

PROGRAM FOR FIU STUDENTS' STUDY WEEK AT UNWE, SOFIA

**PAD Course “Contemporary Issues in Public Administration:
Bulgaria in the EU”**

Day of the week	Morning Session Small Conference Room, UNWE	Afternoon Session
24 th Oct., Monday	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 Bulgarian Parliament (confirmed) 16.30 -17.30 Visit to the NGO House (confirmed)
25 th Oct., Tuesday	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	15.00 – 16.30 h. Visit to a Public Institution (to be confirmed) 17.00 -18.00 h Visit to the office of 24 Hours Newspaper (to be confirmed)
26 th Oct., Wednesday	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	14.30 – 17.00 h. Joint session with Bulgarian students and Public Administration faculty members. The session is in two parts: Part 1. Discussion on Teaching Public Administration in Bulgaria Part 2. Presentation on Public Administration and Civil Society: Lines of Cooperation by assoc. prof. Denitsa Gorchilova (confirmed)
27 th Oct., Thursday	Trip to Veliko Tarnovo (the old capital of Bulgaria)	Historical sightseeing tour
28 th Oct., Friday	Trip to Tryavna	Historical sightseeing tour
29 th Oct., Saturday	10.00 – 13.00 h Sightseeing tour in Sofia	Free time

LECTURES AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS

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

Lecture 1 – **Overview of 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) – **The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: Implications for the Economy and the Public Sector Institutions in the EU** (guest lecturers)

Keynote Speakers and Participants:

Mr. Svetlen Tanchev, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds (CEAOEF), MP of the 43rd National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria; MPs and experts from CEAOEF;

MPs from the European Affairs Committees of the Hellenic Parliament and the Parliament of Romania;

Representatives of the International Trade Committee (INTA) of the European Parliament.

Lecture 4 – **Strategies for Governmental, Political and Economic Reforms in Bulgaria** (assoc. prof. Elena Simeonova, Department of Political Science, e-mail: esimeonova@unwe.bg)

Lecture 5 – **Public Administration in Practice: Health Care System in Bulgaria – Policy and Reform** (prof. Petko Salchev, Head of Department at the National Center for Public Health, Ministry of Health Protection, e-mail: p.salchev@ncpha.government.bg)

Joint session: **Presentation on Public Administration and Civil Society: Lines of Cooperation** (assoc. prof. Denitsa Gorchilova, Ph.D., Department of Public Administration, e_mail: denitsa.gorchilova@unwe.bg)

* Working language – English.

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

*The idea for Lecture 3 (Round table) is suggested by representatives of the BG parliament and the office of European Commission in Sofia. The topic, speakers and foreign experts to participate in the session are their selection.

*The trip to Veliko Tarnovo and Tryavna will be arranged by a travel company. The students will spend the night of 27th Oct. in a hotel in Veliko Tarnovo. The program for the trip includes meetings with local administrators and sightseeing tours. In addition, there is a possibility for the students to watch the evening light show in Veliko Tarnovo, which is extrapaid.

*26th Oct., Wednesday, 13.00-14.30 h. – Special panel for Bulgarian students: Public Administration in Practice - Health Care Reform in USA (Guest – lecturer with presentation by Dr. Judy Rosebaum), Small Conference Room, UNWE.