

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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The Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" and the Bulgarian Donors' Forum organize a conference "**Inspired Philanthropy - How to Involve Others and Leave a Legacy**". The event is to take place on 1st October at the **Rasisson Blu Grand Hotel, Sofia**. The goal is to discuss different ideas and practices for promoting philanthropy in Bulgaria, as well as how to more effectively involve society in communication about deinstitutionalization and socialization of children from institutions. Among the key speakers will be representatives of non-profit sector, media, individual givers and governmental institutions. Members of Parliament, corporate givers, NGOs working in the field, and BSoP alumni will take part in the event. **Tracy Gary's book "Inspired Philanthropy - Your Step-by-Step Guide to Creating a Giving Plan and Leaving a Legacy"**, published by the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza", is also to be presented at the conference. The book provides useful tips and advice on how to give in a more effective way. The event is organized under the projects "Young Leaders Assisting the Social Integration of Children from Institutions", supported through the Bonita Trust, and "Promoting Philanthropic Culture in Bulgaria", funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. To register for the conference, please contact Mariana Petrova at mpetrova@schoolofpolitics.org or 02/952 68 82, 0892 205 965.

In September the Bulgarian School of Politics started a two-year project "**More citizen participation and more reason in elections: online tools and public debates for engaging citizens with National and European elections in Bulgaria**", financed by the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe and implemented in partnership with the Centre for Liberal Strategies. Its aim is to involve citizens in the political process, to raise their interest in elections and informed decision making, and to broaden their knowledge about political parties and their strategic documents. To achieve these, the project will use the on-line tools **Glsovoditel** and **Glamosleditel** and will organize a **series of informed debates** for raising quality of the political process and widening the informed public participation in politics in Bulgaria by achieving higher political transparency and better accountability. More information about the project will be published on our website soon.



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On 30 July the School team had a meeting with representatives of the **Junior Chamber International (JCI)** - an organization of young people aged 18 to 40 years who believe that in order to create lasting positive change, everyone must improve themselves and the world around them. Currently the network has more than 200, 000 members in more than 115 countries, and exists in Bulgarian since 2011. To learn more about the network, what its initiatives are and how to join it, please visit www.jci.bg, www.jci.cc or www.facebook.com/jcimovementbg



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