



## International Scientific Conference

## "Cauldron in the East, cauldron in the South? Challenges for security and stability in Europe"

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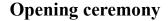


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#### 9.15 - 9.45

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 analisis* 

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 Adamczyk (University of Warsaw)

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

Prof. Mladen Karadzoski 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 desinformation in the Montenegro*

> > **Closing remarks**

### 15.15-15.30

Prof. Goran Ilik and Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski