







MIDDLE CLASS, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT: THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Conference organized by the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and Konrad Adenauer Foundation

November 4 - 5, 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria

Sofia University, New Conference Room (North Wing, 2nd floor), 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.

CONFERENCE AGENDA Wednesday, November 4, 2015

12:30 - 13:00 Registration, Lyubka Ilieva

13:00 - 14:00 **OPENING**

Greetings:

Rumiana Stoilova Director of the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, BAS

Marco Arndt Head of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Office in Bulgaria

Jörg Schenk Embassy of FR Germany in Sofia

Representative of the President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Representative of the Minister of the Bulgarian Ministry of Edication

Zornica Rusinova Deputy Minister of the Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

SESSION 1	Moderator: Irina Nedeva (Bulgarian National Radio)
14:00-14:30	Michael Gebel, University of Bamberg, GERMANY:
	The concept of the 'middle class' in a life course perspective
14:30-14:45	Rumiana Stoilova (ISSK-BAS) Transitions of young people from the middle class to first
	work - challenges and opportunities (to be specified)
14:45-15:00	Pepka Boyadjieva, Krastinka Petkova (ISSK-BAS),
	Valery Todorov (Academy of the Ministry of Interior):
	The Social Construction of the Individual's Culture of Giving for Education
15:00-15:15	Ognyan Minchev (IRIS) (to be specified)
15:15-16:00	Discussion
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
SESSION 2	Moderators: Boyan Znepolski (Sofia University)
16:00-16:15	Valentina Milenkova (South-Western University):
	Traditions and Achievements in Studying Middle Class in Bulgarian Social Sciences

16:15-16:45 Jouko Nikula, (University of Helzinki):

Finland: Middle class and middle class jobs – the victims of the progress?

16:45-17:00 Petar Cholakov (ISSK-BAS):

The Ethnic Underclass: the Paper Tower of Roma Integration in Bulgaria

17:00-17:15 Stephan E. Nikolov, Albena Nakova, Galin Gornev (ISSK-BAS):

Role of Foundations in Science and Scientific Research on Social Mobility

17:15-17:30 Rumiana Zheleva (ISSK-BAS):

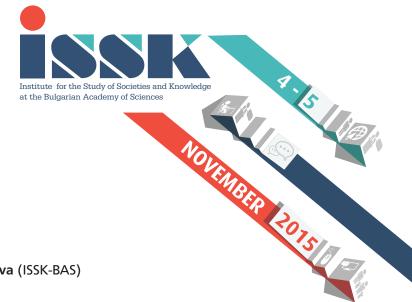
The Model of German Capitalism: Does it Exist? Can it be transferred?

17:30-18:00 Discussion 18:00-18:15 Conclusion

Meeting over a glass of wine







Thursday, November 5, 2015

SESSION 3 Moderator: Mariana Draganova (ISSK-BAS)

09:30-9:45 Martin Tabakov (ISSK-BAS):

Specific features of the middle class in Bulgaria.

9:45-10:00 Emilia Chengelova (ISSK-BAS):

Education and labour market in Bulgaria 2015: Imbalances and key challenges

10:00-10:15 Hristina Ambareva (ISSK-BAS):

Middle Class, Post-Materialism and Political Culture in Bulgaria

10:15-10:30 Julia Doncheva, (University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev"):

The Challenges to Young people that the European Programme "Erasmus+" Poses

10:30-10:45 Anna Varbanova/Martin J. Ivanov (ISSK -BAS):

Project "Training in ecopreneurship in three Bulgarian universities" as

an attempt for action research

10:45-11:00 Svetlana Stamenova (ISSK-BAS):

Development of the subjective middle class identification of some Central and Eastern

European countries during the post-communist transition period (Case -studies based on

cross-national data surveys)

11:00-11:15 Tsocho Zlatkov (ISSK-BAS):

Problems and myths about modern middle class

11:15-11:45 Final Discussion: *The Middle Class in Europe and its Future*

Discussants: The Visiting Scientists Michael Gebel (Germany) and Jouko Nikula (Finland)

12:00 Light lunch

English and Bulgarian are the conference languages.

Simultaneous translation Bulgarian-English-Bulgarian will be provided.

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