



**Programme**  
**International Conference**  
**"Emerging Party Systems and the European Context"**  
**12 September 2008, Sofia**

Organised by Centre for Advanced Study Sofia

**Venue: "Boris Hristov" Music Centre, 43, Tsar Samuil St.**

**9:30** Opening: Introduction and overview (P. Lewis/R. Markowski)

**10:00 – 12:00 Panel 1:** Issues of Party System Institutionalisation:

Chairman: G. Karasimeonov

Discussant: D. Smilov

- Party System Institutionalisation (P. Lewis/R. Markowski)
- Representation (R. Markowski/Z. Enyedi)
- Patterns of inter-party competition (Z. Enyedi/F. Casal Bertoa)

**12:00 – 13:30** Lunch

**13:30 – 15:30 Panel 2:** Participation and Legitimacy

Chairman: Antony Todorov (to be confirmed)

Discussant: D. Dimitrov

- Changing patterns of participation (M. Fink Hafner)
- Voter turnout and EU policies (M. Czesnik)
- Populism and the radical right (/H. Kitschelt/ L. Siroky)

**15:30 – 16:00** Coffee Break

**16:00 – 18:00 Panel 3:** EU Influence and Comparative Issues

Chairman: R. Kolarova

Discussant: M. Lubenov

- Parties and their consolidation in post-communist democracies: impacts of EU enlargement (G. Pridham)
  - Europeanisation and party system instability: influence of changing constraints on policy space (R. Ladrech)
  - Party/state relations (P. Kopecky/M. Spirova)
- (Tabled paper from M. Walecki: Party finance in European context)

**19:00** Dinner

---

**Venue:**

*"Boris Hristov" Music Centre*  
*43, Tsar Samuil St*  
*Sofia*