



Russo-Balkan Student Forum

“Balkans – EU – Russia Relations”

Sofia, Bulgaria

1st- 2nd November 2018

Outline:

The Russo-Balkan Student Forum aims to provide a platform for discussion of the relations between the Balkan States, EU and Russia. This year the focus will be on the current state of affairs and prospects of cooperation among these actors in various spheres including but not limited to security, economic partnership and common energy infrastructure. The key objective of the forum is to encourage students and young researchers to conduct critical analysis, present their findings and to come up with suggestions for innovative solutions to the existing problems. The participants will be requested to submit a research paper on one of the topics outlined below.

All papers will be subsequently published in IRRSA's journal *“International observer”*. Selected papers will be published in UNWE scientific journals *“Research papers”*, *“Economic Alternatives”* and in the journal *“Politicheski izsledvania”* (Political studies) by Bulgarian Political Science Association.

Participants can register using the following link: <http://www.isircs.com/index.php/application/>



Thematic areas:

- Prospects of EU-Russia-Balkan relations in the light of changing global order: opportunities and challenges of political cooperation.
- Addressing regional security issues on the Balkans – the role of Russia and the EU.
- Economic cooperation between the EU and EAEU (Eurasian Economic Union) – trade and investments. Implications for the Balkan region.
- The interests of Russia, EU and Balkan states in European energy security and opportunities for deepening of partnership.
- Challenges posed by migration to the Balkans, EU and Russia – the scope for joint actions over common solutions.

Research paper requirements:

- Written in English
- Submitted in a *Word format* (Font – Times New Roman 12; Line Spacing – 1.5; Paper Size – A4)
- The main part of the papers should include: *title page, introduction, main body, conclusion, reference list*
- The title page should include: *a short abstract and authors biodata (between 300-400 words) and key words (up to 5 words)*
- Papers should be minimum 10 pages and maximum 15 (including bibliography); *(1950 characters per page)*
- Footnotes should be used rather than endnotes
- References should be given in the Harvard style

For detailed information on the requirement, please check the following link:

http://unwe-yearbook.org/Uploads/Requirements/con_165_2.pdf

Deadline for submission: 25th of October 2018

All papers should be submitted to the following address: sircsinstitute@gmail.com