



Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar"

PROFESSIONAL DOMAINE "POLITICAL SCIENCE"

INSTITUTE OF MARITIME LAW AND LOGISTICS

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BULGARIAN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY STUDIES ASSOCIATION



organise
a "Jean Monnet" Discussion Forum

Bulgaria's Participation in the Common Foreign Policy and the Neighbourhood Policy of the EU – Opportunities and Challenges

on 8th June 2007 (Friday), in Varna, on the premises of VFU,

in the framework of the annual conference

"Geopolitical and maritime-law-related aspects of international relations"

The event is held under the PHARE project of the Bulgarian European Community Studies Association (BECSA) and the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) entitled

"Networking for Citizens and Neighbours – Networking for Europe"



and within the activities of the Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration at the VFU "Chernorizets Hrabar".

The forum is organized as part of the initiative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signature of the Rome Treaties. This is the third event in a series of debating forums, together with the conferences at the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (13th April 2007) on historical, constitutional and identity issues, and at the "Dimitar Tsenov" Academy of Economics in Svishtov (22nd May 2007) on economic issues.



P R O G R A M M E

8th June 2007 (Friday)

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

OPENING (AULA MAXIMA)

Welcome addresses from the organisers

Prof. Dr. Habil. ANNA NEDYALKOVA, Rector of the Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”

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

09:00 – 09:45 Speech

IVAILO KALFIN, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
**“THE PARTICIPATION OF BULGARIA IN EUROPE’S FOREIGN POLICY
AND ITS BLACK SEA DIMENSION”**

09:45 – 10:00 Official Addresses

H. Ex. MICHAEL HUMPHREYS, Ambassador, Head of the Permanent Representation of the European Commission in Sofia

FERDINAND VON WEYHE, First Secretary at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany – EU Council Presidency Holder

10:00 – 10:45 Introductory Speeches

GRAHAM AVERY, Secretary General, Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) – Brussels, Partner in the Framework of PHARE Civil Society Project “Networking for Citizens and Neighbours – Networking for Europe”
“The European Union’s Neighbourhood Policy – Progress and Prospects”

ANDREAS HERDINA, Head of Unit “European Neighbourhood Policy Sectoral Coordination”, Directorate General “External Relations” at the European Commission – Brussels;
“Strengthening the EU’s Neighbourhood Policy and Synergies in the Black Sea Region”

KRASSIMIR NIKOLOV, Jean Monnet lecturer on European Integration in Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Secretary General of BECSA
“The Black Sea Dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy and Bulgaria – Potential and Capacities for Productive Involvement”

Moderator

Prof. Dr. NINA DULGEROVA, Head of the Professional Domaine “Political Science” at the Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”

10:45 – 11:00 Questions and answers

11:00 – 11:30 Pause

PANEL 1: JEAN MONNET DISCUSSION FORUM
**BULGARIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMON FOREIGN POLICY
AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION –
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

11:30 – 13:00 PANEL (seminar room 221)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DINKO DINKOV, BECSA President, Head of the Department of International Relations at the University of National and World Economy – Sofia
“EU Policy in South Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans’ Accession Perspective”

Prof. Dr. NINA DULGEROVA, Head of the Professional Domaine “Political Science” at the Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”
“The Caucasus as the ‘Frontier’ of Europe”

Dr. RALITSA ZHEKOVA, Professional Domaine “Political Science” at the Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”
“The European Union and Crisis Management”

Mr. KAMEN VELICHKOV, Head of the Political Department, Directorate “UN and Global Affairs”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
“United Europe in the United Nations – Problems of Policy Coherence and Leadership”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. ANDREY GEORGIEV, Department of International Relations at the University of National and World Economy – Sofia
“On the so-called soft border of the EU”

Moderator

KRASSIMIR NIKOLOV, Jean Monnet lecturer on European Integration in Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Secretary General of BECSA

13:00 – 13:30 Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch pause

By the end of 8th June and on 9th June 2007
follow the other thematic blocs of the annual conference.



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PANEL 2:
STRATIFICATION OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER

PANEL 3:
INTERNATIONAL-LAW-RELATED MARITIME RELATIONS

PANEL 4:
HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF CONTEMPORARY GLOBALISATION