

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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## Current activities and initiatives

Between 27 and 30 October, the Executive Director of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" Dr. Irina Alexieva and two alumni - Hristo Panchugov from Class 2010 and Petar Karaboev from Class 2014 will participate in an **international seminar of the Association of Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe**. The event will take place in Berlin, Germany and the topic is "**In search of lost universalism**". More information will be available on our website after the seminar or in the next bulletin.

On 31 October, a **new training for alumni working on different philanthropic causes** will take place. The topic is "**How media can become our partners**". The trainer will be Maria Cherneva, who is an experienced journalist from the Bulgarian National Television and initiator of different social causes. The event is 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. More information will be published on our website after the training and in the next bulletin.

Have a look at the **newest materials on philanthropy** uploaded on the Internet site of the **Philanthropist Club** on [http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club\\_na\\_filantropa/](http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/). Useful fundraising strategies for small NGOs could be found on the following link [http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club\\_na\\_filantropa/PDF/Best\\_fundraising\\_strategies\\_for\\_small\\_NGOs.pdf](http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/PDF/Best_fundraising_strategies_for_small_NGOs.pdf) (the text is in Bulgarian, however the source is in English).



## Recent activities

From 6 to 9 October, the Executive Director of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" Dr. Irina Alexieva and Georgi Stoev - Project Coordinator at the School, were on a study visit to Morocco. During it, a round table was held for discussing the participation of women in social and political life and decision making process in Morocco and for presenting a country outlook on the topic. The event was within the project "**Empowered women - active participants in politics and decision making process in Morocco**", financed by the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/484-aroundtableonthechallenges>

From 8 to 11 October the 2<sup>nd</sup> module of the **Programme for active civic involvement and leadership skills development for young Roma** took place in Veliko Tarnovo. The training was within the project "**Encouraging Civic Participation of Young Roma**", which is jointly implemented by the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" and the Association "New Road - Hairedin" and financed by **the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2009-2014**. For more information please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/483-hegurokatharina>

**The selection of the new cohort of the National Program was finalized.** The first course of National Program 2016 will be held in November 2015.

Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" continues its work on the project "**Models and Good Practices for Legitimate Civic Representation**". Currently the School's team develops a handbook "**Guidelines for civic participation**" and a leaflet. The project is funded by the **NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism** and its goal is to support the dialogue and interactions among decision makers, civic organizations and other stakeholders, and to propose good practices and models for effective consultative bodies with legitimate civil representation. For more information about the project, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/norwegian-grant/index-en.html>



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