

# Bulgarian Council for Economic Analyses Annual Conference

## 24-25 June 2024

### Program

#### All times in EEST

<b>24 June 2024</b>	<b>Locations: Aula Magna and Mirror Room at the Rectorate of Sofia University</b>
08:30	Coffee
09:00 – 09:40	<b>Opening Remarks (Location: Aula Magna)</b>
09:00 – 09:05	<b>Welcoming remarks by Georgi Valchev</b> (Rector of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)
09:05 – 09:10	<b>Opening address by Lyudmila Petkova</b> (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria)
09:10 – 09:15	<b>Remarks by Atanas Atanasov</b> (President of the National Statistical Institute)
09:15 – 09:20	<b>Remarks by Virgiliu Midrigan</b> (New York University)
09:20 – 09:30	<b>Remarks by Plamen Nenov</b> (Secretary of the BCEA)
09:40 – 12:00	<b>BCEA Annual Report Presentation and Policy Panel (Location: Aula Magna)</b>
09:40 – 10:00	<b>Presentation of the BCEA Annual Report for 2023</b> Kaloyan Ganev (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Presentation of the Annual Report of the IMF Mission to Bulgaria</b> Geoff Gottlieb (International Monetary Fund)
10:20 – 10:40	<b>Presentation of the World Bank's Country Economic Memorandum</b> Desislava Nikolova (World Bank)
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Policy Panel: <i>Bulgaria's Economic Future: Demographics, Investment, and Euro Area Accession</i></b>  Moderator: <b>Atanas Georgiev</b> (Dean of the FEBA, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)  Panelists: <b>Lyudmila Petkova</b> (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance) <b>Ralitsa Simeonova-Ganeva</b> (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski) <b>Geoff Gottlieb</b> (International Monetary Fund) <b>Desislava Nikolova</b> (World Bank) <b>Atanas Pekanov</b> (WU Wien & WIFO)

- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch and Poster Session
- 13:00 – 13:30 **Introduction to the National Statistics Institute (Location: Mirror Room. Note: limited attendance, pre-registration required)**  
Svilen Kolev (Deputy President of the National Statistical Institute)
- 13:30 – 14:45 **Session 1 (Location: Mirror Room)**  
Chair: **Ralitsa Simeonova-Ganeva** (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)
- Reassessing the impact of the Single Market and its ability to help build strategic autonomy*  
Yoto Yotov (Drexel University)
- EDGAR Database and Investors' Interest from China*  
Oleksandr Talavera (University of Birmingham)
- 14:45 – 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15 – 16:30 **Session 2 (Location: Mirror Room. Note: limited attendance, pre-registration required)**  
Chair: **Plamen Nenov** (Norges Bank and BI Norwegian Business School)
- Macro Uncertainty, Unemployment Risk, and Consumption Dynamics*  
Joonseok Oh (University of Southampton)
- The Hairy Premium*  
Zhaneta Tancheva (BI Norwegian Business School)
- Do Recessions Slow Technology Growth? Evidence from the Firm Level*  
Olga Goldfayn-Frank (Deutsche Bundesbank)
- 19:00 Conference Dinner (by invitation)

<b>25 June 2024</b>	<b>Location: Mirror Room at the Rectorate of Sofia University. Note: limited attendance, pre-registration required</b>
08:30	Coffee
09:00 – 10:15	<p><b>Session 3</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Kaloyan Ganev (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)</b></p> <p><i>Inflation, Money Demand and Portfolio Choice</i>  <b>Kalin Nikolov</b> (European Central Bank)</p> <p><i>Quantitative Easing and Corporate Innovation</i>  <b>Alexander Popov</b> (European Central Bank)</p>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	<p><b>Session 4</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Georgi Kocharkov (Deutsche Bundesbank)</b></p> <p><i>School Tracking and Geographic Mobility: Evidence from Finland</i>  <b>Teodora Tsankova</b> (Tilburg University)</p> <p><i>Disagreement or Misunderstanding? A Field Experiment on Parent-Child Differences Over School Choice</i>  <b>Hristiana Vidinova</b> (University of Chicago)</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>EEA Keynote Lecture: <i>Nonlinear Inflation Dynamics</i></b></p> <p><b>Virgiliu Midrigan</b> (New York University)</p>
14:00 – 14:15	Break
14:15 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 5</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Gueorgui Kambourov (University of Toronto)</b></p> <p><i>Digital Safety Nets: A Roadmap</i>  <b>Karaivanov, Alexander</b> (Simon Fraser University)</p> <p><i>Monetary Policy and the Redistribution Channel in the Euro area</i>  <b>Atanas Pekanov</b> (WU Wien &amp; WIFO)</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break

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**Session 6**

Chair: **Jeff Nilsen** (American University in Bulgaria)

*Interconnected DeFi: Ripple Effects from the Terra Collapse*

**Anton Badev** (Board of Governors & Carnegie Mellon University)

*The Bank of Amsterdam and the Limits of Fiat Money*

**Wilko Bolt** (De Nederlandsche Bank)

*Monetary Policy under Multiple Financing Constraints*

**Alejandro Van der Ghote** (European Central Bank)

19:00

Self-funded Dinner



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