

**International Scientific Conference 2022**

***“Economic Development and Policies: Realities and Prospects. Challenges and Risks  
in the Conditions of Overlapping Crises”***

**Sofia, 21-22 November 2022**

**PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 (*GRAND HALL 104, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR*)**

09:00 – 09:25	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09:25 – 09:30	<b>OPENING – WELCOME SPEECH</b> <b>Prof. Irena ZAREVA</b> – <i>Director of the Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</i>
09:30 – 10:50	<b>PLENARY KEY SPEAKER SESSION</b> <b><i>Moderator: Prof. Mitko DIMITROV, Economic Research Institute</i></b> Prof. Laurent <b>ESTACHY</b> , KEDGE Business School, France – <i>“2022 Inflationary Trend: The Geostrategic Hypotheses in the era of Ukraine's Invasion”</i> <b>DISCUSSION</b> Prof. Stoyan <b>TOTEV</b> , Economic Research Institute – <i>“Economic Structure, Competitiveness and Comparative Advantages of Bulgarian Economy in Crisis Conditions”</i> <b>DISCUSSION</b>
10:50 – 11:10	<b>COFFEE BREAK (<i>HALL 102, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR</i>)</b>
11:10 – 12:30	<b>PANEL: ENDOGENOUS AND EXOGENOUS RESTRAINTS OF GROWTH AND ADAPTABILITY OF ECONOMIC POLICY DURING CRISES</b> <b><i>Moderator: Prof. Iskra BELEVA, Economic Research Institute</i></b> Prof. Dr. Sc. Garabed <b>MINASSIAN</b> , Economic Research Institute – <i>“Monetary Impacts and Effects”</i> MSc. Anton <b>IVANOV</b> , Pro Ecoenergia Ltd. – <i>“Adaptability of Economic Policy during Crises through Price Regulation of Energy Prices”</i>

	<p>Prof. Dr. Sc. Bojidar <b>HADZIEV</b>, Economic Research Institute, Technical University – Varna, Chief Assist. Dr. Vesela <b>DICHEVA</b>, Technical University – Varna, PhD Student Reneta <b>KABZEVA</b>, University of Food Technologies – Plovdiv – <i>“Reengineering of Human Resources in the Conditions of Modern Economic Development”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Elka <b>PIRIMOVA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Education and Human Capital – Source or Constraint of Economic Growth in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assist. Dr. Alexander <b>APOSTOLOV</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“The Stability of Non-Bank Financial Intermediation as a Factor for Economic Growth”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Mladen <b>DILOV</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Reasons for Postponing Bulgaria’s Membership in the Eurozone”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Velimira <b>CHUPETLOVSKA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Managing Public Funds in the Health Sector in Times of Crisis. Opportunities for Optimization and Control”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<p><b>LUNCH (HALL 102, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)</b></p>
13:30 – 15:30	<p><b>PANEL: THE NEW REALITIES AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE ECONOMY (with the assistance of The Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF), under a project from the 2020 Competition for funding fundamental scientific research of young scientists and postdoctoral fellows)</b></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar ZLATINOV</b>, Economic Research Institute, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Sc. Rossitsa <b>CHOBANOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Increasing the Resources’ Use – Basic Problem of the Bulgarian Economy in the New Reality Conditions”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Viktor <b>YOTZOV</b>, Economic Research Institute, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Fiscal Policy Challenges after COVID”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Sonya <b>GEORGIEVA</b>, Economic Research Institute, Chief Assist. Dr. Tsvetomir <b>TSVETKOV</b>, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Assist. Dr. Iva <b>VENDOLSKA</b>, Tomas Bata University, Zlin, Czech Republic – <i>“Monetary Policy in the Eurozone in Conditions of Inflation”</i></p> <p>Prof. Stefan <b>SIMEONOV</b>, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alexander <b>GANCHEV</b>, PhD Student Vladislav <b>LYUBENOV</b>, “D. A. Tsenov” Academy of Economics – Svishtov – <i>“Analysis of Investment Activity with Major Stock Exchange Assets during the Period of COVID-19 Restrictions and the War in Ukraine”</i></p> <p>Prof. Teodora <b>DIMITROVA</b>, “D.A. Tsenov” Academy of Economics – Svishtov, Dr. Daniel <b>NIKOLAEV</b> – HedgeServ, Dr. Teodor <b>TODOROV</b>, “Select Asset Management” Sole Proprietor JSC – <i>“Evaluation of Options with Models prior to the Derivative Revolution of 1973”</i></p> <p>Prof. Spartak <b>KEREMIDCHIEV</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Why Are Private Hospitals More Successful than Public Ones?”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Kamelia <b>PETKOVA</b>, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – <i>“Access, Skills and Benefits of Digitization in the Context of the COVID-19 and the Changing Labor Market”</i></p>

	<p>Chief Assist. Dr. Ivo <b>VELINOV</b>, New Bulgarian University – <i>“Economic Dimensions in the Education and Culture”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Liliana <b>GEORGIEVA</b>, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Testing the Homogeneity of Tax Morale in Bulgaria Using Survey Data”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Radostina <b>IVCHEVA</b>, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Challenges to Policies to Improve Tax Morale in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> (HALL 102, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)
16:00 – 18:00	<p><b>PANEL: GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY AND EU INTEGRATION</b></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Svetlana ALEXANDROVA</b>, University of National and World Economy</p> <p>Prof. Iskra <b>CHRISTOVA-BALKANSKA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“The Single Market – Manifestation of a Higher Stage of EU Integration and Influence on European Industry”</i></p> <p>Prof. Tatiana <b>HUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“The Challenges of the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility under Global Uncertainty: Problems and Prospects of Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Prof. Emil <b>PANUSHEFF</b>, Economic Research Institute, Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar” – <i>“Changes in the International Specialization of the European Union”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eduard <b>MARINOV</b>, New Bulgarian University, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Competition Policy and Competitiveness of the EU – Developments, Measures, Challenges”</i></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Sc. Virginia <b>ZHELYAZKOVA</b>, Business School for Insurance and Finance – <i>“Climate Policy in International Perspective – Is Agenda Modification Needed?”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Iana <b>PALIOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Environmental and Social Sustainability of Bulgaria in the European Union among Global Uncertainty”</i></p> <p>Senior Researcher Iulia Monica <b>OEHLER-SINCAI</b>, Institute for World Economy, Romanian Academy – <i>“Undeclared Motivations behind the Central Bank Digital Currencies”</i></p> <p>Senior Researcher Alina Ligia <b>DUMITRESCU</b>, Institute for World Economy, Romanian Academy – <i>“Romanian Labour Market Adaptability in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Dmitry <b>VOLKOV</b>, Europe-Eurasia Research Sector at the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (Inalco, Paris) – <i>“Technological Sovereignty or Isolation? Consequences of the War in Ukraine on the Russian IT Sector”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Angel <b>PETROV</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Global Uncertainty and EU Integration – Harmonization of Accounting and Tax Legislation. Problems, Prospects and Opportunities for Solving Economic Challenges in the EU”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>
18:30	<b>A GLASS OF WINE</b> (HALL 102, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)

**TUESDAY – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022** (*GRAND HALL 104, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR*)

09:15 – 10:50	<p><b>PANEL: LABOUR MARKET, DEMOGRAPHIC DEVELOPMENT, INEQUALITIES AND POVERTY – ADAPTABILITY OF POLICIES IN CRISIS CONDITIONS – SESSION 1</b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator: Prof. Yordan HRISTOSKOV, Economic Research Institute</i></b></p> <p>Prof. Margarita <b>ATANASOVA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Dynamics of the Educational Structure of the Working-Age Population in Bulgaria during the Period 2016-2020 in the Context of the Strategic Goals for Increasing the Quality of the Workforce”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maria <b>IVANOVA</b>, New Bulgarian University – <i>“State of the Labour Market in the Conditions of a Multifaceted Crisis”</i></p> <p>Prof. Iskra <b>BELEVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Active Labour Market Policies – Adaptability in Conditions of Crisis”</i></p> <p>Prof. Pobeda <b>LOUKANOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Flexibility of the Labour Market – Its State and Perspectives in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Vassil <b>KIROV</b>, PhD Student Desislava <b>YANEVA</b>, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – <i>“Social Dialogue Based on Measurable Indicators”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Miglena <b>ANGELOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Assessing the Digital Up-Skilling Needs of the Bulgarian Employed Persons – Methodological Aspects of Organizing and Conducting a Nationally Representative Survey”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rumiana <b>JELEVA</b>, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – <i>“Older People on the Labour Market in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ralitzia <b>PANDURSKA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“The Active Aging Index as a Measurement of the Independent Lifestyle of Elderly People”</i></p>
10:50 – 11:15	<p align="center"><b>COFFEE BREAK</b> (<i>HALL 102, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR</i>)</p>
11:15 – 13:00	<p><b>PANEL: LABOUR MARKET, DEMOGRAPHIC DEVELOPMENT, INEQUALITIES AND POVERTY – ADAPTABILITY OF POLICIES IN CRISIS CONDITIONS – SESSION 2</b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Yordan HRISTOSKOV, Economic Research Institute</i></b></p> <p>Prof. Georgy <b>SHOPOV</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Approaches and Mechanisms for Adapting Social Assistance in Crises”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lyudmila <b>VEKOVA</b>, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” – <i>“Unemployment Insurance in Bulgaria – Main Trends and Challenges in the Conditions Of Crises”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Shteryo <b>NOZHAROV</b>, University of National and World Economy, Chief Assist. Dr. Petya <b>KORALOVA-NOZHAROVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“The Correlation: Minimal Wage – Unemployment in the Conditions of Transition to Digital Economy”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekaterina <b>TOSHEVA</b>, Assist. Dr. Dragomir <b>DRAGANOV</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Impact of COVID-19 Pension Supplements on Poverty and Inequality in Bulgaria: Analysis for 2020, 2021 and 2022 through EUROMOD: The EU Tax-Benefit Microsimulation Model”</i></p>

	<p>Chief Assist. Dr. Maria <b>MANCHEVA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Contemporary Challenges to the Struggle against Poverty and Social Exclusion”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Teodora <b>PENEVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Mechanism for the Protection of Energy-Poor Households in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Desislava <b>KOLEVA-STEFANOVA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“The Integration of Ukrainian Refugees in the Country and the Challenges Facing the Bulgarian State, and Society”</i></p> <p>Assist. Dr. Maria <b>BRESTNICHKA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Investment in Children as a Factor for Demographic Growth and Addressing Inequality in Crisis Conditions”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>LUNCH</b> (HALL 102, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)</p>
14:00 – 16:10	<p><b>PANEL: SECTORAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, CHANGES IN COMPETITIVENESS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator: Prof. Daniela BOBEVA, Economic Research Institute</i></b></p> <p>Prof. Plamen <b>TCHIPEV</b>, Economic Research Institute, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, PhD Student Aygun <b>ERTURK-MINCHEVA</b>, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” – <i>“Nudge Policies – Solutions of Behavioural Economics in Conditions of Overlapping Crises”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ognian <b>BOYUKLIEV</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Overlapping Crises and Food Security 2020-2022”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sasha <b>GROZDANOVA</b>, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petia <b>BRANZOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Food and Nutritional Security – Problems and Trends”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan <b>BYANOV</b>, “St. Cyril and St. Methodius” University of Veliko Tarnovo – <i>“Agricultural Development in Bulgaria in the Last Decade of The 21<sup>st</sup> Century”</i></p> <p>Prof. Darina <b>RUSCHEVA</b>, Assist. Dr. Ani <b>DIMITROVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Grain Production in Bulgaria: Development and Innovations”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Galia <b>BARDARSKA</b>, Prof. Emil <b>BOURNASKI</b>, Climate, Atmosphere and Water Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – <i>“Dospat-Vacha Cascade – a Sustainable Solution for the Water Supply of the Districts of Plovdiv and Haskovo”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Yana <b>KIRILOVA</b>, Chief Assist. Dr. Dochka <b>VELKOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“EU Financial Instrument to Support Local Development”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Dr. Maria <b>KOTSEVA-TIKOVA</b>, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Regional Peculiarities of Green Energy in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assist. Dr. Dimitar <b>SABEV</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Single Industry Economic Structures in the Mountain Regions of Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Yuliyana <b>MOLLOV</b>, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” – <i>“Decentralized Regional Policy – the Case of Plovdiv”</i></p>

	PhD Student Silvia <b>TONEVA</b> , Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Attitudes towards the Implementation of Dual Training in Bulgaria – Survey”</i> DISCUSSION
16:10 – 16:40	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> (HALL 102, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)
16:40 – 18:30	<p><b>PANEL: THE COMPANIES IN CRISIS CONDITIONS</b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator: Prof. Plamen TCHIPEV</i></b>, Economic Research Institute, Plovdiv University <i>“Paisii Hilendarski”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pavlinka <b>ILIEVA-NAYDENOVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“The Crisis as a Challenge to Innovation Potential”</i></p> <p>Prof. Radostina <b>BAKARDJIEVA</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Social Dimension of Non-Financial Disclosure of Bulgarian Enterprises”</i></p> <p>Prof. Valentina <b>NIKOLOVA-ALEKSIEVA</b>, PhD Student Petia <b>CHANKOVA</b>, University of Food Technology – Plovdiv – <i>“Reengineering Commercial Processes in Hospitals”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nedyalko <b>NESTOROV</b>, Economic Research Institute – <i>“Peculiarities of the Foreign Trade Activity of Bulgarian Companies”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irina <b>DANAILOVA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Digital Skills: Challenge or Solution for Business in Times of Crisis”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Krasimir <b>YORDANOV</b>, PhD Student Adriana <b>ATANASOVA</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“The Impact of Audit Quality on Economic Growth”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marko <b>TIMCHEV</b>, University of National and World Economy – <i>“Accounting Business Analysis of Efficiency in Conditions of Crisis, Risk and Uncertainty”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>