

# XXIII SUMMER SEMINAR FOR YOUNG PUBLIC POLICY PROFESSIONALS "FUTURE SCENARIOS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY"

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## Future Scenarios for Central and Eastern Europe in Times of Uncertainty



# PROGRAM

The Summer Seminar is organised by the:



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## Sunday / 11 June 2023

*Arrival of participants & room check-in after 14:00. Individual free time.*

19:00 – 19:30 <i>Ara Hall</i>	<b>Registration and Welcome Drink</b>
19:30 – 19:45	<b>Informal Welcome Session</b> <i>Moderator: Team of the Economic Policy Institute</i>
19:45 – 20:15	<b>Agenda Overview &amp; Self-Introductions of SS2023 participants</b>
20:15	<b>Buffet Dinner at Essentials Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel</b>

*\*\*\* The views, findings and conclusions expressed during the Summer Seminar are those of the speakers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the institutions they represent, the Economic Policy Institute or the organizations supporting the XXIII edition of the Summer Seminar. Organizers reserve the right to make changes to the final program without prior notice.*

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## Monday / 12 June 2023

07:30 – 09:00	<i>Breakfast at Essentials Restaurant</i>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Official opening of 2023 Summer Seminar</b> <i>Yasen Georgiev, Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</i>
<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>PANEL I: CEE and EU's Internal and External Dynamics</b>
09:15 – 10:30 <i>Q&amp;A included</i>	<b>The EU in the Post-War World: Deeper Integration and Strategic Autonomy or Differentiated Integration?</b> <i>Prof. Ingrid Shikova, Full Professor of EU Policies, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 11:45 <i>Q&amp;A included</i>	<b>ONLINE   Political and Economic Dynamics in EU members in CEE</b> <i>Prof. András Inotai, Honorary President, Economic Policy Institute, Budapest</i> <a href="#">Join Q&amp;A at slido.com #FutureCee</a>
11:45 – 12:30 <i>Q&amp;A included</i>	<b>ONLINE   European Perspectives for South Eastern and Eastern Europe – Between Aspirations and Reality</b> <i>Simonida Kacarska, Director of the European Policy Institute, North Macedonia</i> <a href="#">Join Q&amp;A at slido.com #EUEnlargementWB</a>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Buffet Lunch at Essentials Restaurant</i>
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	<b>FORESIGHT SESSION: Central and Eastern Europe – Navigating Uncertainty</b>
13:30 – 14:45	<b>Foresight session I – Team of the Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</b>
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00 – 16:30	<b>Foresight session II – Team of the Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</b>
18:00 – 21:30	<i>Buffet Dinner at Essentials Restaurant</i>

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Tuesday / 13 June 2023

07:30 – 09:00	<b>Breakfast at Essentials Restaurant</b>
<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>PANEL II: Traditional and Hybrid Challenges in CEE</b>
09:00 – 09:15 Q&A included	<b>Project Activities of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in CEE</b> <i>Dr. Klaus Fiesinger, Regional Director for Southeast Europe, Hanns Seidel Foundation</i>
09:15 – 10:15 Q&A included	<b>Countering Media Capture and Disinformation in the CEE</b> <i>Goran Georgiev, Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia</i>
10:15 – 11:00 Q&A included	<b>ONLINE   Countering Fake News and Disinformation in the EU</b> <i>Soren Liborius, Chief Advisor, East Stratcom Task Force, European External Action Service</i> <a href="#">Join Q&amp;A at slido.com #EUvsDisinformation</a>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Morning Session (cont.)</b>	<b>PANEL III: CEE in the Aftermath of the War in Ukraine</b>
11:15 – 12:00 Q&A included	<b>War and Post-War Recovery as Enhancing Factor for Regional Connectivity</b> <i>Yasen Georgiev, Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</i>
12:00– 12:45 Q&A included	<b>ONLINE   Grasping the Opportunity: EU Enlargement</b> <i>Univ.-Prof. Dr.phil. David Florian Bieber, Director, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria</i> <a href="#">Join Q&amp;A at slido.com #EU2023Enlargement</a>
12:45 – 13:45	<b>Buffet Lunch at Essentials Restaurant</b>
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	<b>STUDY VISIT TO VARNA: Exploring War Implications on Security in the Black Sea region</b>
13:55	<b>Meet at the Lobby of Flamingo Grand Hotel / Departure to Varna</b> <i>Please wear casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes. Sun/rain protection is advisable.</i>
14:45 – 15:30	<b>Visit to the Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, Varna, Bulgaria</b>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Effects of the war in Ukraine on Security in the Black Sea and Future Prospects for the Region in the Post-war Period</b> <i>Siyana Lutzkanova, Head, National Security Department, Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, Varna,</i>

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16:45 – 18:45	Free time in Varna
19:00	Meet at the Dormition of the Mother of God Cathedral, Varna / Departure to Albena
20:00 – 21:30	Buffet Dinner at Essentials Restaurant

## Wednesday / 14 June 2023

07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast at Essentials Restaurant
<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>PANEL IV: Contemporary Good Governance Challenges and Innovative Solutions</b>
09:00 – 09:45 Q&A included	Rethinking Good Governance from Behavioral Perspective <i>Pavel Ivanov, Executive Director, Institute of Public Administration, Bulgaria, Sofia</i>
09:45 – 11:00 Q&A included	Workshop: Making Public Institutions Deliver <i>Pavel Ivanov, Executive Director, Institute of Public Administration, Bulgaria, Sofia</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15 Q&A included	ONLINE   Building Public Sector Resiliency and Empowering Public Servants <i>Genti Xhaxhiu, Programme Coordinator, Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA)</i> Join Q&A at <a href="https://www.slido.com">slido.com</a> #PublicResiliency
12:30 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch at Essentials Restaurant
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	<b>FORESIGHT SESSION: Central and Eastern Europe – Navigating Uncertainty</b>
13:45 – 14:45	Foresight session III – <i>Team of the Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16:30	Foresight session IV – <i>Team of the Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</i>
18:00 – 21:30	Buffet Dinner at Essentials Restaurant

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## Thursday / 15 June 2023

07:30 – 09:00	<i>Breakfast at Essentials Restaurant</i>
<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>PANEL V: Green Transition in CEE</b>
09:00 – 10:00 Q&A included	<b>Decarbonisation in CEE vs. Extending/Rebirth of Fossil Fuels</b> <i>Tsvetelina Kuzmanova, Senior Policy Advisor, E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism), Brussels</i>
10:00 – 11:00 Q&A included	<b>Managing the Energy Trilemma in CEE</b> <i>Andrei Covatariu, Co-Chair of Digitalisation in Energy Task Force, UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Morning Session (cont.)</b>	<b>PANEL VI: Digital Transition in CEE</b>
11:30 – 12:30 Q&A included	<b>ONLINE   Public Sector and Disruptive Technologies – Turning Challenges into Opportunities</b> <i>Boyan Jekov*</i> , Associate Professor at the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, Sofia <a href="#">Join Q&amp;A at slido.com #DisruptivePublicSector</a>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Buffet Lunch at Essentials Restaurant</i>
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	<b>FORESIGHT SESSION: Central and Eastern Europe – Navigating Uncertainty</b>
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Foresight session V – Team of the Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</b>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 – 16:45	<b>Foresight session VI – Team of the Economic Policy Institute, Sofia</b>
16:45 – 17:45	<b>Wrap-up Discussion &amp; Final Reflections</b>
19:00 – 21:00	<i>Buffet Dinner at Essentials Restaurant</i>
21:00 – 22:30	<b>Farewell Drink &amp; Awarding of Certificates, Flamingo Grand Hotel</b>

## Friday / 16 June 2023

*Room check-out by 12:00 am, followed by individual departure of participants*