireland in the period 1-3 February 2014. It was the first meeting of the project “Arab Springs at the Constitutional Convention”, which is implemented by the Irish section of the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA) -

<http://www.awepa.org>. This participation marks the beginning of the cooperation between BSoP and AWEPA, as well as the beginning of participation of Bulgarian

parliamentarians in the network's activities. AWEPA works in cooperation with parliaments from numerous African countries with the aim of strengthening the parliamentary democracy in Africa, keeping Africa high on the political agenda in Europe, and facilitating African-European parliamentary dialogue. The association was founded 30 years ago with its headquarters in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and at present has over 1800 members from parliaments of EU member states, the European Parliament, Norway and Switzerland.

On 20 January 2014 a **round table for presenting the results from the surveys for media coverage of Elections '2013** was organized. The surveys were initiated by the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" and the Centre for Liberal Strategies. They were part of the project "The Role of Media in Increasing Civic Participation in Public Life", financed by the Balkan Trust for Democracy. For more information, please see <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/319-media-elections>. The summaries of the analytical reports are available at <http://role-of-media.schoolofpolitics.org/materiali-en.html>. The full versions of the reports are available in Bulgarian at <http://role-of-media.schoolofpolitics.org/materiali.html>



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