Draft Program

25th September, 2017

**PROGRAM FOR FIU STUDENTS’ STUDY WEEK AT UNWE, SOFIA**

**PAD Course “Bulgaria in the EU: The Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU (January - June 2017)”**

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| **Day of the week** | **Morning Session**  **Small Conference Room, UNWE** | **Afternoon Session** |
| 3rd Oct., Tuesday | 9.30 - 10.00 h. – Official opening,  10.00 -10.30 h.- Orientation to the course  10.30 – 11.00 h. – Coffee break  11.00 – 11.45 h. – Lecture 1  11.45 – 12.30 h. - Discussion  12.30 -13.30 h – Lunch at UNWE cafeteria | 14.30 – 16.00 h.  Visit to the Representation of the European commission in BG  (confirmed)  16.30 -17.30  Visit to the office of 24 Hours newspaper  (to be confirmed) |
| 4th Oct., Wednesday | 9.30 – 10.15 h. – Lecture 2  10.15 – 11.00 h. - Discussion  11.00 – 11.30 h. – Coffee break  11.30 – 12.15 h. – Lecture 3 (Round table)  12.15 – 13.00 h. – Discussion (Round table)  13.00 -14.00 h – Lunch at UNWE cafeteria | 14.30 – 16.00 h.  Visit to the Bulgarian Parliament  (confirmed)  16.30 -17.30 h  Visit to Sofia University  (confirmed) |
| 5th Oct., Thursday | 9.30 – 10.15 h. – Lecture 4  10.15 – 11.00 h. - Discussion  11.00 – 11.30 h. – Coffee break  11.30 – 12.15 h. – Lecture 5  12.15 – 13.00 h. – Discussion  13.00 -14.00 h – Lunch at UNWE cafeteria | 14.00 – 15.30 h.  Visit to NGO-House  (confirmed)  16.00 – 17.30  Visit to the Institute of Public Administration  (confirmed) |
| 6th Oct., Friday | Trip to Plovdiv  (the second biggest city in Bulgaria) | Visits to historic and cultural sites with discussions of current significance |
| 7th Oct., Saturday | Trip to Veliko Tarnovo  (the old capital of Bulgaria) | Visits to historic and cultural sites with discussions of current significance |
| 8th Oct., Sunday | 10.00 – 13.00 h  Sightseeing tour in Sofia | Free time |

LECTURES AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS

**Orientation to the course** (prof. Polya Katsamunska, Ph.D. Department of Public Administration, e-mail: polya\_katsamunska@yahoo.com)

Lecture 1 – T**he Bulgarian Constitution and Government Structure** (ass. prof. Ilonka Goranova, Ph.D., Law Faculty, e\_mail: ilgoranova@unwe.bg)

Lecture 2 – **Integration of Bulgaria into the EU** (assoc. prof. Svetla Boneva, Ph.D., Department of International Economic Relations and Business, e\_mail: [svetla\_bogdanova@yahoo.com](mailto:svetla_bogdanova@yahoo.com))

Lecture 3 (Round table) – **What is "the EU presidency" in European governance? The Priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency. (**Mladen Lambeff, Ph. D, Head of Department "Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU", National Assembly of Republic of Bulgaria)

Lecture 4 – **Public Administration and Civil Society: European Perspectives (**assoc. prof. Denitsa Gorchilova, Ph.D., Department of Public Administration, e\_mail: denitsa.gorchilova@unwe.bg)

Lecture 5 – **Reform** **Strategies in Bulgaria** **in the Transition** **period** (assoc. prof. Elena Simeonova, Department of Political Science, e-mail: esimeonova@unwe.bg)

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\* Working language – English; Meeting room - Small Conference Room, UNWE

\* Accommodation of FIU group of students will be arranged at Vitosha Park Hotel, Sofia

\*The trip to Plovdiv and Veliko Tarnovo will be arranged by a travel company. The students will spend the night of 6th Oct. in a hotel in Veliko Tarnovo. The program for the trip includes visits to historic and cultural sites with discussions of current significance. In addition, there is a possibility for the students to watch the evening light show in Veliko Tarnovo, which is extrapaid.

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