

Schools of Political Studies (SPS)

2009 Events calendar

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January

- 16-19 January, Petrovac, Montenegro** **School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica)**
I module – with Soros Foundation
Topic : “European integration, decentralization and gender equality”
- 22-25 January, Brasov, Romania** First national seminar of the “**Ovidiu Sincai**”
European School, 2008-2009 edition
Topic: “The European Union and the challenges of global crises”
- 25-29 January, Sofia, Bulgaria** **Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)**
Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees for Poverty Reduction in Serbia
First Regional Study Visit
- 28 January, Belgrade, Serbia** **Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)**
Public Lecture for BFPE Alumni by Prof. Sergey Markedonov (Moscow State University, Russia)
Topic: “Regional Conflicts and Great Powers - Are We Facing New Security Challenges or Returning to the Old Geopolitical Ways”

February

- 1st February, Bucharest, Romania** “**Ovidiu Sincai**” **European School (Bucharest)**
Launching the analysis report “The Victory of Neo-Caesarism. Report concerning the Romanian parliamentary elections of 30 November 2008”
- 6 February, Novi Sad, Serbia** **Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)**
Building Consensus for European Integration
Seminar for local decision makers, session 7/18
- 6 February, Zagreb, Croatia** **Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)**
Panel discussion “Croatia: tired of European Union reforms?” with presentation of results of Gallup Balkan Monitor in cooperation with the European Fund for the Balkans

6 February, Bucharest, Romania	<p>“Ovidiu Sincai” European School (Bucharest) Conference “The Romanian Constitution – a necessary modification?” in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University</p>
7 February, Sljeme, Croatia	<p>Academy for Political Development (Zagreb) Dialogue seminar “Education for values: the role of catechism, religious science, ethics and human rights in school curriculum?”</p>
6-8 February, Pogradec, Albania	<p>First course of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Political parties”</p>
6-8 February, Budva, Montenegro	<p>School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica) II module – with NDI Topic : “Development of program policy”</p>
8 -12 February, Velingrad, Bulgaria	<p>Second national seminar of the Bulgarian School of Politics Topic: “Policies and Practices at the National Level”</p>
11 February, Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	<p>Seminar organized by the Skopje School of Politics and the Pristina School of Political Studies Topic: “Macedonia and Kosovo : fostering economic cooperation”</p>
12-14 February, Batumi, Georgia	<p>Third seminar of the Tbilissi School of Political Studies</p>
12-15 February, place (tbc)	<p>First seminar of the Baku Political Studies Programme</p>
13-15 February, Fruška Gora, Serbia	<p>Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Enhancing Political Participation of Young Political Leaders in Vojvodina Seminar, Session 1/9 Topic: “Values in Politics, Participatory Democracy and Civil Society”</p>
19 February, Belgrade, Serbia	<p>Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees for Poverty Reduction in Serbia Seminar for MPs, Session 7/10 Topic: “Poverty Reduction in Comparative Perspective”</p>
20 February, Niš, Serbia	<p>Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Fifth public roundtable on National Development Issues (in cooperation with the Deputy Prime Minister's Poverty Reduction Strategy Implementation Focal Point) Topic: “Global Crisis - Local Effects; Poverty Reduction Strategy in the Context of the Economic Crisis”</p>

20-21 February, Paris, France	Join seminar between Tbilissi School of Political Studies and Moscow School of Political Studies
21 February, Minsk, Belarus	East European School of Political Science (Belarus) Round Table “Foreign Politics of Belarus” (in cooperation with partner organizations)
24 February, Kragujevac, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Building Consensus for European Integration Seminar for local decision makers, session 8/18
26 February - 01 March, Niš, Serbia	Second national seminar of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence Topic: “Economic and Social Aspects of EU Integrations”
27 February - 1 March, F. Gora, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Enhancing Political Participation of Young Political Leaders in Vojvodina Seminar, session 2/9 Topic: “Party Building”
27 February, Sofia, Bulgaria	Alumni “Thursday Discussions”
March	
3 March, Smederevo, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Building Consensus for European Integration Seminar for local decision makers, session 9/18
4 March, place (tbc), Albania	Seminar of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Data protection and individual freedom”
5 - 8 March, Ivanjica, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Third sub-regional seminar in the region of Southwest Serbia on European Integration and Local Development Topic: “Institutional Reform and the Citizens”
6 March, Strasbourg, France	Meeting of the Directors of the School of Political Studies
March, Zagreb, Croatia	Academy for Political Development (Zagreb) Evening lecture on situation in the Middle East
12 March, Tirana, Albania	Seminar of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Freedom vs Democracy”

13-15 March, Belgrade, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Enhancing Political Participation of Young Political Leaders in Vojvodina Seminar, session 3/9 Topic: “Serbia and European Integrations”
13 March, Valjevo, Serbia	Building Consensus for European Integration Seminar for local decision makers, session 10/18
13-15 March, place (tbc), Moldova	European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova Seminar 1 : Topic: “Democracy and good governance in Moldova. Current situation and main trends”
19 March, Bucharest, Romania	“Ovidiu Sincai” European School (Bucharest) Conference “The Justice Reform. Adopting the new codes” in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
19-21 March, Warsaw, Poland	Second session of the East European School of Political Science (Belarus)
20-22 March, Shkoder, Albania	Second course of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Governance, democracy and development”
19-22 March, Niš, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees for Poverty Reduction in Serbia Seminar for MPs, Session 8,9/10 Topic: tbc
20-22 March, Novi Sad, Serbia	Seminar for Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence Alumni (in cooperation with the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities of Serbia) Topic: “Dialogue for Better Understanding of Local Self-Government Needs”
20-22 March, Crikvenica, Croatia	First national seminar of the Academy for Political Development(Zagreb) Topic: “Citizen, society and politics in modern democracy”
22 March, Velingrad, Bulgaria	Annual meeting of the Alumni Club and bestowing of Alumni prizes – Bulgarian School of Politics
22 - 26 March, Velingrad, Bulgaria	Third national seminar of the Bulgarian School of Politics Topic: “Policies and Practices at the Local and Regional Level”
23-27 March, Tirana, Albania	Workshops of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Academic writing and political discourse” Five groups will meet in the course of the week.

26 March, Kocani, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

Second national seminar of the **Skopje School of Politics**

Topic: “Macedonia and the elections : history of failures and successes”

26 March, Sofia, Bulgaria

Alumni “Thursday Discussions”

27 March, Leskovac, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)

Building Consensus for European Integration
Seminar for local decision makers, session 11/18

26-29 March, Kyiv, Ukraine

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

27-28 March, Bucharest, Romania

“Ovidiu Sincai” European School (Bucharest)

Training module “Participation of Youth and Women Organizations in the electoral campaigns for European elections”, in collaboration with the Jean Jaures Foundation, the Social Democratic Youth and the Women Organization of the Social Democratic Party

31 March, Tirana, Albania

Seminar of the **Albanian School of Political Studies**

Topic: “Threats to democracy: informality, populism and authoritarianism”

April

Dates (tbc), Skopje, Macedonia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)

First regional seminar 2009.

Topic: tbc

Dates (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)

Evening lecture

2–3 April, Sofia, Bulgaria

Info days about the EP elections, organized by BSoP

Alumni Club under a project “‘I vote for Europe’:

Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009”

2-5 April, place (tbc)

Second seminar of the **Baku Political Studies Programme**

2-5 April (tbc), place (tbc), Bosnia and Herzegovina

Academy for Political Excellence (Sarajevo)

Seminar tbc

2-5 April, Odorheiu Secuiesc, Romania

Second national seminar of the **“Ovidiu Sincai” European School**, 2008-2009 edition

Topic: “Preparing the elites for communication in the public space”

2- 5 April, Niš, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) First sub-regional Seminar in the region of South Serbia on European Integration and Local Development Topic: "The Implications of European Integration"
3-5 April, Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina	First seminar of the School of Political Studies (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Topic: "Culture of the dialogue in Bosnia and Herzegovina"
4-8 April, Burgas and Plovdiv, Bulgaria	Info days about the EP elections, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project "'I vote for Europe': Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009"
6-11 April, Tirana, Albania	Workshops of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: "Strategic communication, relation with the public and media" Five groups will meet in the course of the week.
8 April, Paraćin, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Building Consensus for European Integration Seminar for local decision makers, session 12/18
9 - 10 April, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria	Info days about the EP elections, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project "'I vote for Europe': Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009"
10 April, Skopje "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	Alumni meeting of the Skopje School of Politics Topic : "Macedonia's old/new political landscape : assessment of the presidential and local elections"
11 – 12 April, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria	Info days about the EP elections, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project "'I vote for Europe': Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009"
21-23 April, tbc, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Working groups on the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 First seminar, Topic: "Introduction to the UNSCR 1325"
23- 26 April, Zlatibor, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Fourth sub-regional seminar in the region of Southwest Serbia on European Integration and Local Development Topic: "The Future of the Region of Southwest Serbia"
23-26 April, Vienna	Reunion of the Alumni of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School (Bucharest) Topic: "Encouraging a higher voter turnout in the European elections"

24 April, Pirot, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Building Consensus for European Integration Seminar for local decision makers, session 13/18
24-26 April, Tsakhkadzor, Armenia	Third national seminar of the Yerevan School of Political Studies of the 2008-2009 study year Topic : “Democratization of the Society and Operation of the Constitutional Systems”
24-26 April, tbc, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Enhancing Political Participation of Young Political Leaders in Vojvodina Seminar, Session 4/9 Topic: “Values in Politics, Participatory Democracy and Civil Society”
26 -30 April, Velingrad, Bulgaria	Forth National Seminar of the Bulgarian School of Politics Topic: Bulgaria in the European Political Process
27-30 April, Ljubljana, Slovenia (tbc)	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees for Poverty Reduction in Serbia Second Regional Study Visit
30 April, Sofia, Bulgaria	Alumni “Thursday Discussions”
End April, Lillehammer-Oslo, Norway	School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica) III module – with Nansen Academy Topic : “Interethnic relations, anticorruption and Norwegian political system”

May

1-3 May, Vlora, Albania	Third course of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Western Balkans and European Integration”
4 May, Bucharest, Romania	“Ovidiu Sincai” European School (Bucharest) The debate group “Romania in international politics”: The relations between Romania and Turkey. Turkey’s internal situation, in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
Dates (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia	Academy for Political Development (Zagreb) Evening lecture
5 May, Belgrade, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Working groups on the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 Media Event

7 May, Pristina, Kosovo	Seminar organized by the Skopje School of Politics and the Pristina School of Political Studies Topic: “The role of the emerging young elites in the new political realities in the region”
7-9 May, Batumi, Georgia	Fourth seminar of the Tbilissi School of Political Studies
7-10 May, Palić, Serbia	Third national seminar of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence Topic: “Foreign Policy and Security Challenges of the European Serbia”
8-10 May, tbc, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Enhancing Political Participation of Young Political Leaders in Vojvodina Seminar, Session 5/9 Topic: “Party Building”
8 May, Kruševac, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Building Consensus for European Integration Seminar for local decision makers, session 14/18
10 May, Veliko Tarnovo , Bulgaria	First Debate “Why we should vote for EP”, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project “‘I vote for Europe’: Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009”
13 May, Plovdiv, Bulgaria	Second debate “Why we should vote for EP”, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project “‘I vote for Europe’: Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009”
Mid May, Podgorica and Danilovgrad, Montenegro	School of Democratic Leadership (Podgorica) IV module – with OSCE Topic : “Institutions and reforms : from security to following the money”
15 May, Burgas, Bulgaria	Third debate “Why we should vote for EP”, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project “‘I vote for Europe’: Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009”
15 May, Tirana, Albania	Seminar of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Human rights in Europe”
15-17 May, place (tbc), Moldova	Third 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”

18 May, Zrenjanin, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Building Consensus for European Integration Seminar for local decision makers, session 15/18
18-22 May, Portugal (tbc)	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees for Poverty Reduction in Serbia Second Study Visit to Western Europe
19 May, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria	Forth debate “Why we should vote for EP”, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project “‘I vote for Europe’: Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009”
19-22 May, place (tbc)	Third seminar of the Baku Political Studies Programme
21 May, Ohrid, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	Third national seminar of the Skopje School of Politics Topic: “Republic of Macedonia, the European Union and the regional challenges to democracy”
21-24 May, Brač, Croatia	Academy for Political Development (Zagreb) Second national seminar Topic: “Communication skills for public affairs”
22 May, Sofia, Bulgarian National Assembly	Final debate “Why we should vote for EP”, organized by BSoP Alumni Club under a project “‘I vote for Europe’: Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Elections 2009”
22 May, Tirana, Albania	Seminar of the Albanian School of Political Studies Topic: “Lobbying in modern democracy”
22-24 May, Belgrade, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Enhancing Political Participation of Young Political Leaders in Vojvodina Seminar, Session 6/9 Topic: “Serbia and European Integrations”
25 May, Novi Sad, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Working groups on the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 First Session of Working Groups
28 May, Sofia, Bulgaria	Alumni “Thursday Discussions”
28- 31 May, Niš, Serbia	Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia) Second sub-regional Seminar in the region of South Serbia on European Integration and Local Development Topic: “Local Economic Development and European Integration”

28-31 May, Brasov, Romania

“Ovidiu Sincai” European School (Bucharest)
The regional seminar “Security options of the Republic of Moldova”, in collaboration with the **European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova** and the German Marshall Fund of the United States

29 May, Vršac, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
Building Consensus for European Integration
Seminar for local decision makers, session 16/18

29 May, Tirana, Albania

Seminar of the **Albanian School of Political Studies**
Topic: “Terrorism: what can we do about it ?”

June

5 June, Tirana, Albania

Seminar of the **Albanian School of Political Studies**
Topic: “The role of civil society in democracy”

5-7 June (tbc), Belgrade, Serbia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
Second regional seminar 2009.
Topic: “Ecology and energetics” (tbc)

Dates (tbc), Zagreb, Croatia

Academy for Political Development (Zagreb)
Evening lecture

9 June, Čačak, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
Building Consensus for European Integration
Seminar for local decision makers, session 17/18

11-13 June, Batumi, Georgia

Alumni seminar with the **Tbilisi School of Political Studies**

11-14 June, Danube Delta, Romania

Third national seminar of the **“Ovidiu Sincai” European School**, 2008-2009 edition
Topic: “Politics and society in a European democracy”

12 June, Tirana, Albania

Seminar of the **Albanian School of Political Studies**
Topic: “Business, government and regulation”

12-14 June, European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary

Third session of the **East European School of Political Science** (Belarus)
Topic: “Political campaign and media”

18 June, Belgrade, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
Fifth sub-regional event with the participants from the region of Southwest Serbia
Topic: Presentation of the Development Potential of the Region of Southwest Serbia

19 June, Tirana, Albania

Seminar of the **Albanian School of Political Studies**
Topic: “Financial crisis and democratic stability”

22 June, Belgrade, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
Capacity Building of Parliamentary Committees for
Poverty Reduction in Serbia
Seminar for MPs, Session 10/10

22-26 June, tbc, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
Seminar on the ESDP for the representatives of ethnic
minorities

23 June, tbc, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
Working groups on the implementation of the UNSCR
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Second Session of Working Groups

25 June, Sofia, Bulgaria

Alumni “Thursday Discussions”

25 June, Zaječar, Serbia

Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (Serbia)
Building Consensus for European Integration
Seminar for local decision makers, session 18/18

26 June, Tirana, Albania

Seminar of the **Albanian School of Political Studies**
Topic: “Global world: politics and energy”

26-28 June, place (tbc), Moldova

Second seminar of the **European Institute for Political
Studies of Moldova**
Topic: “Effective democracy, efficient governance and
functional market economy. The outcomes of successful
transition”

29 June, Bucharest, Romania

“Ovidiu Sincai” European School (Bucharest)
The debate group “Romania in international politics”:
The relations with the Republic of Moldova after the
Parliamentary elections”, in collaboration with Friedrich
Ebert Stiftung

July

6-10 July, Strasbourg, France

Fourth Summer University for Democracy
Topic: “Global challenges and democratic values”