



# International Scientific Conference

# "Polish Experience in Combating Disinformation – Inspirations for the Western Balkans"

28 November 2023, 9:00 AM Place: Columned Hall, University of Warsaw

Public task financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland within the grant competition "Public Diplomacy 2023" carried out by Centre for Europe University of Warsaw in cooperation with Centre for International Relations (Poland); Faculty of Political Science and International Studies University of Warsaw (Poland); University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola (North Macedonia); Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research (ISPPI); University "ss. Cyril and Methodius" (North Macedonia); University of Donja Gorica (Montenegro); Montenegrin Pan-European Union; Centre for Democratic Transition (Montenegro); Atlantic Council of Montenegro.





The conference is co-financed within the internal grant system of University of Warsaw "Excellence Initiative - Research University" (IDUB Programme), Action IV.3.1.



The official carrier of the conference is PLL LOT.



#### **Opening ceremony**

#### 9.15 - 9.45

**Professor Sambor Grucza**, Vice-Rector for Cooperation and Human Resources, University of Warsaw

Professor Kamil Zajączkowski, Director of the Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw

**Mr Rafal Domisiewicz,** Deputy Director of the European Policy Department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland

Professor Goran Ilik, Vice Rector, University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola

**Prof. Mehmedin Tahirovic,** Associate Professor, University Donja Gorica, Podgorica

# Panel 1

#### 9.45-11.30

# Russian disinformation and war in Ukraine – fake news in Poland and the Balkans

Chair: Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski (University of Warsaw)

**Prof. Goran Ilik** (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola) *The Malign Influence of Russia in the Western Balkans* 

**Prof. Mehmedin Tahirovic** (University Donja Gorica, Podgorica) *The impact of the war in Ukraine on the Western Balkans and Montenegro* 

**Prof. Blagoj Nenovski, Prof. Ice Ilijevski** (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola) Deepfake threats in a disinformation era

Marcin Sokolowski (University of Warsaw) Macedonian Orthodox Church and the problem of Russian interference and disinformation in the Macedonian public space after invasion of Ukraine in 2022 Coffee break

### Panel 2

#### 11.45-13.30

# Balkan experience in fighting disinformation

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

**Prof. Nikola Vukcevic** (University Donja Gorica, Podgorica) *Fake news and disinformation through a Montenegrin prism* 

**Prof. Mladen Karadzoski** (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola) Institutional and organizational role in the fight against disinformation: European experiences

Prof. Jovana Davidovic (University of Montenegro)

New Media, Old story: Post-truth Era and Media Manipulation Techniques

**Prof. Filip Jovanovski** (University Donja Gorica, Podgorica) Media literacy education in the fight against disinformation

Coffee break

#### Panel 3

#### 13.45-15.00

# Disinformation and fake news in Polish public space

Chair: Prof. Mehmedin Tahirovic (University Donja Gorica, Podgorica)

**Agnieszka Ostrowska (Centre for International Relations, Poland)** *Russians or Chinese? Who are Poles more susceptible to propaganda from?* 

**Prof. Bruno Surdel (Centre for International Relations, Poland)** From Disinformation to Resilience: Confronting Russian Narratives in the Context of Polish Energy Projects. Implications for the Balkans.

Adrianna Śniadowska (Centre for International Relations; University of Warsaw) Modern technologies and disinformation in Poland

**Closing remarks** 

15.00-15.15

Prof. Goran Ilik and Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski