
CONFERENCE

"THE FUTURE OF POLITICAL PARTIES"

AGENDA

7 September 2015, Grand Hotel Sofia, "Sofia" Hall

Working languages: Bulgarian and English

09:00 - 09:30 REGISTRATION

09:30 – 10:00 OPENING

- Yordanka Fandakova – Chair of the Association „Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria“, Vice-Chair of Political Party GERB, Mayor of Sofia
- Marco Arndt – Head of the office of the “Konrad Adenauer” Foundation in Sofia
- Tomi Huhtanen – Director of Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies
- Tsvetan Tsvetanov – Chair of the Political Group of PP GERB in the 43-rd National Assembly, Vice-Chair of PP GERB

Moderator: Gueorg Gueorgiev – Chair of MGERB, Member of the 43rd National Assembly

PANEL I: Political Parties – Emergence, History and Development

- 10:00 - 10:20** Presentation by **Milen Lyubenov**, Political Scientist
„Political parties and families. History and development of the party system in Bulgaria from the end of the 19th century until the present day“
- 10:20 - 10:40** Presentation by **Antony Galabov**, Political Scientist
“The role and significance of political parties within the context of the modern democratic state“
- 10:40 – 11:00** Discussion
- 11:00 - 11:20** COFFE BREAK

PANEL II: Analysis of the contemporary political parties and party systems in Europe. Peculiarities and alternations

- 11:20 - 11:40** Presentation by **Haralan Aleksandrov**, Social Anthropologist
“The crisis of representation and its dimension in world politics and in Bulgaria“
- 11:40 - 12:00** Presentation by **Rumyana Kolarova**, Political Scientist
“Comparative analysis of the degree of democratization in Bulgaria, in the Western countries and the countries from the former Soviet Bloc based on the development of political systems“
- 12:00 - 12:20** Presentation by **Ognyan Minchev**, Political Scientist
„The future of political parties – are deviations from their main role and functions possible? Are new prospects for the development of this type of political subjects identifiable? Is there potential for the emergence of a new political actor that can take over the function of political parties?“
- 12:20 - 12:50** Discussion
- 12:50** CLOSING