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## **Opening ceremony**

**9.15 - 9.45**

Prof. Igor Nedelkovski, Rector of the University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola

Dr. Toni Konjanovski – Mayor of Bitola

Dr. Bisera Kostadinovska-Stojcevska – Ministry of Culture of MK

H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Grzelczyk, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in North Macedonia

Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski, Director of the Centre for Europe University of Warsaw

Prof. Goran Ilik, Vice-Rector of the University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - Bitola

## **Panel 1**

**9.45-11.30**

### **The European Union and the Balkan States in the Face of Global Security Challenges**

**Chair:** Prof. Goran Ilik (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski (University of Warsaw)

*The War in Ukraine - geopolitical implications for the European Union*

Prof. Blagoj Nenovski, Prof. Ice Ilijevski, Prof. Angelina Stanojoska (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

*Strengthening resilience against deepfakes as disinformation threats*

Prof. Marko Babić (University of Warsaw)

*Ongoing geopolitical challenges for the Western Balkans' States A.D. 2023*

Prof. Mehmedin Tahirović (University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro)

*The impact of the war in Ukraine on the Western Balkans and Montenegro*

**Coffee break**

**Panel 2**

**11.45 - 13.30**

**Challenges related to Russian disinformation activities – Polish and Balkan experiences**

**Chair:** Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski (University of Warsaw)

Mrs. Agnieszka Ostrowska (Centre for International Relations, Poland)  
*Russian vs Chinese disinformation narratives in Poland. Comparative analysis*

Alma Adrovic (Staff of Ministry of Defence of Montenegro, UDG),  
*Disinformation and the influence on democratic processes in Montenegro*

Prof. Bruno Surdel (Centre for International Relations, Poland)  
*Polish Energy Aspirations: Navigating Russian Disinformation Amidst the Ukrainian War*

Mrs. Adrianna Śniadowska (Centre for International Relations; University of Warsaw)  
*Russian disinformation around war in Ukraine in the countries of Global South*

**Coffee break**

### **Panel 3**

**13.45-15.15**

#### **Prospects for integration of the Western Balkan countries with the European Union - challenges and problems**

**Chair:** Prof. Elena Tilovska-Kecedji (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Prof. Artur Adameczyk (University of Warsaw)

*Prospects for membership of the Western Balkans in the EU - diagnosis of challenges and problems*

Prof. Mladen Karadzovski and Prof. Sasho Dodovski (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

*Institutional and organizational role in the fight against disinformation: European experiences*

Prof. Elena Temelkovska-Anevska (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

*Western Balkan countries in the EU: challenges and prospects for North Macedonia and Kosovo*

Jacek Wojnicki (University of Warsaw)

*Main limitations of democratization processes in the countries of Central Europe and the Balkans*

Sofija Raicevic (UDG, Montenegro)

*Youth and disinformation in the Montenegro*

### **Closing remarks**

**15.15-15.30**

Prof. Goran Ilik and Prof. Kamil Zajęczkowski