



Jubilee International Conference 2024

***“ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLICIES: REALITIES AND PROSPECTS.
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, CONVERGENCE AND COHESION”***

dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of the Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

25 November 2024

Sofia, 3 Aksakov Str.

PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30	REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS
09:30 – 09:35	OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE (GRAND HALL 104, 1 ST FLOOR) Welcome speech: Prof. Irena ZAREVA-ZAFIROVA , Director of the Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
09:35 – 10:45	PLENARY SESSION (GRAND HALL 104, 1 ST FLOOR) <i>Working language: Bulgarian</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Mitko DIMITROV – ERI at BAS Keynote speech: Prof. D.Sc. Rossitsa RANGELOVA , ERI at BAS – “Concepts of convergence, cohesion and integration and the realities in economic development of the European Union”
10:45 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK (HALL 102, 1 ST FLOOR)

11:00 – 13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: CHALLENGES AND POLICIES FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRAND HALL 104, 1ST FLOOR Working language: English</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Emil PANUSHEFF – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Prof. Daniela BOBEVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Why nominal convergence does not produce real convergence”</i></p> <p>Prof. Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“EU cohesion policy: the problems of its reform and the challenges to the Bulgarian economy”</i></p> <p>Prof. Iskra CHRISTOVA-BALKANSKA, ERI at BAS – <i>“European strategies for improving the competitiveness of EU industrial production and challenges in the post-pandemic crisis period”</i></p> <p>Scientific Researcher, PhD Sorin-Nicolae CURCĂ, IWE, RA – <i>“Necessity, possibility, opportunity in achieving European Fiscal Union”</i></p> <p>Dr. Zvezdelina ZHELYAZKOVA, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria – <i>“The new European fiscal framework – in search of the balance between sustainable public finance and public investment”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Iana PALIOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Fiscal incentives for the implementation of circular economy in the European Union”</i></p> <p>Prof. DSc Virginia ZHELYAZKOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Circular Economy in the EU Member States – Getting Closer or Growing Apart”</i></p> <p>Senior Researcher, PhD Alina-Cerasela AVRAM, IWE, RA – <i>“How circular economy affects flying”</i></p> <p>Senior Researcher, PhD Iulia Monica OEHLER-SINCAI, IWE, RA – <i>“Towards an EU “Foreign Economic Policy”</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: REGIONAL CONVERGENCE AND SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALL 405, 4TH FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Darina RUSCHEVA – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Prof. Stoyan TOTEV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Interdependence between economic and demographic regional indicators in Bulgaria – expected development, regional policy”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Dimitar SABEV, ERI at BAS – <i>“A way out of the EU periphery: economic sectors and regional economic performance”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Vira LEBEDCHENKO, ERI at BAS – <i>“Regional aspect of the spread of convergence processes”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Yana KIRILOVA, Assoc. Prof. Dochka VELKOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Is a new model for financing municipal investments needed in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Nedelin MARKOV, Trakia University - Stara Zagora – <i>“Financial sustainability and revenue capacity of local self-government in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Yani DIMITROV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Territorial and sectoral needs as factors for realizing plans for integrated development of municipalities”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: MACROECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN UNION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALL 101, 1ST FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Pobeda LOUKANOVA – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Prof. Victor YOTZOV, ERI at BAS, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Macroeconomic development of Bulgaria after accession to the EU: a comparative analysis with other eastern European countries”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Stela RALEVA, Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Daniel KASABOV, Assist. Prof. Lidiya KABATLIYSKA-ANDONOVA, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Inflation Dynamics in Bulgaria: Role of Global and Domestic Factors”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Eduard MARINOV, NBU, ERI at BAS – <i>“Assessment of Bulgaria’s Participation in the EU Common Trade Policy”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Sonya GEORGIEVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“The green transition as part of the mandate of central banks in conducting monetary policy”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Tsvetomir TSVETKOV, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Social and economic effects of Bulgaria’s European Union membership”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Milen VELUSHEV, Assist. Prof. Radostina IVCHEVA-GEORGIEVA, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Analysis of the efficiency of the labour market in Bulgaria in the period after the accession to the European Union according to the Beveridge curve”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Rossitsa STELIYANOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Modernization of employment services in Bulgaria in the context of the European labor market”</i></p>
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13:00 – 14:00	<p>LUNCH BREAK (HALL 102, 1ST FLOOR)</p>		
14:00 – 16:00	<p>PANEL: CHALLENGES AND POLICIES FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (CONTINUATION)</p> <p>GRAND HALL 104, 1ST FLOOR Working language: English</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Daniela BOBEVA – ERI at BAS</p> <p>PhD student Galateya KOLIKOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Regional cooperation as a competitive advantage in attracting foreign direct investment: the case of the European Union member states from Northern Europe”</i></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Hab. Tetiana CHERNIAVSKA, AAS, Poland, Assist. Prof. Dr. Alexander SHARASHENIDZE, GTU, Georgia, Prof. Maka BULEISHVILI, European University, Georgia – <i>“Political and Economic Challenges for the Governments of Ukraine and Georgia in the Context of European Integration: Parallels and Differences”</i></p> <p>Dr. Bohdan CHERNIAVSKYI, AAS, Poland – <i>“Challenges of Successful Remediation in Ukraine after the End of Military Activities in the Context of European Integration”</i></p> <p>Scientific Researcher, PhD Paul CALANTER, IWE, RA – <i>“The impact of sanctions on Russia's oil and gas sector”</i></p> <p>Senior Researcher, PhD Ana-Cristina BÂLGĂR, Senior Researcher, PhD Andreea-Emanuela DRĂGOI, IWE, RA – <i>“The seismic shift in the energy trade between Germany and Russian Federation – a consequence of the current geopolitical turmoil”</i></p>	<p>PANEL: REGIONAL CONVERGENCE AND SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUATION)</p> <p>HALL 405, 4TH FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Darina RUSCHEVA – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Maria KOTSEVA-TIKOVA, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski”, ERI at BAS, Chief. Assist. Prof. Dr. Milkana MOCHUROVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Circular and green economy for sustainable development”</i></p> <p>PhD student Anton PEYCHEV, ERI at BAS – <i>“EU cohesion and waste management: analysing municipal waste performance through economic and policy lenses”</i></p> <p>Prof. Ivan PENOV, Agricultural University - Plovdiv, Prof. DSc Plamena YOVCHEVSKA, Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Mihaela MIHAILOVA, Institute of Agriculture Economics at Agricultural Academy – <i>“Motivation and attitudes of Bulgarian agricultural producers in the context of the Green deal”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Violeta BLAZHEVA, D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics, Svishtov – <i>“Challenges to the agricultural sector in the conditions of an integrated European policy”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Ognian BOIUKLIEV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Convergence and cohesion of the agrarian policy of the Republic of Bulgaria in the European Union”</i></p>	<p>PANEL: MACROECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (CONTINUES UNTIL 15:00)</p> <p>HALL 101, 1ST FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Pobeda LOUKANOVA – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Kristina STEFANOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Trends in public expenditure on education in Bulgaria in the context of European integration”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Simeonka PETROVA, D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics, Svishtov – <i>“Comparative study of the digital shopping skills of consumers in the European Union: influence of economic and demographic factors”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Radosveta KRASTANOVA, NBU – <i>“Let's Tax the Rich: Ecological Transition, Climate (In)Justice and Socio-Economic Inequalities in the EU in the Light of the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)”</i></p> <p>Prof. Georgi SHOPOV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Social Flexsecurity in crisis conditions (lessons based on the experience of social assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic period)”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Teodora PENEVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Assessment of the Social Assistance in Kind in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>END OF PANEL AT 15:00</p>

	<p>PhD Student Nikola GANEV, IPHS at BAS – <i>“Recent economic migration from Russia to three Western Balkan Countries”</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Dr. Atanas PAVLOV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Concept of economic sensitivity to border controls”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Vita JUKNEVIČIENĖ, Assoc. Prof. Rita TOLEIKIENĖ, Institute of Regional Development, Šiauliai Academy, Vilnius University, Lithuania, PhD student, Lecturer Nora LEACH, ESRC, School of Politics and International Relations, Nottingham University – <i>“Empowering the Next Generation: Youth Anti-Corruption Potential as a Pillar of European Integration”</i></p> <p>Dr. Mikhail RAEV, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Leo Pasvolksy, Harold Moulton, Jacob Viner and their intellectual impact upon the European economic post-WWII integration”</i></p> <p>Senior Researcher, PhD Andrei RĂDULESCU, IWE, RA – <i>“Unprecedented challenges for the European competitiveness”</i></p> <p>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</p>	<p>Chief. Assist. Prof. Dr. Annie DIMITROVA, Assoc. Prof. Petia BRANZOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Innovations in agriculture as a means for sustainable development of regions in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</p>	<p>PANEL: THE COMPANIES IN THE CONDITIONS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION</p> <p>START OF THE PANEL AT 15:15 HALL 101, 1ST FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Alexander TASSEV – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Milena ANGELOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Assessment of the Bulgarian non-financial enterprises’ preparedness for successful sustainability transition”</i></p> <p>Prof. Ivan TSANOV, Institute of Entrepreneurship, UNWE – <i>“Bulgarian entrepreneurship in the context of European integration”</i></p> <p>Prof. Spartak KEREMIDCHIEV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Unasked questions about business corruption”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Daniela GEORGIEVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Impact of global value chains on the innovation potential of Bulgarian enterprises”</i></p> <p>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</p>
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16:15 – 18:00	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: CHALLENGES AND POLICIES FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (CONTINUATION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>GRAND HALL 104, 1ST FLOOR Working language: English</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Plamen TCHIEV – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Professor Emeritus John KOMLOS, University of Munich – <i>“Need for a Kuhnian paradigm shift in economics: a Case for Humanistic Economics”</i></p> <p>Senior Researcher, PhD Alina Ligia DUMITRESCU, Senior Researcher, PhD Iulia Monica OEHLER-SINCAI, IWE, RA – <i>“Lessons for Bulgaria and Romania from the new paradigm of humanistic economics, based on the book review Foundations of Real-World Economics: What Every Economics Student Needs to Know, Professor Emeritus John Komlos, Third Edition, New York: Routledge, 2023”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Antoniya BALTOVA, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Human capital, innovation capacity, and economic development in Eastern European countries”</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Dr. Dimitar TRENDAFILOV, NBU – <i>“The start-up concept and the economic future of the EU after M. Draghi's report”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Danko TONEV, UNWE – <i>“Bulgaria behind artificial intelligence integration within EU due to insufficient investment effort”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Savina NEDYALKOVA, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Trust in governments as a factor in the development of blockchain technologies in the European Union”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION END OF PANEL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: REGIONAL CONVERGENCE AND SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUATION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>HALL 405, 4TH FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Assoc. Prof. Dochka VELKOVA – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Assist. Prof. Dr. Anton BLAGOEV, UNWE, Chief. Assist. Prof. Dr. Monika KABADZHOVA, Institute of agriculture - Kyustendil at Agricultural Academy – <i>“Theoretical aspects of agroecological practices in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Chief. Assist. Prof. Dr. Rositza MIKOVA, Institute of Agricultural Economic at Agricultural Academy – <i>“Features of the competitiveness of the oil extraction and oil processing industry in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Chief. Assist. Prof. Dr. Damyan KIRECHEV, University of economics - Varna – <i>“Impact of production costs on profit formation in agricultural holdings of Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Shteryo NOZHAROV, UNWE, Assoc. Prof. Petya KORALOVA-NOZHAROVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Impact of the European Emissions Trading Scheme on the development of Bulgarian aviation sector”</i></p> <p>Prof. Andrey ZAHARIEV, PhD Student Ivelin KICHUKOV, D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics – <i>“Revitalization of tourism in Bulgaria – economic and financial aspects”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION END OF PANEL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: THE COMPANIES IN THE CONDITIONS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (CONTINUATION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>HALL 101, 1ST FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Alexander TASSEV – ERI at BAS</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Adelina MILANOVA, Assoc. Prof. Pavlinka NAYDENOVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“Socioeconomic anthropology of innovative attitudes in the context of economic-historical determination”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Nedyalko NESTOROV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Features of the export activity of Bulgarian companies”</i></p> <p>Prof. Radostina BAKARDJIEVA, ERI at BAS – <i>“The Observance of human rights in Bulgarian enterprises with European dimensions”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Irina DANAILOVA, UNWE – <i>“Digital transformation in Bulgaria – strategic priorities and perspectives”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Simeon LAZAROV, MSc Student Mariya TSOLOVA, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – <i>“Digital transformation strategies in the organization: the impact of research & development as a strategic factor”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Dobrin IVANOV, ERI at BAS – <i>“Theoretical aspects of SME finance in economic crisis”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Plamen ILIEV, NBU – <i>“Need for digitization in accounting and control”</i></p> <p>PhD Student Milena MITKOVA, International business school - Botevgrad – <i>“European integration and the need to use innovative technologies in accounting”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION END OF PANEL</p>
18:00	RECEPTION (HALL 102, 1ST FLOOR)		