

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 26 May 2015 the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" organizes a round table "Advisory Councils - Opportunities for Change". The event starts at 10:00 am at the Radisson Hotel, Sofia. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/451-advisorycouncils> The round table takes place within the project "Models and Good Practices for Legitimate Civic Representation", financed by the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism.

The 2nd International Summer Academy for strengthening Democracy in the Euro-Med Region is to take place from 2 to 7 June. The topic for this year is "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.



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On 20 May, young philanthropists from different cohorts of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" attended the **1st meeting of the Philanthropist Club**, presented the causes on which they work and exchanged ideas how they could be helpful to each other. During the meeting, the **Internet site of the Philanthropist Club** was presented as well as what opportunities for exchange of experience and ideas among School's alumni working on philanthropic causes it provides. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/454-1st-meeting-philanthropist-club>

On 27 April, the President of the National Council on Human Rights in Morocco Mr. Driss El Yazami had a meeting with the Executive Director of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza", Dr. Irina Alexieva. The possibilities for creation of joint training programmes in the fields of human rights and democratic development in Morocco were discussed. The event took place in the frame of Mr. El Yazami's two-day visit to Bulgaria at the invitation of the Vice President of the Republic Margarita Popova. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/449-drisselyazamimarocconeeds>

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http://www.coe.int/t/dgap/sps/Newsletter/Newsletter_09.pdf (in English)



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