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ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN THE CONTEXT OF PANDEMIC  
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SOFIA, 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2022

**TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**ZOOM Link Hybrid format**

8:30 - 9:00 am	<b>Registration &amp; time to join the online session</b>	
09:00 – 9:15 am	<b>Welcome speeches</b>	<p><b>Nikolay NENOVSKY</b>, University of Picardie Jules Verne, LEFMI, UNWE, Director MRC  <b>Petar CHOBANOV</b>, Director of Institute for politics and economics, UNWE, Bulgaria  <b>Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA</b>, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  <b>Diyana MITEVA</b>, Deputy Director of Institute for politics and economics, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria  <b>Marcellin YOVOGAN</b>, Head of Department of Finance and Accounting, Sofia University, Bulgaria</p>
09:15 – 10:00 am	<b>Plenary Session</b> <i>In memoriam of prof. Xavier RICHT</i>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Participants:</b>  <b>Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA</b>, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  <b>Vesselin MINTCHEV</b>, Member of ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  <b>Spartak KEREMIDCHIEV</b>, Member of ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  <b>Tsvetelina MARINOVA</b>, New Bulgarian University</p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	<b>Keynote Session1</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Mathieu DUNES</b>, University of Picardie Jules Verne, LEFMI, France  <i>/Social media usage: issues and challenges for tomorrow/</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 – 13:00 pm	<b>Presentation session 1</b>	<p><b>International economics</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Tsvetelina MARINOVA, New Bulgarian University  <b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Elena SIMEONOVA</b>, UNWE, Bulgaria <i>/Some speculations on measurability with WERY (war economic recovery index)/</i>  <b>Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA</b>, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences <i>/The anti-corruption fight for the protection of the EU funds: new challenges and risks/</i>  <b>Nino PAPACHASHVILI, Tamta Mikaberidze, Marine Tavartkiladze</b>, Institute for Development Studies, Sulxhan-Saba Orbeliani University, Georgia <i>/Georgia's Approximation with the EU: Export Challenges/-Online present</i>  <b>Paskal ZHELEV</b>, UNWE, Bulgaria <i>/The foreign exchange policy of China – is the country a “currency manipulator”?/</i>  <b>Plamen CHIPEV</b>, Plovdiv University, ERI at BAS, Bulgaria <i>/The Ownership in Different Schools of Economic Thought. Comparisons and an Alternative Approach/</i>  <b>Tomáš NIKODYM</b>, Prague University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic <i>/Ordoliberalism and liberalism in post-war Czechoslovakia (1945–1948)/ - Online presentation</i>  <b>Nikolay BOGATZKY</b>, UNICUSANO University of Rome, Italy <i>/Living standards and Occupational groups of the Bulgarian Urban Population in the middle of the 1920s/</i></p>



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<b>13:00 – 13:45 pm</b>			<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>13:45 – 15:45 pm</b>		<b>Presentation session 2</b>	<p><b>Banking, crises, currencies</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Gordon Kerr</b>, founder of Cobden Partners, UK /<i>The evil payment trilogy: push payment fraud; abolition of cash and Deductions from Face Value when payment is made by Cards/</i>  <b>Iskra CHRISTOVA-BALKANSKA</b>, ERI at Bulgarian academy of sciences /<i>The Bulgarian banking system after the covid 19 pandemic crisis/</i>  <b>Kamelia ASSENOVA</b>, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>Is COVID-19 pandemic affect banks activities?/</i>  <b>Moustapha AMAN &amp; Nikolay NENOVSKY</b>, University of Picardie Jules Verne (LEFMI), France /<i>Monetary Stability and Regional Currency Board: towards a two-tier system to accelerate regional integration in the Horn of Africa. (A Policy Proposal)/</i>  <b>Desislava PETKOVA</b>, Sofia University, Bulgaria /<i>Detection of financial statements manipulation using the beneish m-score: the case of companies recently charged by sec./</i>  <b>Tsvetelina MARINOVA</b>, New Bulgarian University /<i>Monetary policies to Covid-19 in the Balkans: policy reactions and challenges/</i></p>		
<b>15:45 - 16:00 pm</b>		<b>Coffee Break</b>			
<b>16:00 – 16:30 pm</b>		<b>Keynote Session 2</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Kiril TOCHKOV</b>, Texas Christian University, USA /<i>Trade Potential and Border Effects between Bulgaria and North Macedonia/</i> - <b>Online presentation</b></p>		
<b>19:30 pm</b>		<b>Official Dinner</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup></b>					
<b><u>ZOOM Link</u> Hybrid format</b>					
<b>09:00 – 10:30 am</b>		<b>Presentation session 1</b>	<p><b>Financial and international economics</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Diyana Miteva, Deputy Director of Institute for politics and economics, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Tadas GUDAITIS</b>, Vilnius University, Lithuania /<i>Assessing funded pensions schemes in Baltic countries from a participant's perspective: benefits or losses?/</i> - <b>Online presentation</b>  <b>Jeko MILEV</b>, UNWE /<i>The Distribution Phase and the Short-Term Risks for the Universal Pension Funds in Bulgaria/</i>  <b>Laurent ESTACHY</b>, KEDGE Business School, France /<i>2022 Inflationary trend: The geostrategic hypotheses in the era of Ukraine's invasion/</i> - <b>Online presentation</b></p>		



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11:00 – 11:30 pm	<b>Keynote Session 1</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria Antonio MAGLIULO, University of Florence, Italy / <i>Europe. A Road to Peace and Development</i> / - <b>Online presentation</b>
11:30-12:30 pm	<b>Presentation session 2</b>	<b>International and Financial Economics</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Diyana Miteva, Deputy Director of Institute for politics and economics, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria  <b>Speakers:</b> Galia TASEVA, UNWE, Bulgaria / <i>Financing from suppliers during COVID-19 pandemic: evidence from Bulgarian listed firms</i> / - <b>Online presentation</b> Galia MANCHEVA, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria / <i>EU global leadership in trustworthy AI: High-risk applications – implementation and gaps</i> / Nadya VELINOVA-SOKOLOVA, Sofia University, Bulgaria / <i>Challenges of management of green finance after the pandemic</i> /
12:00 – 13:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:00-14:30 pm	<b>Presentation session 2</b>	<b>Monetary and Financial Economics</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  <b>Speakers:</b> Gergana MIHAYLOVA, UNWE, Bulgaria / <i>Post COVID-19 recovery and new challenges for central and eastern European countries</i> / Dimitar CHOBANOV, UNWE, Bulgaria / <i>Bulgaria and the Euro: a year before the target date</i> / Yanko Hristozov, UNWE, Bulgaria / <i>What happened to Bulgaria and the Eurozone</i> / Dimitar DAMYANOV & NIKOLAY VELICHKOV, UNWE, Bulgaria / <i>Convergence of the GDP structures of CEE countries to the euro area</i> / - <b>Online presentation</b> Saikak MOULAY-DRISS, Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco / <i>The effectiveness of monetary policy in the context of central bank independence in developing countries</i> / - <b>Online presentation</b> Diyana Miteva, Deputy Director of Institute for politics and economics, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria / <i>Impact of pandemics- an economic perspective</i> /
14:30 pm	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>Nikolay Nenovsky</b> <b>Diyana Miteva</b>