

Schools of Political Studies (SPS)

2008 Events calendar

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January

- 11-13 January, Tsakhkadzor, Armenia** Second national seminar of the **Yerevan School of Political Studies**
Topic: "Electoral Reforms"
- 17-20 January, Quba Olympic Complex, Azerbaijan** First national seminar of the **Baku Political Studies Programme**
- 17-20 January, Vilnius, Lithuania** First national seminar of the **East European School of Political Science (Belarus)**
Topic: "Socio-Economic Models and Tendencies in Central and Eastern European Countries"
- 26 January, Kaliningrad, Russia** **Moscow School of Political Studies**
Round table "Social policy and outreach"
- 31 January, Sofia, Bulgaria** **Bulgarian School of Politics**
Initiative of the Club of Alumni "Thursday Discussions"
Topic: "Kosovo situation and Bulgaria's position"
The Alumni Association of the School will organize regular discussions on important current issues every last Thursday of the month.
- Dates (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia** **Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)**
Conference in cooperation with Selectio
Topic: "Labour Market in Croatia"

February

- 4 February, St Petersburg** **Moscow School of Political Studies**
Round table
MSPS regional project
- 5 February, St Petersburg** **Moscow School of Political Studies**
Round table "Municipality as a project: personnel, technology, investment"
- 6 February, Voronezh** **Moscow School of Political Studies**
Speech by MSPS General Director at the round table of the "Expert Club"
Institutional project market grouping
- 7-9 February, Omsk** **Moscow School of Political Studies**
Round table
MSPS regional project

8-10 February, Osijek, Croatia	First regional seminar: Zagreb School, Belgrade School, Sarajevo School Topic: “Security Policies in South-East Europe”
9-12 February, Novosibirsk	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table MSPS regional project
12-15 February, Krasnoyarsk	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table MSPS regional project
16-19 February, Irkutsk	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table, organized by the Debating-Society, created by Irkutsk Alumni. 1st session.
20-24 February, Velingrad, Bulgaria	Second national seminar of the Bulgarian School of Politics Topic: “Policies and Practices at the Local and Regional Level”
21-22 February, Zagreb, Croatia	Academy for Political Development (Zagreb) Seminar in cooperation with UNDP Croatia and London School of Economics Topic: “Negotiation Skills, Strategies and Style”
22-24 February, Petrovac, Montenegro	Opening ceremony and first national seminar of the School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica) Topic: "Development of political skills"
23-24 February, Kaliningrad	Moscow School of Political Studies Joint regional seminar of MSPS and School of municipal management
28 February, Sofia, Bulgaria	Bulgarian School of Politics Alumni “Thursday Discussions” Topic: “Economic opportunities for Bulgaria in the Western Balkans”
29 February, Zagreb, Croatia	Academy for Political Development (Zagreb) First evening event, introduction of generation 2008 Topic: “Analysis of Croatian parliamentary elections”
March	
7-9 March, Tirana, Albania	First national seminar of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Political parties and democratic policies”
7-9 March, Crikvenica, Croatia	First national seminar of the Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)

13-14 March, Strasbourg, France	Working meeting of the Directors of SPS to prepare the Summer University for Democracy 2008
14 March, St Petersburg	Moscow School of Political Studies MSPS Alumni Club, foundation meeting
14-18 March, Slavske, Ukraine	Second national seminar of the East European School of Political Science (Belarus) Topic: “Political and Institutional Transformations in Eastern European Countries”
15-16 March, Sarajevo, B&H	First national seminar of the Academy for Political Excellence (Sarajevo) Topic : “Democratic Political Culture – key concepts”
20 March, Pristina, Kosovo	Pristina Institute for Political Studies Opening Ceremony
22 March, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria	Bulgarian School of Politics Conference on the topic “European Perspectives of the Balkans and the Role of Bulgaria” (in cooperation with the Bulgarian Parliament, European Council on Foreign Relations and the Council of Europe local office)
22 March, Apatity	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table MSPS regional project
23-26 March, Quba Olympic Complex, Azerbaijan	Second national seminar of the Baku Political Studies Programme
27 March, Sofia, Bulgaria	Bulgarian School of Politics Alumni “Thursday Discussions”
27 March, Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	Second national seminar of the Skopje School of Politics Topic: “The Political Dialogue in view of the Macedonian Euro-Atlantic integration”
27-30 March, Bakuriani, Georgia	Tbilisi School of Political Studies Third Seminar of the 2007-2008 CoE group Topic: “Political Culture in Modern Georgia”
27-30 March, Durrës, Albania	First national seminar of the Pristina Institute for Political Studies Topic: “Democracy to come. Challenges in building democracy in Kosovo”
28-30 March, place (tbc)	European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova First national seminar Topic: “Democracy and Good Governance in Moldova – Current Situation and Main Trends”

29-30 March, Kaliningrad

Moscow School of Political Studies
Joint regional seminar of MSPS and School of
municipal management

29 March, Kaluga

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table “Personnel Market for state and municipal
management”

April

3 and 15 April, Tbilisi, Georgia

Tbilisi School of Political Studies
The project “From Elections to Elections: Main Lessons
and Objectives”

3-6 April, Palic, Serbia

First national seminar of the **Belgarde Fund for
Political Excellence**
Topic: “Serbia in the Process of Transition”

4-6 April, Durres, Albania

Second national seminar of the **Albanian School of
Political Studies**
Topic: “Elections and good governance”

8-9 April, Belgrade, Serbia

Regional Conference of **Schools of South-East Europe**

9 April, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 1

**10-13 April, Odorheiu Secuiesc,
Romania**

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

10-13 April, Kyiv, Ukraine

First national seminar of the **Ukrainian School of
Political Studies**
Topic: “Democratic Values and Standards (rule of law,
freedom of media, market economy, etc.)”

11-13 April, Yerevan, Armenia (tbc)

Third national seminar of the **Yerevan School of
Political Studies**
Topic: tbc

12-13 April, Krasnoyarsk

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

12-13 April, Irkutsk

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

16 April, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 2

16-20 April, Velingrad, Bulgaria

Third national seminar of the **Bulgarian School of
Politics**
Topic: Institutional Policies and Practices

17 April (tbc), Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

Skopje School of Politics
Conference organised by the Alumni
Topic: tbc

17-18 April, Bruxelles, Belgium

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
Civil Society Development Conference of European Commission

19-20 April, Stavropol

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

23 April, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 3

24 April, Sofia, Bulgaria

Alumni “Thursday Discussions”

26 April – 4 May, USA

Moscow School of Political Studies
Seminar

Dates (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
Topic: “Secularism and Clericalism: common ground and dividing issues” – 1st seminar

End April (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
Second evening event
Topic: *to be decided*

May

1-4 May, Smolensk, Russia

Third national seminar of the **East European School of Political Science (Belarus)**
Topic: “Relations between EU countries and the CIS (Belarus, Ukraine, Russia). International Orientations of Belarus”

2-4 May, Budva, Montenegro

School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica)
II module
Topic: “European integration, Decentralization and Gender equality”

3-4 May, Nalchik

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

7 May, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 4

8 and 13 May, Tbilisi, Georgia

Tbilisi School of Political Studies
The project “From Elections to Elections: Main Lessons and Objectives”

8-11 May, Brač, Croatia

Second national seminar of the **Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)**
Topic: “Communication Skills for Public Affairs”

10-11 May, Jahorina, B&H	Second national seminar of the Academy for Political Excellence (Sarajevo) Topic : “European Integrations”
14 May, Pristina, Kosovo	Pristina Institute for Political Studies Lecture 5
15 May, Berovo, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	Third national seminar of the Skopje School of Politics Topic: “EU integration: the values we share”
15-18 May, Divcibare, Serbia	Second national seminar of the Belgarde Fund for Political Excellence Topic: “Stability, Security and Regional Cooperation”
16-18 May, place (tbc)	European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova Second national seminar Topic: “Effective Democracy, Efficient Governance and Functional Market Economy - The Outcomes of Successful Transition”
17-18 May, St. Petersburg	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table
22-25 May, Struga, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	Pristina Institute for Political Studies Second national seminar Topic: “Conditions and threats for a democratic society”
23-25 May, Vlore, Albania	Third national seminar of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Albania in its way of European Integration”
28 May – 1 June, Velingrad, Bulgaria	Fourth national seminar of the Bulgarian School of Politics Topic: Bulgaria in the European Political Process
28 May – 1 June, Crimea, Ukraine	Fourth national seminar of the East European School of Political Science (Belarus) Topic: “Mass Media and Public Opinion (Europe and Belarus)”
28 May – 1 June, Crimea, Ukraine	Second national seminar of the Ukrainian School of Political Studies Topic: “Democratic Leadership”
29 May, Sofia, Bulgaria	Alumni “Thursday Discussions”
30-31 May, Krasnoyarsk	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table

30 May-1 June, place (tbc)

Albanian School of Political Studies
Optional course
Topic: “European Comparative Policies”

June

1 June, Irkutsk

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

4 June, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 6

6-8 June, Bakuriani, Georgia

Tbilisi School of Political Studies
Alumni Seminar
Topic: “Main challenges for modern Georgia”

7-15 June, Golitsino

Moscow School of Political Studies
First federal seminar “Authority, society, mass media”

Begging of June (tbc), Podgorica and Danilovgrad, Montenegro

School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica)
III module
Topic: “Institution and Reforms: From Security to Following the Money”

12-15 June (tbc), Danube Delta, Romania

Third national seminar of the “**Ovidiu Sincai**”
European School
Topic: tbc

13-15 June, place (tbc)

European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova
Third national seminar
Topic: “The Perspectives of Democratic Stabilisation of the EU and NATO Eastern Neighbourhood – the Case of Moldova”

18 June, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 7

21-29 June, France

Moscow School of Political Studies
Seminar

26 June, Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian School of Politics
Alumni “Thursday Discussions”

27-28 June, Berlin, Germany

Tbilisi School of Political Studies
Topic: “European Neighbourhood Policy – New Framework for EU-Georgia Relations”

29 June and 4 July, Strasbourg, France (tbc)

Meetings of the Directors of SPS

30 June - 4 July, Strasbourg, France

Third Summer University for Democracy

Dates (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
Topic: “Secularism and Clericalism: common ground and dividing issues” – 2nd seminar

Dates (tbc), Sarajevo, B&H

Second regional seminar: **Zagreb School, Belgrade School, Sarajevo School**
Topic: “The Political Role of Religion in the Region”

Dates (tbc), place (tbc), Azerbaijan

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

July

5-6 July, Strasbourg, France

Moscow School of Political Studies
Seminar

12-13 July, Caucasus

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

16-20 July, Skopje

Regional Programme of the **Bulgarian School of Politics**
First Course: “Political Democracy and the Political Process”

24 July, Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian School of Politics
Alumni “Thursday Discussions”

27 July – 3 August, Golitsino

Moscow School of Political Studies
Second federal seminar following the results of the 1st federal seminar

Mid July (dates tbc), Zagreb, Croatia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
3rd evening event
Topic: *to be decided*

August

Begging of August (tbc), Lillehammer and Oslo, Norway

School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica)
V module (together with Nansen academy)
Topic: “Minority rights, Interethnic relations and Anticorruption in Montenegro”

23-24 August, Irkutsk

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

September

3 September, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 8

6-7 September, St Petersburg	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table
14-15 September, Krasnoyarsk	Moscow School of Political Studies Multi-regional seminar “Regional as a subject of the global economy”
17 September, Pristina, Kosovo	Pristina Institute for Political Studies Lecture 9
18-20 September, Bakuriani, Georgia	Tbilisi School of Political Studies Alumni Seminar Topic: “Role of Media in Shaping Political Culture”
19-21 September, Ivanjica, Serbia	Third national seminar of the Belgarde Fund for Political Excellence Topic: “Opportunities and Prospects of Serbia”
19-21 September, Odessa, Ukraine	Third national seminar of the Ukrainian School of Political Studies Topic: “Policy Analyses and Main Reforms (local self-government, judicial, administrative etc.)”
20-24 September, Elabuga	Moscow School of Political Studies Multi-regional seminar “Small city as a project”
24-28 September, Tirana, Albania	Regional Programme of the Bulgarian School of Politics Second Course: “Resolving Conflicts through Political Communication”
25 September, Sofia, Bulgaria	Bulgarian School of Politics Alumni “Thursday Discussions”
26-28 September, Jermuk, Armenia (tbc)	First national seminar of the Yerevan School of Political Studies Topic: tbc
26-28 September, Zadar, Croatia	Annual Conference of the Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
27-28 September, Mostar, B&H	Third national seminar of the Academy for Political Excellence (Sarajevo) Topic : “Transition and Integration of B&H into the EU – economic aspects”
Sept./Octob. (tbc), Moscow, Russia	Conference of the Schools of Political Studies Topic: <i>to be decided</i> Meetings of the Directors of SPS
Date (tbc), Serbia	3 rd regional seminar: Zagreb School, Belgrade School, Sarajevo School Topic: <i>to be decided</i>

End of September (tbc), Podgorica, Montenegro

School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica)
VI module and closing ceremony
Topic: “Future development of political scene in Montenegro”

Date (tbc), place (tbc), Azerbaijan

Baku Political Studies Programme
Second graduation ceremony of the BPSP with participation of press, participants, experts, and guests of the BPSP

October

2-5 October, Mavrovo, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Second national seminar
Topic: “Strategic communication in politics”

4-5 October, Caucasus

Moscow School of Political Studies
Seminar

6-12 October, Italy

Moscow School of Political Studies
Seminar

10-12 October, Bakuriani, Georgia

Tbilisi School of Political Studies
First Seminar of the 2008-2009 CoE group
Topic: “Georgia – Council of Europe: New Opportunities for Cooperation”

13-19 October, USA

Moscow School of Political Studies
Seminar

15 October, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 10

18-19 October, Irkutsk

Moscow School of Political Studies
Seminar

23 October, Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

First national seminar of the **Skopje School of Politics** (for 2008-2009 generation)
Alumni Meeting and a key-note speaker
Topic: tbc

29 October, Pristina, Kosovo

Pristina Institute for Political Studies
Lecture 11

30 October, Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian School of Politics
Alumni “Thursday Discussions”

October (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
Topic: “Secularism and Clericalism: common ground and dividing issues” – 3rd seminar

November

5-9 November, Sofia, Bulgaria	Regional programme of the Bulgarian School of Politics Third Course: “Regional Policy” Public discussion topic: “Regional Cooperation: Development Perspectives for the Balkans”
8-9 November, Stockholm, Sweden	Moscow School of Political Studies Seminar
8-9 November, St Petersburg, Russia	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table
8-9 November, place (tbc), Ukraine	Ukrainian School of Political Studies Alumni Conference Topic: “Quality of Democracy”
20-21 November, Tbilisi, Georgia	Tbilisi School of Political Studies Round Table: “Sense of Justice – an Instrument for Protection of Human Rights”
27 November, Sofia, Bulgaria	Bulgarian School of Politics Alumni “Thursday Discussions”
29-31 November, Ulianovsk	Moscow School of Political Studies Multi-regional seminar “Culture Matters”
Dates (tbc), Pristina, Kosovo	Pristina Institute for Political Studies Graduation of the sixth generation
Dates (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia	Academy for Political Development (Zagreb) 4 th evening event Topic: <i>to be decided</i>

December

3-7 December, Velingrad, Bulgaria	First national seminar of the Bulgarian School of Politics Training Programme 2007-2008
5-7 December, Bakuriani, Georgia	Tbilisi School of Political Studies Second Seminar of the new CoE group Topic: “Georgia – Council of Europe: New Opportunities for Cooperation”
6-7 December, Irkutsk	Moscow School of Political Studies Round table
12-14 December, Tsakhkadzor, Armenia (tbc)	Second national seminar of the Yerevan School of Political Studies Topic: tbc

12-18 December, Golitsino

Moscow School of Political Studies
Federal issue-based seminar “Mass Media”

20-21 December, Caucasus

Moscow School of Political Studies
Round table

**23 December, Skopje, “the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”**

Skopje School of Politics
Alumni Meeting
Topic: tbc

**Dates (tbc), place (tbc),
Azerbaijan**

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