

Schools of Political Studies (SPS)

2007 Events calendar

February

2-4 February, Baku, Azerbaijan

Opening of the **Baku Political Studies Programme**
First national seminar

21-25 February, Hissar, Bulgaria

Second national seminar of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**
Topic: "The Political Process"

March

2 March, Tbilisi, Georgia

Seminar of the **Tbilisi School of Political Studies**
Topic: "Investment Climate in Georgia"

2-4 March, Palic, Serbia

Joint seminar of the **Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence** and **Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)**
Topic: "Joint Challenges of Post-Transition Economic and Political Development"

8-11 March, Skopje, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Second national seminar of the **Skopje School of Politics**
Topic: "Politics, democracy and populism in transitional societies"

9-10 March, Sofia, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**:
Disability Policy Monitor
Discussion - Education

15-18 March, Tsakhkadzor, Armenia

Third national seminar of the **Yerevan School of Political Studies**
Topic: "Electoral Systems. Electoral Reforms and Developments in Armenia"

16-18 March, Zadar, Croatia

First national seminar of the **Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)**

18-20 March, Klingenthal, France

Joint Seminar of the **Moscow** and **Tbilisi Schools of Political Studies**

22-25 March, Sarajevo, B&H	Opening of the Academy for Political Excellence (Sarajevo) and first national seminar Topic: “Democratic Political Culture – Key Concepts and Actors”
22-25 March, Poiana Braşov, Romania	Second national seminar of the “ Ovidiu Sincai ” European School Topic: “Training the Elites for the Political Life”
23-25 March, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova	First national seminar of the European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova Topic: “Democracy and Good Governance in Moldova – Current Situation and Main Trends”
23-25 March, Baku, Azerbaijan	Second national seminar of the Baku Political Studies Programme
30-31 March, Sofia, Bulgaria	Spring Conference of the Schools of Political Studies Topic: “The temptations of populism”
31 March, Sofia, Bulgaria	Working meeting of the Directors of SPS to prepare the Summer University 2007

April

5-8 April, Mavrovo, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	First national seminar of the Pristina Institute for Political Studies Topic: “Citizens, society and politics in modern democracy”
12-15 April, Valjevo, Serbia	First national seminar of the Belgarde Fund for Political Excellence Topic: “Serbia in the Process of Transition”
12-15 April, Kyiv, Ukraine	First national seminar of the Ukrainian School of Political Studies Topic: “Democratic values, European policy, the problem of national consolidation”
20-22 April, Bakuriani, Georgia	Third national seminar of the Tbilisi School of Political Studies (7 th Academic year) Topic: “Main Challenges for Modern Georgia”
20-22 April, Plovdiv, Bulgaria	Project of the Bulgarian School of Politics : Respect from Differences. 2007 year of Equal Opportunity Discussion and policy campaign
25-29 April, Hissar, Bulgaria	Third national seminar of the Bulgarian School of Politics Topic: “Political Communication”

26-29 April, Kyiv, Ukraine

Belarusian Programme of the **Ukrainian School of Political Studies**
First seminar

May

4-6 May, Baku (tbc), Azerbaijan

Third national seminar of the **Baku Political Studies Programme**

9 May, Tirana, Albania
10-13 May

Opening of the **Albanian School of Political Studies**
First national seminar
Topic: "Democratic Policies"

10-13 May, Veles, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Third national seminar of the **Skopje School of Politics**
Topic: "Current challenges of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" in the Euro-Integration Process"

11-15 May, Budva, Montenegro

Opening ceremony of the **School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica)**
First national seminar
Topic: "European integration, decentralisation and gender equality"

11-13 May, Banja Luka, B&H

Second national seminar of the **Academy for Political Excellence (Sarajevo)**
Topic : "Good Governance, Accountability and Public Administration Reform in B&H"

11-13 May, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Second national seminar of the **European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova**
Topic: "Effective Democracy, Efficient Governance and Functional Market Economy - The Outcomes of Successful Transition"

11-13 May, Vidin, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**: Respect from Differences. 2007 year of Equal Opportunity
Discussion and policy campaign

18-20 May, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**: Stagnating the role of civil society in the roma integration process
First discussion

24-27 May, Palic, Serbia

Second national seminar of the **Belgarde Fund for Political Excellence**
Topic: "Stability and the Prospects of Serbia"

25-29 May, Crimea, Ukraine

Second national seminar of the **Ukrainian School of Political Studies**
Topic: "Quality of democracy, political values, european standarts of political parties activities, political corruption"

29 May - 1 June, Crimea, Ukraine

Belarusian Programme of the **Ukrainian School of Political Studies**
Second seminar

31 May - 3 June, place (tbc), Kosovo/UNMIK

Second national seminar of the **Pristina Institute for Political Studies**
Topic: “Conflict Resolution and Negotiations”

31 May - 3 June, Danube Delta, Romania

Third national seminar of the "**Ovidiu Sincai**" **European School**
Topic: “Politics and Society in a Democracy”

June

1-3 June, Bakuriani, Georgia

Alumni Seminar of the **Tbilisi School of Political Studies**
Topic: “Europe Today – 50 Years since the Treaty of Rome”

1-3 June, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**: Respect from Differences. 2007 year of Equal Opportunity Discussion and policy campaign

6-10 June, Sofia, Bulgaria

Fourth national seminar of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**
Topic: “Bulgaria in the European Political Process”

20-24 June, Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

Regional programme of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**¹. First Course: “Political Democracy and the Political Process”
Public discussion topic: “New Populism and Nationalism in the Balkans”

22-24 June, Burgas, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**: Respect from Differences. 2007 year of Equal Opportunity Discussion and policy campaign

29 June – 1 July, Lom, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**: Stagnating the role of civil society in the roma integration process
Second discussion

July

2-6 July, Strasbourg, France

Second **Summer University for Democracy**

¹ The Programme targets representatives of parliamentary represented political parties, the media, public institutions, and NGOs from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Kosovo/UNMIK. The Schools from the Network nominate participants.

1 and 6 July (tbc), Strasbourg, France	Topic: “Projects for Europe” Meetings of the Directors of SPS
8-10 July, Ankara, Turkey	Seminar of the Tbilisi School of Political Studies (7 th Academic year) Topic: “Regional Cooperation and European Integration”
20-21 July, Sofia, Bulgaria	Project of the Bulgarian School of Politics : Disability Policy Monitor Discussion - Health services
20-22 July, Varna, Bulgaria	Project of the Bulgarian School of Politics : Respect from Differences. 2007 year of Equal Opportunity Discussion and policy campaign

August

2-9 August, Lillehammer and Oslo, Norway	Second national seminar of the School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica) Topic: “Dialogue, Conflict transformation and anticorruption”
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September

14-16 September (tbc), place (tbc), Serbia	Third national seminar of the Belgarde Fund for Political Excellence Topic: “Serbia on the Road to Europe”
14-16 September, Kardjali, Bulgaria	Project of the Bulgarian School of Politics : Stagnating the role of civil society in the roma integration process Third discussion
14-16 September, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria	Project of the Bulgarian School of Politics : Respect from Differences. 2007 year of Equal Opportunity Discussion and policy campaign
26-30 September, Zagreb, Croatia	Regional programme of the Bulgarian School of Politics ¹ . Second Course: “Conflict Management and Negotiation” Public discussion topic: “Conflict Resolution within Political Parties”
28 September, Sofia, Bulgaria	Project of the Bulgarian School of Politics : Respect from Differences. 2007 year of Equal Opportunity Discussion and informational day

October

5-7 October, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Third national seminar of the **European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova**

Topic: “The Perspectives of Democratic Stabilisation of the EU and NATO Eastern Neighbourhood – the Case of Moldova”

5-7 October, Sofia, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**: Stagnating the role of civil society in the roma integration process
Fourth discussion

Date October (tbc), Bakuriani, Georgia

First national seminar of the **Tbilisi School of Political Studies** (8th Academic year)

Topic: “Georgia – the CoE: Democracy and Civil Society”

18-21 October, place (tbc), Kosovo/UNMIK

Third national seminar of the **Pristina Institute for Political Studies**

Topic: “Leadership for Leaders/Creative leadership”

19-20 October, Sofia, Bulgaria

Project of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**: Disability Policy Monitor
Discussion – Policy

Dates (tbc), Mostar, B&H

Third national seminar of the **Academy for Political Excellence (Sarajevo)**

Topic: “Socio-economic Prospects and Challenges for B&H”

Dates (tbc), place (tbc), Croatia

Joint seminar of the **Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence** and **Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)**

Topic: tbc

Dates (tbc), place (tbc), Armenia

First national seminar of the **Yerevan School of Political Studies**

Topic: “European Integration Process of Armenia”

Dates (tbc), Podgorica, Montenegro

Third national seminar of the **School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica)**

Topic: “Security and Parliamentary control of work of Government”

November

7-11 November, Odesa, Ukraine

Third national seminar of the **Ukrainian School of Political Studies**

7-11 November, Sofia, Bulgaria	Topic: “Policy analyses and main reforms (local self-government, judicial, administrative etc.); role play Regional programme of the Bulgarian School of Politics ¹ . Third Course: “Regional Policy” Public discussion topic: “Regional Cooperation: Development Perspectives for the Balkans”
10-11 November, Odesa, Ukraine	Alumni conference of the Ukrainian School of Political Studies
Date (tbc), place (tbc), Armenia	Second seminar of the Yerevan School of Political Studies Topic (tbc): “Electoral issues with a view of Presidential elections in February 2008”

December

Date (tbc) December, Bakuriani, Georgia	Second national seminar of the Tbilisi School of Political Studies (8 th Academic year) Topic: “Georgia – the CoE: Democracy and Civil Society”
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