

PROGRAM

6th International Student and Doctoral Conference on the topic:

“Economic Integration, Transformations and Sustainability: European and Global Perspectives”

15.05.2026

UIF, Hall 501, Floor 5

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08:45 – 09:15 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

09:15 – 09:20 **Official Opening**

Assoc. Prof. DSc Eduard Marinov, Vice-Rector of UIF

09:20 – 10:30 Panel 1: Euro adoption, monetary integration, multilateral trade and economic convergence

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Daniela Karaangova, PhD, UIF

09:20 – 09:30 **Euro adoption, monetary integration and economic convergence**

Lazara Prichkapova, Undergraduate student, UIF

09:30 – 09:40 **Euro adoption, monetary integration and economic convergence**

Deyvid Skalekov, Undergraduate student, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

09:40 – 09:50 **Economic convergence and macroeconomic dynamics of Bulgaria within the European Union (2020–2024)**

Fenis Krachov, Master’s student, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

09:50 – 10:00 **Reframing EU External Action: Investment-Led Development and Human Rights Conditionality**

Dr. Vladimir Milev, UIF, Attorney **Dimitar Tanchev**

10:00 – 10:10 **Assessing interest rate and inflation shock risks for Bulgarian households after Euro adoption (online)**

Ivan Ivanov, Doctoral student, UIF

10:10 – 10:20 **Euro adoption, monetary integration and economic convergence: challenges and prospects for Bulgaria (online)**

Yoan Ivanov, Master's student, UIF

10:20 – 10:30 **Compensatory Tolerance and the Push-Pull Mechanism of Remote Work: Evidence from a Small Open Economy (online)**

Vladimer Togonidze, PhD Candidate, International Black Sea University, Georgia

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:05 Panel 2: Green transformation, sustainability and competitiveness

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Daniela Karaangova, PhD, UIF

10:45 – 10:55 **The Illusion of Recoverability: Afforestation as a Limited Measure for Compensating Degradation and Loss of Natural Forest Ecosystems**

Paulina Vanegas, Undergraduate student, UIF

10:55 – 11:05 **Climate Risks: Nature and Economic Impacts on Japan**

Gabriela Pavlova, Undergraduate student, UIF

11:05 – 11:15 **The price of cheap clothing: environmental and social dimensions of the fashion industry**

Alexandra Nikolova, Undergraduate student, UIF

11:15 – 11:25 **The green transition as a factor in the (non)reduction of NEET rates: A regional analysis of Bulgaria and a model for labour market integration** ([online](#))

Lyudmil Spasov, PhD student, Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

11:25 – 11:35 **The Psychology of Design in the Context of Eurozone Accession: The Strategic Role of Product Design Solutions in Shaping Sustainable Consumer Behavior within the Circular Economy**

Galabina Fileva, Undergraduate student, UIF

11:35 – 11:45 **How Japan Applies the Principles of the Circular Economy in Daily Life and Industry?**

Yoan Vladimirov, Undergraduate student, UIF

11:45 – 11:55 **EUROPEAN ENERGY MARKETS: INTEGRATION, SHOCKS AND ROLE OF VOLATILITY AND SOVEREIGN BOND YIELDS** ([online](#))

Dimitar Granchev, PhD student, Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

11:55 – 12:05 **Performance-oriented management and faculty sustainability in China's applied universities: a case study of Wenzhou University of Technology** ([online](#))

Gao Qingwen, Doctoral student, Wenzhou University of Technology; Daugavpils University, Latvia

Xing Yulan, Doctoral student, Daugavpils University, Latvia

12:05 – 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 – 15:00 Panel 3: Small and open economies in the context of global transformation

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Diyana Bankova, PhD, UIF

13:00 – 13:10 **Social risks in Malta**

Borislav Hristov, Undergraduate student, UIF

13:10 – 13:20 **Gravity analysis of electricity trade as a tool for assessing regional economic integration and sustainability: Bulgaria and its partners (2020–2024)**

Stefan Kostadinov; Aleksandr Khachaturov, Undergraduate students, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

13:20 – 13:30 **Refugee crises in the context of economic crisis**

Mariana Tosheva, PhD student, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

13:30 – 13:40 **Small and open economies in the conditions of global transformation**

Valentina Hristova; Katerina Ilieva, Undergraduate students, UIF

13:40 – 13:50 **Global shocks, crises, and macroeconomic stability**

Konstantin Anastasov, Undergraduate student, UIF

13:50 – 14:00 **Population migration in Bulgaria in the context of globalization (online)**

Iva Manova, PhD student, South-West University “Neofit Rilski”, Blagoevgrad

14:00 – 14:10 **The Impossible Debate: Proportional or Progressive Income Taxation in Bulgaria (online)**

Maria Dimitrova, Master’s student, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

14:10 – 14:20 **Sustainability and Global Trade: Supply Chain Adaptation and Strategies for Small Economies (online)**

Gleb Petrov, Undergraduate student, Government's University of Education, Russia

14:20 – 14:30 **Migration, Economic Transformation and Diaspora Networks: The Case of Georgian Migration to the United States (online)**

Lasha Vashakidze, Early-career researcher, International Black Sea University, Georgia

14:30 – 14:40 **Efficiency and dynamics of investments: ICOR-based comparative evidence from Slovenia and Croatia** ([online](#))

Andraž Konc, Doctoral student, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia

14:40 – 14:50 **Economic Integration and the Latecomer Disadvantage: Long-Run Catch-Up and Structural Vulnerability in the Visegrad Countries** ([online](#))

Weibo Zhou, Doctoral student, Daugavpils University, Latvia

14:50 – 15:00 **The impact of the war in Ukraine on the EUR-USD exchange rate** ([online](#))

Juliette Visnovsky, PhD student, UIF

15:00 – 15:20 Coffee Break

15:20 – 16:20 Panel 4: Digital Transformation and Economic Policy

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Diyana Bankova, PhD, UIF

15:20 – 15:30 **Systemic Digital Financial Risk and Regulatory Transformation in the Digital Economy**

Dr. Peter Petrov, St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

15:30 – 15:40 **The Impact of Digital Transformation on Auditing and the Quality of Financial Reporting** ([online](#))

Denitsa Dilova, Undergraduate student, UIF

15:40 – 15:50 **Digitalization of Accounting in the Non-Governmental Sector** ([online](#))

Adriana Branicheva, PhD student, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

15:50 – 16:00 **Workplace Well-being: Specifics, Challenges and Managerial Perspectives in the Transport Industry (online)**

Veselina Dimova, PhD student, UNWE

16:00 – 16:10 **The impact of corporate digital maturity on customer experience: a cross-industry study within Albania's retail and real estate sectors - (online)**

Flavia Rira, Master's student, Tirana Business University

16:10 – 16:20 **Student Conferences: Enhancing Academic Skills and Global Engagement through Erasmus+**

Tika Barkalaia, Undergraduate student, International Black Sea University, Georgia

16:20 – 16:30 **Digital Transformation in East Asian Higher Education: Shaping Competitive Futures (online)**

Qingling Bu, Liuji Zhang, Doctoral students, Daugavpils University, Latvia

16:30 – 16:45 **Meeting of the Committee for Determining the Winners**

16:45 – 16:50 **Announcement of the Winners**

16:50 – 16:55 **Closing of the Conference**

Working languages of the conference: Bulgarian and English



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