International Scientific Conference

*Poland and the Balkans in Europe - Successes and Challenges*

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The official carrier of the conference is PLL LOT
Opening ceremony
9.15 - 9.45

Prof. Goran Ilik, Dean of the Faculty of Law at University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola
Prof. Sasho Korunovski, Rector of the University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola
Dr. Toni Konjanovski, Mayor of Bitola
Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski, University of Warsaw
H.E. Mr. Wojciech Tyciński, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in North Macedonia
Mrs. Bisera Kostadinovska-Stojcevska, Minister of Culture of North Macedonia

Panel 1
9.45-11.15
Poland and the Balkan States in the Face of Global Security Challenges
Chair: Prof. Goran Ilik (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Dr. Małgorzata Bonikowska (Centre for International Relations)

Poland in NATO

Prof. Ice Ilijevski (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Regional security system - challenges for the Balkan states

Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk (University of Warsaw)

Great Powers competition on the Balkans

Prof. Laura-Maria Herta and Prof. Delia Pop-Flanja (Babes-Bolyai University)

The Western Balkans – identity building and EU integration

Prof. Marko Savić (University of Montenegro)

Perspectives of Poland's strategic engagement with the Western Balkans.

View from Montenegro
Panel 2
11.30 - 13.00

Poland’s Successes in the Implementation of Political and Economic Reforms

Chair: Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski (University of Warsaw)

Prof. Jacek Wojnicki (University of Warsaw)
Transformation of the political system in Poland

Prof. Mladen Karadzoski (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)
Reform of the public administration system in North Macedonia

Agnieszka Ostrowska (Centre for International Relations)
Successes in the reform of local administration in Poland

Prof. Bojana Naumovska (University of “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” Skopje)
Evolution of Macedonian elections regulations - How to encourage citizens to be active?

Dr. Aleksandra Borowicz (University of Gdańsk)
Poland's successes in the use of EU funds

Lunch
13.00 – 14.00
Panel 3
14.00-15.15

Poland’s Socio-Political Achievements as an Inspiration for Changes in the Balkan States

Chair: Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk (University of Warsaw)

Prof. Marko Babić (University of Warsaw)

*How the societies of the Balkan states perceive their international security?*

Prof. Tomasz Stępniiewski (Institute of Central Europe, Lublin)

*Poland in subregional cooperation structures:*
*Leader of the Visegrad Group and the Three Seas Initiative*

Prof. Ivan Ilic (University of Niš)

*Challenges in relations between Serbia and European Union*

Dr. Milka Dimitrovska (University of “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” Skopje)

*Effectiveness and perspectives of the Macedonian regional development policy:*
*Lessons from Poland*

Panel 4
15.15 - 16.30

Poland as a Leader of Social and Cultural Changes

Chair: Prof. Mladen Karadzoski (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Dorota Jurkiewicz– Eckert (University of Warsaw)

*Telling Poland to the world: tasks and challenges for Polish cultural diplomacy*

Prof. Elena Tilovska-Kechedji (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

*Polish experience and influence in shaping the Western Balkan future*
Prof. Adrian-Gabriel Corpadean and Prof. Mihaela Oprescu (Babes-Bolyai University)

A critical analysis of Romania’s justice reform(s) amid its EU integration endeavours. Takeaways for the Western Balkans

Dr. Artur Adamczyk and Dr. Małgorzata Pacek (University of Warsaw)

Evolution of Polish Migration Policy – Experiences and challenges

Closing remarks
16.30
Prof. Goran Ilik and Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski

17.00-18.00
Cocktail reception hosted by H. E. Ambassador of Poland in North Macedonia