

# “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLICIES: REALITIES AND PROSPECTS. SUSTAINABILITY IN THE CONDITIONS OF GLOBAL TRANSFORMATIONS”

24 November 2025  
Sofia, 3 Aksakov Str.



## PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30	<b>REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS</b>
09:30 – 09:45	<b>OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE</b> (GRAND HALL 104, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR) <b>Welcome speech:</b> Prof. Irena <b>ZAREVA-ZAFIROVA</b> , Director of the Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
09:45 – 10:45	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> (GRAND HALL 104, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR) <i>Working language: Bulgarian</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Mitko <b>DIMITROV</b> – ERI-BAS  <b>Keynote speech:</b> Prof. Victor <b>YOTZOV</b> , ERI-BAS, SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" – “On the Eve of the Euro: Fiscal Sustainability and Medium-Term Prospects for Bulgaria’s Economic Development”
10:45 – 11:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> (HALL 102, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)

11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>PANEL:</b> <b>GEOECONOMICS, INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINABILITY: NEW REALITIES AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES</b> GRAND HALL 104, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR <i>Working language: English</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Daniela <b>BOBEVA-FILIPOVA</b> – ERI-BAS</p> <p>Prof. DSc Virginia <b>ZHELYAZKOVA</b>, ERI-BAS – “Strategic Autonomy and the Green Transition: Geoeconomic Trade-Offs in the EU’s Critical Raw Materials Policy”</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Milena <b>ANGELOVA</b>, ERI-BAS – “Impacts of the Global Transformation Towards Sustainability on the Economy and the Society: Climate Migration”</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Iana <b>PALIOVA</b>, ERI-BAS – “Bulgaria’s Circular Economy Indicators in</p>	<p><b>PANEL:</b> <b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONS AND SECTORS</b> HALL 405, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR <i>Working language: Bulgarian</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Plamen <b>D. TCHIEV</b> – ERI-BAS</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Yana <b>KIRILOVA</b>, Assoc. Professor Dochka <b>VELKOVA</b>, ERI-BAS – “Municipal Finance in Bulgaria and Global Changes”</p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Kalina <b>PETROVA</b>, PhD, Trakia University – “Regional resilience and Economic adaptation: Challenges and opportunities of the new NUTS-2 territorial division of Bulgaria”</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Nedelin <b>MARKOV</b>, Trakia University – “Modern Aspects of Regional Policy in the</p>	<p><b>PANEL:</b> <b>ADAPTABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ENTERPRISES</b> HALL 101, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR <i>Working language: Bulgarian</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Mitko <b>DIMITROV</b> – ERI-BAS</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Adelina <b>MILANOVA</b>, Assoc. Prof. Pavlinka <b>NAYDENOVA</b>, ERI-BAS – “The Modern Corporate Human Capital as a Challenge to Sustainable Business Innovation”</p> <p>Prof. D.Sc. Neviana <b>KRASTEVA</b>, Tinka <b>CHURKOVA</b>, PhD student, SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" – “Building the Employer Brand as a Factor for Achieving Sustainability”</p> <p>Assist. Prof. Antoaneta <b>IVANOVA-BARES</b>, PhD, University of Telecommunications and Post – “Integrating Principal-Agent Theory And</p>

	<p><i>Comparative Analysis with Other EU Member States"</i></p> <p>Simeon <b>STOILOV</b>, PhD Student, ERI-BAS – <i>"The Role of the International Transfer of Innovations and Technologies in an Era of Transformative Geo-Economics"</i></p> <p>Prof. Daniela <b>BOBEVA-FILIPOVA</b>, Prof. Emil <b>PANUSHEFF</b>, Assoc. Prof. Nedialko <b>NESTOROV</b>, Assist. Prof. Atanas <b>PAVLOV</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS – <i>"Impact of U.S. Import Tariffs on Bulgaria's Economy"</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Raúl de <b>ARRIBA</b>, María Sabrina <b>NOLA</b>, PhD, University of Valencia – <i>"Globalization and Corporate Power: Challenges for the Protection of Human Rights"</i></p> <p>Prof. Galina <b>ZAHARIEVA</b>, D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economic – <i>"Assessing the Impact of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2174 on EU Plastic Waste Trade with Non-OECD Countries"</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p><b>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</b></p>	<p><i>Context of Development of Small Settlements"</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Maria <b>KOTSEVA-TIKOVA</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – <i>"Progress towards Sustainable Development"</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Petya <b>BIOLCHEVA</b>, Assoc. Prof. Miglena <b>MOLHOVA-VLADOVA</b>, Iliya <b>PIRONKOV</b>, PhD student, UNWE – <i>"Artificial Intelligence as a Catalyst for Sustainable Regional Development in Industry 5.0: From Resource Efficiency to Regional Competitiveness"</i></p> <p>Anton <b>PEYCHEV</b>, PhD Student, ERI-BAS – <i>"How Aggregated Indicators and Data Gaps Distort the Analysis of Waste and the Circular Economy"</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Daniel <b>PETROV</b>, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Academy – <i>"Spatial Economies of Energy Communities: How Urban Density of Collective Self-Consumption Reduces Solar Curtailment and Enhances Grid Flexibility in the EU"</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p><b>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</b></p>	<p><i>Business Process Reengineering: An Analytical Framework For Managing Virtual Teams"</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Galya <b>TASEVA</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS, UNWE – <i>"Trade Credit and Enterprise Sustainability"</i></p> <p>Dobrin <b>IVANOV</b>, PhD Student, ERI-BAS – <i>"Financing and Resilience of Bulgarian SMEs (2020-2025)"</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Daniela Ventsislavova <b>GEORGIEVA</b>, ERI-BAS – <i>"Media Publications as a Potential Tool for Promoting Sustainable Accountability and Disclosure of R&amp;D and Innovation"</i></p> <p>Prof. Spartak <b>KEREMIDCHIEV</b>, ERI-BAS – <i>"The Age Of Agile For Research Organizations"</i></p> <p>Prof. D.Sc Rossitsa <b>CHOBANOVA</b>, ERI-BAS – <i>"New Knowledge Based Economic Development And Policies"</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p><b>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</b></p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK (HALL 102, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)		
14:00 – 16:00	<p><b>PANEL:</b> <b>GEOECONOMICS, INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINABILITY: NEW REALITIES AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES (CONTINUES...)</b> GRAND HALL 104, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR Working language: English <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. DSc Virginia <b>ZHELYAZKOVA</b> – ERI-BAS</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Joan <b>SANCHIS I MUÑOZ</b>, University of Valencia – <i>"The United Nations Decent Work Agenda"</i></p> <p>Andrei <b>Rădulescu</b>, PhD, Senior Researcher, IWE, RA – <i>"The Public Finance in Europe"</i></p>	<p><b>PANEL:</b> <b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONS AND SECTORS (CONTINUES...)</b> HALL 405, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Darina <b>RUSCHEVA</b> – ERI-BAS</p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Elitsa <b>DIMOVA</b>, PhD, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at BAS – <i>"Sustainability and Digitalization – Positives and Risks"</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Desislava <b>VARADZHAKOVA</b>, Marina <b>RAYKOVA</b>, PhD student, National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geography at</p>	<p><b>PANEL:</b> <b>ADAPTABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ENTERPRISES (CONTINUES UNTIL 14:50)</b> HALL 101, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Alexander <b>TASSEV</b> – ERI-BAS</p> <p>Prof. Plamen D. <b>TCHIEV</b>, ERI-BAS – <i>"Sustainable Corporate Governance of Co-operatives. Business Model Specifics"</i></p> <p>Prof. Radostina <b>BAKARDJIEVA</b>, ERI-BAS – <i>"Corporate Sustainability with Social Dimensions"</i></p>

	<p>– <i>the Divergence between France and Germany</i>”</p> <p>Iulia Monica <b>OEHLER-SINCAI</b>, PhD, Senior Researcher, IWE, RA – “<i>New Approaches in the Relationship between China and CEE</i>”</p> <p>Jingxin <b>HU</b>, PhD Student, D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economic – “<i>EU Minimum Import Price: Implementation and Removal — Evidence on Chinese PV Module Exports to the EU</i>”</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. D.Sc. Eduard <b>MARINOV</b>, ERI-BAS, NBU – “<i>Circular Transitions in Africa: Insights from Entrepreneurs and Practitioners on Opportunities and Barriers</i>”</p> <p>Rytis <b>MILKINTAS</b>, PhD Student, Vilnius university – “<i>The Expression of Smartness’ Dimensions in the Culture Management</i>”</p> <p>Assist. Prof. Zvezdelina <b>ZHELYAZKOVA</b>, PhD, UNWE – “<i>EU between Effective Rules for Reporting on Corporate Sustainability and Reducing the Administrative Burden for Businesses</i>”</p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p><b>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</b></p>	<p>BAS – “<i>Domestic Tourism and Sustainable Development: A Bibliometric Analysis</i>”</p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Violeta <b>DONEVA-YANKULOVA</b>, PhD, NBU – “<i>Investment Pathways in Tourism IPO Financing Public Policy and Sustainable Destination Development</i>”</p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Ralitsa <b>GEORGIEVA</b>, PhD, Prof. Mariana <b>IANEVA</b>, UNWE – “<i>National Identity and Tourism Policy</i>”</p> <p>Prof. Andrey <b>ZAHARIEV</b>, University of Insurance and Finance – “<i>Real Estate Transactions and Household Wealth in Bulgaria – Stepwise Regression Model of Growth Factors (2020-2025)</i>”</p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Sonya <b>GEORGIEVA</b>, PhD, Chief Assist. Prof. Annie <b>DIMITROVA</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS – “<i>IPRO as a Tool for Sustainable Development in the Healthcare Sector</i>”</p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p><b>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</b></p>	<p>Chief Assist. Prof. Katerina <b>VOJCHESKA-NIKODINOSKA</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS, UNWE – “<i>The Impact of ESG Integration on Firms’ Financial Performance and Corporate Value</i>”</p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p><b>END OF PANEL AT 14:50</b></p> <p><b>PANEL:</b> <b>MACROECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS</b></p> <p><b>START OF THE PANEL AT 15:00</b> HALL 101, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR Working language: Bulgarian</p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u></b> Prof. George <b>SHOPOV</b> – ERI-BAS</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Stela <b>RALEVA</b>, ERI-BAS, SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” – “<i>Structural Changes and Labour Productivity Dynamics in Bulgaria</i>”</p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Kristina <b>STEFANOVA</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS – “<i>Labour Productivity in the Education Sector in Central and Eastern Europe Countries</i>”</p> <p>Assist. Prof. Yordan <b>DIMITROV</b>, ERI-BAS – “<i>The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Labor Market: Trends and Challenges</i>”</p> <p>Mihail <b>PETROV</b>, PhD Student, ERI-BAS – “<i>Demystifying the Digital Euro: Challenges and Benefits for Bulgaria</i>”</p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p><b>PANEL CONTINUES AFTER THE BREAK...</b></p>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>COFFEE BREAK (HALL 102, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)</b>		
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	<p>Prof. Mustafa <b>BOZ</b>, Banu <b>BOZ</b>, PhD student, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart Üniversitesi – <i>“The Impact of Residential Property Sales to Foreigners on Tourism: Antalya Case”</i></p> <p>Biasino <b>FARACE</b>, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher, Andrea <b>DEL CHICCA</b>, PhD Student, Assist. Prof. Paola <b>GEATTI</b>, Assoc. Prof. Erica VARESE, University of Pisa, University of Udine, University of Torino – <i>“Certification Schemes in the Foodservice Sector: The Case of Meat”</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Gualter <b>CÂMARA</b>, PhD; Assoc. Prof. Francisco <b>SILVA</b>; Prof. José <b>VIEIRA</b> University of the Azores (Portugal) „Unveiling the Impact of Weather and Calendar Patterns on Electricity Demand In Off-Grid Regions”,</p> <p>Tatjana <b>DZAMBAZOVSKA</b>, PhD Student, Associate Research, Marica Antovska <b>MITEV</b>, PhD, Senior Research Associate, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Center for Strategic Research "Ksente Bogoev" – <i>“Institutions as a Prerequisite for Growth: Projections and Policy Implications for North Macedonia”</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Galateya <b>KOLIKOVA</b>, ERI-BAS – <i>“Regional Cooperation and Bulgaria’s Foreign Direct Investment Competitiveness”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Assoc. Prof. Ivan <b>BYANOV</b>, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo – <i>“Rural Area Development in Bulgaria – Past, Present, Future”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Gergana <b>SLAVOVA</b>, University of Economics – Varna – <i>“Economic Development through the Implementation of a Strategy of Linked and Unrelated Diversification in Agriculture in the North-East Planning Region”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Veselin <b>KRUSTEV</b>, PhD, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Academy – <i>“Sustainability of Bulgarian Agricultural Holdings Specialized in Field Crops in the Context of the European Framework for Development”</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Bozhura <b>FIDANSKA</b>, PhD, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Academy – <i>“ Scenarios For The Development Of Agricultural Holdings In Areas Facing Natural Constraints Until 2030 “</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Monika <b>KABADZHOVA</b>, PhD, Anton <b>BLAGOEV</b>, PhD, Institute of agriculture – Kyustendil, Agricultural Academy – <i>“Trends and Challenges in the Implementation of Agroecological Practices and Innovations by Farmers”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Mihaela <b>MIHAILOVA</b>, PhD, Assist. Prof. Rumena <b>GANDEVA</b>, PhD, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Academy, Fruit Growing Institute– <i>“The Contribution of Small Farmers to Ensuring Food Security in Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assist. Prof. Stefan <b>ASENOV</b>, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Academy – <i>“Effect of the Introduction of the Euro on the Value of Agricultural Land: Price Prediction for Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dimitar <b>SABEV</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS – <i>“From Economic Growth to Sustainable Wellbeing”</i></p> <p>Chief Assist. Prof. Ivaylo <b>YANKOV</b>, PhD, ERI-BAS – <i>“Decoupling Economic Growth from Environmental Pressures: Challenges and Prospects for Bulgaria”</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Teodora <b>PENEVA</b>, ERI-BAS – <i>“Potential Gaps in Bulgaria's Social Climate Plan: Assessing Draft Measures and Impact on Energy-Poor Households”</i></p> <p>Nikolay <b>BALTOV</b>, PhD, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at BAS – <i>“Economic Arguments in the Processes of Legitimation and Delegitimation of Green Transition Policy: Two Cases from Bulgarian Media Discourse”</i></p> <p>Natalya <b>LICHEVA</b>, SONIK START LTD, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo – <i>“Rural Area Development in Bulgaria – Past, Present, Future”</i></p> <p>Mihaela <b>TODOROVA</b>, PhD Student, University of economics – Varna – <i>“Blockchain in the Public Sector – Opportunities and Challenges”</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>
18:00	GLASS OF WINE (HALL 102, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)		