

Provisional program of the SPS Mother Theresa

First Session in 2021

Challenges to Public policy making in times of Covid-19

A brief explanation of the rationale, aims, methods, and the participants

During covid-19 times policymakers and the public sector face their biggest test in generations. We ask our lecturers, in fields ranging from local governance to international development, from conflict resolution expert to those dealing with international relations, to tell us how this epochal event has changed the process of policy making in Macedonia and beyond. How to fight best the health, economic, social, and political crises stemming from COVID-19. We aim to discuss these issues at the first weekend session of the School in 2021. Lecturers/discussants will come from diverse backgrounds and some will be alumni who have experience in the public policy field of and have dealt with the issue at hand. On the other hand, the participants will be attendees of the School generation 2020/2021. The aim is to strengthen the common understanding among the participants and lecturers of the School on the importance of further developing high quality policies in the country. The methods which will be used are round table presentations, debates, and discussions as well as classical lecture followed by questions and answers period. The session will be broadcasted online via the Zoom platform. This will enable all alumni of the School to actively follow and participate with their own views on the matter.

Draft Program

Ohrid 12-14 March, 2020

Day 1: 12th March, 2021

15-18:00 Travel to venue

18:30- 20:00 Ivica Bocevski, **Topic:** Foreign diplomacy and pandemics

20:00 Dinner

Day 2: 13th March, 2021

10:00-11:00 Kristina Misheva, **Topic:** Health policy making and covid-19, online

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Gjorgje Ivanov, **Topic:** World politics in covid-19 times

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30-17:30 Coffee Break and Free time

17:30-18:30 Anastas Vangeli, **Topic:** Geopolitics in times of covid-19, online

19:00- 20:00 Iskra Koroveshovska, **Topic:** Media and covid-19

20:00-21:00 Dinner

Day 3: 14th March, 2021

10:00-11:00 Vishna Shorova-Angelova, **Topic:** Challenges to local governance in times of covid-19

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Ida Manton, **Topic:** International Negotiations in pandemic times, online

13:00-14:30 Lunch and Departure

Lecturers:

Ida Manton: Visiting Professor at the University of Economics, Prague (Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze) and International Consultant.

Anastas Vangeli (PhD, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences) is a Research Fellow at the EU*Asia Institute at the ESSCA School of Management, and an Adjunct Professor at ESSCA's Shanghai Campus.

Vishna Shorova-Angelova, Associate for international cooperation, Department for Local economic development, Municipality of Shtip.

Iskra Koroveshovska, PhD, Head of News Department, Alfa Televizija.

Kristina Misheva, LL.M, PhD, Associate Professor at the Business Law Department at the Faculty of Law at Goce Delchev University.

Ivica Bocevski, diplomat, former Vice Prime Minister and ambassador of Macedonia to Brasil.

Gjorgje Ivanov, PhD, former President of the Republic of Macedonia