



8th ANNUAL MRC CONFERENCE
**ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN THE CONTEXT OF PANDEMIC
 AND WAR CIRCUMSTANCES**
 SOFIA, 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2022

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 20th		<u>ZOOM Link</u> Hybrid format
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration & time to join the online session	
09:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome speeches	<p>Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, LEFMI, UNWE, Director MRC</p> <p>Petar CHOBANOV, Director of Institute for politics and economics, UNWE, Bulgaria</p> <p>Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Diyana MITEVA, Deputy Director of Institute for politics and economics, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria</p> <p>Marcellin YOVOGAN, Head of Department of Finance and Accounting, Sofia University, Bulgaria</p>
09:15 – 10:00 am	Plenary Session <i>In memoriam of prof. Xavier RICHET</i>	<p>Chair: Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Vesselin MINTCHEV, Member of ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Spartak KEREMIDCHIEV, Member of ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Tsvetelina MARINOVA, New Bulgarian University</p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	Keynote Session1	<p>Chair: Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria</p> <p>Mathieu DUNES, University of Picardie Jules Verne, LEFMI, France <i>/Social media usage: issues and challenges for tomorrow/</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 13:00 pm	Presentation session 1	<p>International economics</p> <p>Moderator: Tsvetelina MARINOVA, New Bulgarian University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Elena SIMEONOVA, UNWE, Bulgaria <i>/Some speculations on measurability with WERY (war economic recovery index)/</i></p> <p>Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences <i>/The anti-corruption fight for the protection of the EU funds: new challenges and risks/</i></p> <p>Nino PAPACHASHVILI, Tamta Mikaberidze, Marine Tavartkiladze, Institute for Development Studies, Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University, Georgia <i>/Georgia's Approximation with the EU: Export Challenges/-Online present</i></p> <p>Paskal ZHELEV, UNWE, Bulgaria <i>/The foreign exchange policy of China – is the country a “currency manipulator”?/</i></p> <p>Plamen CHIPEV, Plovdiv University, ERI at BAS, Bulgaria <i>/The Ownership in Different Schools of Economic Thought. Comparisons and an Alternative Approach/</i></p> <p>Tomáš NIKODYM, Prague University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic <i>/Ordoliberalism and liberalism in</i></p>



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		<i>post-war Czechoslovakia (1945–1948)/ - Online presentation</i>
13:00 – 13:45 pm	Lunch	
13:45 – 15:45 pm	Presentation session 2	<p>Banking, crises, currencies Moderator: Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA, Chair Union of Economists in Bulgaria, ERI at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Speakers: Gordon Kerr, founder of Cobden Partners, UK /<i>The evil payment trilogy: push payment fraud; abolition of cash and central bank digital currencies/</i> Iskra CHRISTOVA-BALKANSKA, ERI at Bulgarian academy of sciences /<i>The Bulgarian banking system after the covid 19 pandemic crisis/</i> Kamelia ASSENOVA, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>Is COVID-19 pandemic affect banks activities?/</i> Moustapha AMAN & Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne (LEFMI), France /<i>Monetary Stability and Regional Currency Board: towards a two-tier system to accelerate regional integration in the Horn of Africa. (A Policy Proposal)/</i> Desislava PETKOVA, Sofia University, Bulgaria /<i>Detection of financial statements manipulation using the beneish m-score: the case of companies recently charged by sec./</i> Tsvetelina MARINOVA, New Bulgarian University /<i>Monetary policies to Covid-19 in the Balkans: policy reactions and challenges/</i></p>
15:45 - 16:00 pm	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:30 pm	Keynote Session 2	<p>Chair: Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria</p> <p>Kiril TOCHKOV, Texas Christian University, USA /<i>Trade Potential and Border Effects between Bulgaria and North Macedonia/ - Online presentation</i></p>
19:30 pm	Official Dinner	
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 21st <u>ZOOM Link</u> Hybrid format		
09:00 – 10:30 am	Presentation session 1	<p>Financial and international economics Moderator: Diyana Miteva</p> <p>Speakers: Tadas GUDAITIS, Vilnius University, Lithuania /<i>Assessing funded pensions schemes in Baltic countries from a</i></p>



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		<p>participant's perspective: benefits or losses?/- Online presentation</p> <p>Jeko MILEV, UNWE /<i>The Distribution Phase and the Short-Term Risks for the Universal Pension Funds in Bulgaria</i>/</p> <p>Laurent ESTACHY, KEDGE Business School, France /<i>2022 Inflationary trend: The geostrategic hypotheses in the era of Ukraine's invasion</i>/ - Online presentation</p> <p>Vasily TKACHEV, MGIMO University, Russia /<i>Transition to payments for Russian gas in rubles: one step beyond</i>/ - Online presentation</p>
10:30 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 11:30 pm	Keynote Session 1	<p>Chair: Nikolay NENOVSKY, University of Picardie Jules Verne, UNWE, Director MRC, Bulgaria</p> <p>Antonio MAGLIULO, University of Florence, Italy /<i>Europe. A Road to Peace and Development</i>/ - Online presentation</p>
11:30-12:30	Presentation session 2	<p>International and Financial Economics</p> <p>Moderator: Diyana Miteva</p> <p>Galia TASEVA, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>Financing from suppliers during COVID-19 pandemic: evidence from Bulgarian listed firms</i>/- Online presentation</p> <p>Galia MANCHEVA, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>EU global leadership in trustworthy AI: High-risk applications – implementation and gaps</i>/</p> <p>Nadya VELINOVA-SOKOLOVA, Sofia University, Bulgaria /<i>Challenges of management of green finance after the pandemic</i>/</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00-14:30	Presentation session 2	<p>Monetary and Financial Economics</p> <p>Moderator: Tatiana HOUBENOVA-DELISIVKOVA,</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Gergana MIHAYLOVA, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>Post COVID-19 recovery and new challenges for central and eastern European countries</i>/</p> <p>Dimitar CHOBANOV, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>Bulgaria and the Euro: a year before the target date</i>/</p> <p>Dimitar DAMYANOV & NIKOLAY VELICHKOV, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>Convergence of the GDP structures of CEE countries to the euro area</i>/ - Online presentation</p> <p>Saikak MOULAY-DRISS, Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco /<i>The effectiveness of monetary policy in the context of central bank independence in developing countries</i>/ - Online presentation</p> <p>Diyana Miteva, Deputy Director of Institute for politics and economics, MRC, UNWE, Bulgaria /<i>Impact of pandemics- an economic perspective</i>/</p>
14:30	Closing remarks	<p>Nikolay Nenovsky</p> <p>Diyana Miteva</p>