

PROGRAM FOR FIU STUDENTS' STUDY WEEK AT UNWE, SOFIA

PAD Course “Bulgaria in the EU: The Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU (January - June 2018)”

| Day of the week | Morning Session Small Conference Room, UNWE | Afternoon Session |
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| 3 rd Oct., Tuesday | 9.30 - 10.00 h. – Official opening, 10.00 -10.30 h.- Orientation to the course 10.30 – 11.00 h. – Coffee break 11.00 – 11.45 h. – Lecture 1 11.45 – 12.30 h. - Discussion 12.30 -13.30 h – Lunch at UNWE cafeteria | 14.30 – 16.00 h. Visit to the Representation of the European commission in BG (confirmed) 16.30 -17.30 Visit to the office of 24 Hours newspaper (to be confirmed) |
| 4 th Oct., Wednesday | 9.30 – 10.15 h. – Lecture 2 10.15 – 11.00 h. - Discussion 11.00 – 11.30 h. – Coffee break 11.30 – 12.15 h. – Lecture 3 (Round table) 12.15 – 13.00 h. – Discussion (Round table) 13.00 -14.00 h – Lunch at UNWE cafeteria | 14.30 – 16.00 h. Visit to the Bulgarian Parliament (confirmed) 16.30 -17.30 h Visit to Sofia University (confirmed) |
| 5 th Oct., Thursday | 9.30 – 10.15 h. – Lecture 4 10.15 – 11.00 h. - Discussion 11.00 – 11.30 h. – Coffee break 11.30 – 12.15 h. – Lecture 5 12.15 – 13.00 h. – Discussion 13.00 -14.00 h – Lunch at UNWE cafeteria | 14.00 – 15.30 h. Visit to NGO-House (confirmed) 16.00 – 17.30 Visit to the Institute of Public Administration (confirmed) |
| 6 th Oct., Friday | Trip to Plovdiv (the second biggest city in Bulgaria) | Visits to historic and cultural sites with discussions of current significance |
| 7 th Oct., Saturday | Trip to Veliko Tarnovo (the old capital of Bulgaria) | Visits to historic and cultural sites with discussions of current significance |
| 8 th Oct., Sunday | 10.00 – 13.00 h Sightseeing tour in Sofia | Free time |

LECTURES AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS

Orientation to the course (prof. Polya Katsamunska, Ph.D. Department of Public Administration, e-mail: polya_katsamunska@yahoo.com)

Lecture 1 – **The Bulgarian Constitution and Government Structure** (ass. prof. Ilonka Goranova, Ph.D., Law Faculty, e_mail: ilgoranova@unwe.bg)

Lecture 2 – **Integration of Bulgaria into the EU** (assoc. prof. Svetla Boneva, Ph.D., Department of International Economic Relations and Business, e_mail: svetla_bogdanova@yahoo.com)

Lecture 3 (Round table) – **What is "the EU presidency" in European governance? The Priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency.** (Mladen Lambeff, Ph. D, Head of Department "Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU", National Assembly of Republic of Bulgaria)

Lecture 4 – **Public Administration and Civil Society: European Perspectives** (assoc. prof. Denitsa Gorchilova, Ph.D., Department of Public Administration, e_mail: denitsa.gorchilova@unwe.bg)

Lecture 5 – **Reform Strategies in Bulgaria in the Transition period** (assoc. prof. Elena Simeonova, Department of Political Science, e-mail: esimeonova@unwe.bg)

* Working language – English; Meeting room - Small Conference Room, UNWE

* Accommodation of FIU group of students will be arranged at Vitosha Park Hotel, Sofia

*The trip to Plovdiv and Veliko Tarnovo will be arranged by a travel company. The students will spend the night of 6th Oct. in a hotel in Veliko Tarnovo. The program for the trip includes visits to historic and cultural sites with discussions of current significance. In addition, there is a possibility for the students to watch the evening light show in Veliko Tarnovo, which is extrapaid.