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RATIONALE

The overall objective of this conference is to valorize transnational European research in the sphere of social sciences carried out under the Framework Programmes of the EU or in other formats. Following a bottom-up approach, its thematic field – European integration – reflects demands coming from the Bulgarian research community expressed via a targeted questionnaire released in 2006.

The subject area is approached from two angles: How does “Europe” (the EU-27) adapt to the European citizen? How do selected policies adapt to integration in the enlarged Union? Departing from these two questions forming the foci of the thematic blocs, the conference aims to embrace a vast number of specific inter-connected topics through the prism of ‘adaptation to Europe’ / ‘EU impact’. The organisers’ choice has been guided by the imperative to upgrade and further enhance the results of trans-European research and to strengthen research networks across Europe working in the field of EU-oriented studies.

This is one of the first academic forums following Bulgaria’s accession to the EU.

The thematic coverage of blocs and sub-blocs, as described below, aims at presenting a broad and exhaustive formulation of the respective problematic. The final design of each sub-bloc, taking into account feedback from speakers and discussants, narrows down the focus and sharpen the debate on relevant topics.

BLOC “A”

ADAPTING THE ENLARGED UNION TO THE CITIZEN

The first thematic bloc considers the “Europeanisation” problematics from the perspective of actors involved in the integration process. Specific topics bring insight into the possibilities offered to European citizens for participation in governance, both seen as a voter and as a “driving force” of civil society organizations, and reflect on the prospects of a “European public sphere”.

Sub-bloc A-1:

The citizen and the dynamics of European political representation

Citizens’ participation in the political process faces serious challenges at both national and European level. Thus this sub-bloc focuses on the behaviour of citizens as “European voters” in an attempt to draw conclusions and outline trends about the possibilities for strengthening / or the risks for undermining legitimacy at the supranational level of decision-making.

Suggested topics:

- Electoral participation in the multi-level governance (MLG) system. Turnout results, tendencies and expectations. How to explain/interpret different patterns of participation/abstention within the MLG system?
- Citizens in European Parliament elections – what kind of participation? How to explain the turnout results? Is there a “happy scenario” for the EP elections’ turnout results? EP elections in “old” and “new” member states: are there any differences (results’ analysis)? The impact of EP elections on the domestic scene(s).
- Are EP elections European? Do we have “electoral apathy” at EU level? Where can we situate EP elections within the MLG system? Are EP elections (still) “second order” elections, and is the opposite (that they become “first order” elections) possible?
- Political representation at national and EU level and civil society: What kind of political representation for civil society?
- Is a truly European system of political representation possible?

Sub-bloc A-2:
The role of civil society in European governance

For lack of a “Brussels government” proper, the EU has evolved towards a system of multi-level governance, in which civil society plays an essential role. This sub-bloc focuses on the degree and/or the ways, in which organised civil society has been a factor in the establishment of a specific European governance, and/or it has itself been influenced by Europeanisation.

Suggested topics:

- The centrality of civil society in the transition from government to governance in a multi-level setting – how fast and how effective is this transition across levels of governance, across policy sectors, and across (national) political cultures?
- What kind of civil society actorness at EU (supranational) level? Citizens’ and civil society participation and representation in EU governance: formulation and implementation stages; society participation and EU integration development;
- How does civil society involvement take place – the structure and functions of the institutional settings of participation, degree of institutionalization (versus informality) of interaction, allocation of competences, rules of inclusion/exclusion of civil society actors across levels and policy fields, etc.
- The impact of civil society on agenda-setting at EU, national and/or sub-national levels: interaction with representative institutions, addressees and forms of influence, channels for political pressure from social movements, etc.
- Accountability and legitimacy problems of EU governance – can organized civil society propose (a) solution(s)?

Sub-bloc A-3:
Towards a European public sphere?

The development of a particular supranational governance system at EU level raises the question about its legitimacy and accountability. The EU “democratic deficit” seems not only an academically constructed notion but also a political problem impeding the process of European integration. A seemingly natural solution to the “democratic deficit” problem, the appearance and development of a specific EU public sphere is facing some (unexpected) challenges.

Suggested topics:

- The EU political system and EU/national public sphere(s): Is there a remedy for the “democratic deficit” disease? Is there a connection between the EU’s “democratic deficit” and “public sphere deficit”?
- Models of interaction between an EU public sphere and national public spheres: Can we speak about a truly EU public sphere or simply a bunch of national ones? Is the national public sphere still dominant? The Europeanisation process and national public spheres. Do national public spheres function at the EU level and how? Is it possible to resolve EU accountability and legitimacy issues through national public spheres?
- EU institutions’ accountability and legitimacy and the EU public arena: Are EU decision-making structures publicly inclusive?
- Is an EU public sphere possible without the development of an European identity?

BLOC “B”

ADAPTING KEY POLICIES IN THE ENLARGED UNION

The second thematic bloc focuses on selected EU policies and the “Europeanisation” of policy making in the respective fields. Regional policy, foreign policy, as well as external and internal security have been chosen not only because they have been the object of research in a number of projects so far, but also because of their special significance for Bulgaria as a new EU member state.

Sub-bloc B-1:

Towards an “internal security regime” in the enlarged Union?

The “Justice and Home Affairs” field has witnessed probably the most complex process of Europeanisation since the 1990s both in terms of policy content (the development and implementation of policy responses to risks and threats to internal security and public order) and in terms of actors’ involvement and institutional and legal setup. This panel explores the degree and effectiveness of such adaptation to EU integration.

Suggested topics:

- Europeanisation of the internal security problematique: growth and complexity of legal instruments (including ‘soft law’) and increased institutional pluralism spanning national and EU level (from Schengen to the Treaty of Prum); the development of the ‘area of freedom, security and justice’ in the enlarged EU-27; evaluation of the contribution of (selected) EU member states in the field of JHA in the formation of an “internal security regime”
- Externalisation of internal security: re-conceptualisation of traditional internal security threats and adaptation of internal and external policies countering them; the formation of a ‘security continuum’ and its criticism; the external (inter-national and extra-EU) dimensions of internal security and the need for (and successes and/or failures in) coordination between internal (1st-pillar JHA integration and 3rd-pillar JHA cooperation) and external security policies (CFSP/ESDP) at national and EU level
- Internal security issues at sub-national levels (regional, urban, district, etc.): security threats and risks in urbanized societies in the context of globalization and individualisation, interaction between public, private and civil society actors in providing public safety at levels close to the citizen, impact of public policies at regional, national and/or European level in the field of internal security

Sub-bloc B-2:

Challenges to Europeanisation in foreign policy and security

The EU’s role of an ever more significant player on the world scene has produced important shifts in its foreign and external security policy. This sub-bloc concentrates debate on some aspects of adaptation of these policies to the overall EU integration process.

Suggested topics:

- The securitization of European foreign policy – what is its impact at EU and national level on policy substance (e.g. changes in security doctrine) and instruments?
- What policy options in the enlarged EU’s immediate neighbourhood (the pre-accession process in the Western Balkans and the European Neighbourhood Policy)? A case for de-securitising Wider Europe? A case for communitarising foreign policy?
- National and supra-national actors in European security policy: what (current and future) institutional responses to the EU’s role of security provider and global player? What solutions to the dilemma between leadership and coherence in European foreign and security policy?
- Merger/overlap between external and internal security issues – what lessons from EU experience and what tendencies in the enlarged Union?

Sub-bloc B-3:

Adjustments in the EU's and member states' regional policies

EU regional policy was set up as an instrument for the transformation of member states and regions, which are “lagging behind” in its institutional, economic and social development. But the opportunities for accelerated modernization that this EU policy offers have been used by member states in a different way. This panel outlines the patterns of “institutional behavior” demonstrated by different member states during the process of national adaptation to EU cohesion policy model. It seeks an answer to the question how main structural funds recipient countries have transformed its institutional and legal system following cohesion policy guidelines. Have these transformations been significant or only “cosmetic”?

Suggested topics:

- Legal adjustment and institutional adaptation of governance structures in “old” and “new” member states as a result of the EU cohesion policy impact;
- Centralization and regionalization: the role of central government in the process of institutional adaptation;
- EU cohesion policy and national regional policies and practices, or how to modernize through Europeanisation?
- Between efficiency and participation: the role of the European Commission in the process of member states' institutional adaptation to EU regional policy;
- The participation of non-state actors in the process of national regional policy development and implementation.

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and edited by Krassimir Nikolov.*

P R O G R A M M E

31st May 2007 (Thursday)

13:30 – 14:00 h. **Registration of participants**

OPENING SESSION

Chair and moderator

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DINKO DINKOV, BECSA President, Head of the Department of International Relations and Jean Monnet lecturer at the University of National and World Economy – Sofia

14:00 – 14:30 h. **Official Addresses**

Mr. IVAILO KALFIN, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

H. Ex. Mr. MICHAEL GEIER, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany – holder of the Rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union

14:30 – 14:45 h. **About the ESSHRA project and the conference**

Prof. Dr. CANAN ERGIN, professor at the Department of Sociology, Bahcesehir University – Istanbul, Turkey; Member of the Programme Committee for Social Sciences and Humanities under the Seventh Framework Programme of the EU; coordinator of the ESSHRA project

Mr. KRASSIMIR NIKOLOV, BECSA Secretary General, Jean Monnet Chair Holder at the Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”; participant in the projects “FORNET”, “EU-CONSENT” and “CINEFOGO: Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe – the Making of European Citizenship” within the Fifth and the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

14:45 – 15:30 h. **Introductory Speech**

Prof. Dr. HELEN WALLACE, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies / European University Institute – Florence in 1998-2006

“EUROPEAN UNION ENLARGEMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSTRUCTIVE REFORM”

Questions and Answers

15:30 – 16:00 h. **Coffee break**

Dinko Dinkov is BECSA's President, Head of the International Relations Department at the University of National and World Economy (UNWE), Sofia, and Director of the Center for European Studies at UNWE. He has served as Senior economic adviser to the Government at the UN Economic Commission for Europe (1993-1997), as well as Adviser, Head of the Governmental Commission on UN Sanctions at the Bulgarian Council of Ministers (1991-1998). His research interests are in the areas of European cooperation and integration, Bulgarian foreign policy, cooperation in South Eastern Europe.

Ivailo Kalfin is Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria since August 2005. Previously, he was Secretary for Economic Affairs to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, MP / Member of the Foreign Policy Committee and Budgeting and Finance Committee at the 37th, 38th and 40th National Assembly, Deputy Chairman of the Bulgaria-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee (1995-1997). Mr. Kalfin is author of numerous articles on EU and macroeconomic issues; he co-authors "Factors of Economic Growth in Bulgaria" (2000) and "Bulgaria 2010: Economic Challenges" (2005 report to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria).

Michael Geier is Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sofia, Bulgaria. He was previously ambassador in South Korea (2003-2006), director of department "Legal and consular issues" at the embassy in Italy (1994-1997), ambassador in Burkina Faso (1985-1988), deputy ambassador in Tunisia (1988-1990) and Mozambique (1979-1982). He has studied law in Bonn, Kiel and Freiburg, and has received a diploma from the Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg.

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BLOC “A”
ADAPTING THE ENLARGED UNION TO THE CITIZEN

A-1
**THE CITIZEN AND THE DYNAMICS
OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL REPRESENTATION**

Chair, moderator and comments

Dr. RUMYANA KOLAROVA, Jean Monnet lecturer at the Department of Political Science / Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, and BECSA member

16:00 – 16:45 h. **Panel**

Prof. Dr. MARIA KARASINSKA-FENDLER, Jean Monnet Professor, Director of the European Institute – Lodz, Poland; work package leader in the project “EU-CONSENT: Wider Europe, Deeper Integration? Constructing Europe Network” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU
“European Representative Democracy and Citizens’ Say on EU Matters”

Prof. Dr. MICHAEL MARSH, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland; researcher in the project “CONNEX: Connecting Excellence on European Governance” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU
“The Electoral Process and European Integration”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DOBRIN KANEV, Jean Monnet lecturer at the New Bulgarian University – Sofia, Secretary of the President of Bulgaria for socio-economic analyses, and BECSA member; participant in the project “EU-CONSENT: Wider Europe, Deeper Integration? Constructing Europe Network” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU
“European Parliament Elections as ‘Second Order’ Elections? The Bulgarian Case in 2007”

16:45 – 17:15 h. **Discussion**

17:15 – 17:45 h. **Coffee break**

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Dobrin Kanev is advisor to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria responsible for socio-economic research and analysis. He is also Associate Professor at the New Bulgarian University, where he was the founder and the head of the Department of Political Science for two consecutive terms (1993-2000). He is permanent fellow of the Centre for European Integration Studies at the Bonn University – Germany. In 1995-1997 he founded and chaired the Parliamentary Studies Department of the National Assembly. He is editor-in-chief of “Political Studies” – the quarterly journal of the Bulgarian Political Science Association; he is also member of the editorial board of the journal “South Eastern European Review” – Dusseldorf, Germany. He has published numerous articles on political parties, political institutions, trade unions and political culture in Bulgaria.

A-2

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE

Chair, moderator and comments

Assoc. Prof. Dr. PETYA KABAKCHIEVA, Faculty of Philosophy / Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Chair Person of the Board of Trustees – Open Society Institute, Sofia, Bulgaria; researcher in the project “DIOSCURI: Eastern Enlargement – Western Enlargement. Cultural Encounters in European Economy and Society after Accession” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

17:45 – 18:30 h. **Panel**

Prof. Dr. EVGENII DAINOV, Director of the Centre for Social Practices and professor at the New Bulgarian University – Sofia; lead researcher in the project “ACRE: Accommodating Creative Knowledge – Competitiveness of European Metropolitan Regions Within the Enlarged Union” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

“Civil Society and the “Europe Agenda” in Bulgaria: 1988-2007”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. JENS STEFFEK, Collaborative Research Centre 597 “Transformations of the State”, University of Bremen, Germany; researcher in the project “NEWGOV: New Modes of Governance” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

“Organised Civil Society and the Accountability of European Governance”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. NIEVES PEREZ-SOLORZANO, Lecturer in European Politics, Department of Politics – University of Bristol, UK; participant in the project “CONNEX: Connecting Excellence on European Governance” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

“EU discourse(s) on Participatory Democracy and the Relevance of the European Convention Experiment”

18:30 – 19:00 h. **Discussion**

19:30 h. **Cocktail**

Petya Kabakchieva is Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, where she teaches European civilization process, sociology of European integration. She has worked on projects as “Research on the civil sector in Bulgaria” (2001), “Local governance and European structures” (1999-2000) and manages project “Europe in the public debate” (2001) and “After Accession – the Socio-Economic Culture of Eastern Europe in the Enlarged Union” (2002-2003). Her publications include topics such as transition, democracy, civil society, NGOs, social policy.

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1st June 2007 (Friday)

09:00 – 09:30 h. **Arrival of participants**

A-3
TOWARDS A EUROPEAN PUBLIC SPHERE?

Chair, moderator and comments

Assoc. Prof. Dr. ANNA KRASTEVA, Head of the Department of Political Science, New Bulgarian University – Sofia

09:30 – 10:15 h. **Panel**

Prof. Dr. RUUD KOOPMANS, Department of Social Cultural Studies / Faculty of Social Sciences at the Amsterdam Free University, The Netherlands; coordinator of the project “EUROPUB: The Transformation of Political Mobilisation and Communication in European Public Spheres” within the Fifth Framework Programme of the EU

“Who Inhabits the European Public Sphere? Winners and Losers, Supporters and Opponents in Europeanised Political Debates”

Prof. Dr. IVAYLO DITCHEV, Department “History and Theory of Culture” at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria, and BECSA member; researcher in the project “CULTPAT: Cultural Patterns of the European Enlargement Process” within the Fifth Framework Programme of the EU

“Mobility and Citizenship: Is a Europe of Multiple Identities Emerging?”

Dr. HAGEN SCHULZ-FORBERG, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies / European University Institute – Florence; researcher in the project “EMEDIATE: Media and Ethics of a European Public Sphere from the Treaty of Rome to the ‘War on Terror’” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

“Towards a Politicisation of the European Public Sphere. Lessons Learnt from Recent Research”

10:15 – 10:45 h. **Discussion**

10:45 – 11:15 h. **Coffee break**

Anna Krasteva is Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Political Science and Director of the Centre for Migration Studies at the New Bulgarian University. Her major research interests are: individual and collective identities, ethnicity and citizenship, conflicts and institutions, immigration and refugees. She has published more than 60 articles in books and journals. She is the author of “Identities, Discourse, Power” (1999); co-author of “The Universal and the National in Bulgarian Culture” (1995), “Identities” (1995) and co-editor of “Recent Social Trends in Bulgaria, 1960-1995” (2000).

Ruud Koopmans is Professor of Sociology at the Amsterdam Free University – the Netherlands. Previously he was a research fellow for the projects “New social movements in Western Europe in comparative perspective” (1992-1993), “Civil society and voluntary associations in the Netherlands” (1993-1994) and Co-Director of the Research Group “Political Communication and Mobilization” (2002-2003), as well as co-ordinator of the project “The Transformation of Political Communication and Mobilisation in European Public Spheres” (2001-2004). His areas of publication include social movements and collective action, citizenship and national identity, immigration and ethnic relations, comparative European politics and society.

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BLOC “B”
ADAPTING KEY POLICIES IN THE ENLARGED UNION

B-1
**TOWARDS AN “INTERNAL SECURITY REGIME”
IN THE ENLARGED UNION?**

Chair, moderator and comments

Mr. VLADIMIR SHOPOV, Manager, Consultancy Services and Senior Analyst, “Alpha Research” Social Research Agency; Guest Lecturer in Politics, Department of Political Science, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, and BECSA member

11:15 – 12:00 h. **Panel**

Dr. JOANNA APAP, coordinator of the project “ELISE / CHALLENGE: European Liberty and Security: Security issues, Social Cohesion and Institutional Development of the EU” within the Fifth / Sixth Framework Programme of the EU; currently analyst in the Policy Unit in Directorate C “Citizens’ Rights and Constitutional Affairs” / DG “Internal Policies” of the European Parliament
“Freedom – a Prerequisite for Democracy in an Enlarged EU”

Prof. Dr. PETER BURGESS, Leader of the Security Programme at the International Peace Research Institute – Oslo, Norway; researcher in the project “ELISE / CHALLENGE: European Liberty and Security: Security issues, Social Cohesion and Institutional Development of the EU” within the Fifth / Sixth Framework Programme of the EU
“Security and Insecurity in the European Community of Values from Schengen to Prum”

Prof. Dr. INGRID BRECKNER, Urban and Regional Sociology Dept., Hafen City University – Hamburg, Germany; researcher in the project “Insecurities in European Cities” within the Fifth Framework Programme of the EU
“Insecurities in Urban Spaces and Policy Concepts”

12:00 – 12:30 h. **Discussion**

12:30 – 14:00 h. **Buffet lunch**

Vladimir Shopov is a Manager of Consultancy Services and Senior Analyst at the “Alpha Research” Social Research Agency – Sofia. He is member of BECSA and guest lecturer in politics at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Political Science. He has carried research at Oxford University, University of London (Queen Mary’s College) and California University of Sonoma – the USA. He has worked in the Bulgarian EU Mission in Brussels having Justice and Home Affairs as his field of responsibility. Vladimir Shopov has publications in the areas of European integration, political parties and security.

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B-2

CHALLENGES TO EUROPEANISATION IN FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY

Chair, moderator and comments

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DINKO DINKOV, BECSA President, Head of the Department of International Relations and Jean Monnet lecturer at the University of National and World Economy – Sofia

14:00 – 14:45 h. **Panel**

Prof. Dr. ESTHER BARBE, Director, Institut Universitari d’Estudis Europeus, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain; work package leader in the project “FORNET: A European Foreign Policy Research Network” within the Fifth Framework Programme of the EU

“CFSP/ESDP and Neighbourhood: Europeanization, Integration or Coordination”

Prof. Dr. OGNYAN MINCHEV, Director, Institute for Regional and International Studies – Sofia; Head of the Department of Political Science, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria

“European Union Strategies for Political Influence and Participation in the Global World”

Dr. GUNILLA HEROLF, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI); work package leader in the project “EU-CONSENT: Wider Europe, Deeper Integration? Constructing Europe Network” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

“National and Supranational Actors in European Foreign Policy. What Solutions to the Dilemma between Leadership and Coherence?”

14:45 – 15:15 h. **Discussion**

15:15 – 15:45 h. **Coffee break**

Esther Barbé is Professor at the Department of International Relations at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain, and Director of the Observatory of European Foreign Policy at the University Institute of European Studies. She is also Director of the PhD programme in International Relations and European Integration of the same institution. She is member of the Steering Group of the “European Foreign Policy Research Network (FORNET)” and member of the project “The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security (CHALLENGE)”, financed by the Vth and VIth Framework Programs of European Union, respectively. Her research interests focus on EU foreign policy, specially the security dimension, mechanisms and institutions of European foreign policy, Spanish foreign policy, and Mediterranean affairs.

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ADJUSTMENTS IN THE EU'S AND MEMBER STATES' REGIONAL POLICIES

Chair, moderator and comments

Ms. ANTOINETTE PRIMATAROVA, Programme Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies – Sofia; researcher in the project “SOCCOH: The Challenge of Socio-Economic Cohesion in the Enlarged EU” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

15:45 – 16:30 h. **Panel**

Ms. JULIANA NIKOLOVA, Director, European Institute – Sofia, Bulgaria
“Bulgaria between the Pre-Accession Instruments and the EU Cohesion Policy”

Prof. Dr. ROBERT LEONARDI, European Institute / London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK; coordinator of the project “SOCCOH: The Challenge of Socio-Economic Cohesion in the Enlarged EU” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU
“And Now the Fun Begins: Coming to Terms with the Implementation of Cohesion Policy in the Two New Member States”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DAMJAN LAJH, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; lead researcher in the project “Organising for Enlargement: Organising for EU Enlargement – A Challenge for the Member States and the Candidate Countries” within the Fifth Framework Programme of the EU
“Domestic Response(s) to Managing and Implementation of the EU Cohesion Policy”

16:30 – 17:00 h. **Discussion**

Antoinette Primatarova is Program Director at the Centre for Liberal Strategies (CLS) – Sofia. She was directly involved in the process of Bulgaria’s preparation for EU accession as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (1997-1999), Ambassador to the European Communities (1999-2001) and Deputy Chief Negotiator (2000-2001). At CLS and as lecturer at the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since 2004), she continues her involvement with EU integration related issues (Common Foreign and Security Policy, enlargement, the Future of Europe debate, the Constitutional Treaty etc.).

Juliana Nikolova is Director of the European Institute – Sofia, since 2002. Her service in the state administration started and developed in the structures responsible for Bulgaria’s integration in the EU. She was member of the core team of accession negotiations with the EU. In 2000-2001 she was Director of the Directorate “European Integration and Relations with International Financial Institutions” at the Council of Ministers. At the same time she was member of the Structural policy Council to the Council of Ministers and Secretary of the European Integration Council to the Prime Minister. Her interests are focused on issues of regional development and the utilization of European policies’ instruments (esp. the European Social Fund).

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CONCLUDING DISCUSSION
**ADAPTING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES:
WHAT RESEARCH AGENDA IN AN ENLARGED UNION?**

Chair

Mr. KRASSIMIR NIKOLOV, BECSA Secretary General, Jean Monnet Chair Holder at the Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”; participant in the projects “FORNET”, “EU-CONSENT” and “CINEFOGO: Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe – the Making of European Citizenship” within the Fifth and the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

17:00 – 17:45 h. *Panel*

Dr. RUMYANA KOLAROVA, Jean Monnet lecturer at the Department of Political Science / Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, and BECSA member

Assoc. Prof. Dr. PETYA KABAKCHIEVA, Faculty of Philosophy / Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Chair Person of the Board of Trustees – Open Society Institute, Sofia, Bulgaria; researcher in the project “DIOSCURI: Eastern Enlargement – Western Enlargement. Cultural Encounters in European Economy and Society after Accession” within the Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

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18:00 h. *Closure*

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