

## International Scientific Conference

# THE CHANGING MIGRATION IN THE BALKANS

Thursday, 16 April 2026 / 13:00 – 19:00 EET (Sofia Time) / Sofia, Bulgaria

Hybrid format (online & in person at “Aksakov” str. № 3)

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

13:00-13:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WELCOME REMARKS</b></p> <p>Welcome remarks by the Economic Research Institute</p> <p>Welcome remarks and presentation of conference objectives and structure by <b>Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva-Filipova</b>, Chairman of the Conference Scientific Committee</p> <p>Special Guest <b>Prof. Gudrun Biffl</b>, with Honour by the Danube University Krems, Award by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Golden Award of Merit by the President of the Republic of Austria for Special Services to the Republic of Austria.</p>
13:30-15:10	<p><b>NATIONAL REPORTS: MIGRATION PROFILES OF THE BALKAN STATES – PART 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Country presentations (approx. 20-25 minutes each):</i></p> <p>The Case of <b>BULGARIA</b> – <b>Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva-Filipova &amp; Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Atanas Pavlov</b> – “From emigration to immigration country. The case of Bulgaria”</p> <p>The Case of <b>GREECE</b> – <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Gemi</b> (TBC)</p> <p>The Case of <b>ROMANIA</b> – <b>Dr. Mihaela Matey</b> (Topic TBC)</p> <p>The Case of <b>TÜRKIYE</b> – <b>Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu</b> (Topic TBC)</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>(Exact order of presentations to be confirmed)</p>
15:10-15:30	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
15:30-17:10	<p><b>NATIONAL REPORTS: MIGRATION PROFILES OF THE BALKAN STATES – PART 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Country presentations (approx. 20-25 minutes each):</i></p> <p>The Case of <b>SERBIA</b> – <b>Prof. Danica Šantić &amp; Prof. Natalija Perisic</b> (Topic TBC)</p> <p>The Case of <b>ALBANIA</b> – <b>Dr. Ilir Gedeshi</b> (Topic TBC)</p> <p>The Case of <b>NORTH MACEDONIA</b> – <b>Prof. Taki Fiti, Marica Antovska-Mitev and Tatjana Džambazovska</b> – “Migration, Demographic Transition, and Economic Performance: A Case Study of North Macedonia”</p> <p>Other Balkan countries and reports – TBC</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>(Exact order of presentations to be confirmed)</p>
17:10-17:40	<p><b>OPEN DISCUSSION ON NATIONAL FINDINGS</b></p>
17:40-19:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONCLUDING SYNTHESIS SESSION AND CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p>Summary of key findings</p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Closing Remarks by <b>Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva-Filipova</b>, Chairman of the Conference Committee</p>