

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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On 17 June at the Grand Hotel Sofia Dr. Helge Jörgens is to deliver a public lecture on the topic **“The German Energy Model - a Possibility for Bulgaria”**. Dr. Jörgens visits Bulgaria at the invitation of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sofia. For more information, please visit the subsite of the initiative on <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/Helge-Jorgens/index-en.html>

The application process for the National Program 2015/2016 is open. You could find more information about the Program on <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/programs/national-program/information-national> The set of application documents is available on <http://schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/programs/national-program/application-process-nat> **The submission deadline is 20 July.** For more information, please contact Martina Kostova, Program Coordinator at BSoP at mkostova@schoolofpolitics.org

Two alumni of the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” will take part in the **Second International Alumni Seminar of the Network of Schools of Political Studies under the auspices of the Council of Europe**. The event will be on 25 and 26 June in Sarajevo. The topic for this year is “Defending freedom and human dignity against internal and external threats”. The main conclusions from the seminar and the proposals from the discussions will be included in this year’s World Forum for Democracy organized by the Council of Europe, which topic is “Freedom vs control: the democratic response”. More information will be available on our website or in the next bulletin.

Three inspiring stories of School's alumni working on philanthropic causes have been published on the website of Global Givers - an initiative of Bolder Giving. You could find them, along with other inspirational stories of Bulgarian philanthropists on <http://www.globalgivers.org/#!/bulgaria-stories/c1k3h>



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BSoP alumni working on philanthropic causes were trained how to be better good-sellers. The training **“Good-sellers - training for smart presentation of causes”** was held on 13 June and representatives from different cohorts attended it. The trainer was Mihail Stefanov, who is responsible for the communication strategy of “The A21 Campaign” Foundation. The event was within the project “Inspiring Others, Generating Change and Transforming Society - Philanthropy as a Core Value of the Leaders”, financed by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/468-bsopalumniweretrained>

The **2nd International Summer Academy for strengthening Democracy in the Euro-Med Region** took place from 2 to 7 June. The topic for this year was **“Culture & Security”**. The goal of the Academy is through sharing experience and cooperation among alumni of the Schools of Politics in Bulgaria, Tunisia and Morocco, to support the democratic reforms in the South Mediterranean, to build skills for working in multicultural environment and to create a network of young leaders from political parties and civic sector in the three countries. The programme is realized with the support of the South Programme 2 “Towards a Strengthened Democratic Governance

in the Southern Mediterranean”, funded by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe. For more information, please visit the Academy’s subsite - <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/summer-academy/index-fr.html> To follow the most interesting moments throughout the event, please visit the following links

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/456-margaritapopovasummeracademy>

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<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/457-danielmitovsummeracademy>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/461-shanakaisersummeracademy>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/462-parliamentsummeracademy>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/463-aminabouayachsummeracademy2015>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/464-thesummeracademyforstrengtheningdemocracyintheeuro-medregionended>

On 26 May the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” organized a round table “Advisory Councils - Opportunities for Change”. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/455-publicconsultations> The documents presented at the event are available on the subsite of the project on <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/norwegian-grant/index-en.html> The round table was within the framework of the project “Models and Good Practices for Legitimate Civic Representation”, financed by the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism.



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