



# **BALKANSKI-PANITZA INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY**

## **2016 Summer School in Economics**

**with Prof. Philippe Aghion, Harvard University**

### **About the organizers:**

The Balkanski-Panitzta Institute for Advanced Study (BPIAS) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of innovation and excellence in sciences, technology, humanities and social studies. The Institute was established by prominent European and American academics gathered in Fourges, France, on 20 June 2011, under the inspiration of Dimi Panitzta.

The goal of the institute is to promote outstanding research at institutions across Bulgaria, to enhance cooperation among disciplines and scholars, to create new opportunities and enhance perspectives in the areas of both sciences and social studies. BPIAS seeks to make a lasting contribution to the advancement of sciences and technology in Bulgaria and its wider region. To achieve this goal, BPIAS organizes a regular annual series of Summer Schools on highly specialized topics.

### **About the Summer School:**

In August 2016, the Institute will organize its first Summer School in Economics titled:

#### **"Innovation, New Trade, and New Growth"**

under the guidance and with the esteemed participation of Philippe Aghion, Harvard University. Philippe Aghion is the Robert C. Waggoner Professor of Economics at Harvard University, and a fellow of the Econometric Society and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His research focuses on the economics of growth. With Peter Howitt, he pioneered the so-called Schumpeterian Growth paradigm which was subsequently used to analyze the design of growth policies and the role of the state in the growth process.

Further, the list of lecturers includes prominent young economists such as Kalina Manova / Stanford University, Stefanie Stancheva / Harvard University, Julian Kolev / SMU COX School of Business, and Ufuk Akcigit / University of Chicago.

The duration of the school is 5 days and will include, apart from the core lecture series in the morning, various special topics presentations in the evening. Confirmed presenters include: Vessela Daskalova / Cambridge, Vania Stavrakeva / London Business School, Alexander Popov / ECB, Plamen Nenov / Norwegian Business School, and Nina Budina / IMF.

Early afternoons are reserved for walks and small group interactions. In addition, the School organizes poster sessions, which would allow all participants to receive general research guidance as a complement to the specific topics covered by the speakers.

**Venue:**

The school will be hosted by the Minu Balkanski Foundation at its world-class educational facilities in the village of Oriahovitza, which is situated in the picturesque country-side of central Bulgaria.

**Application Process and Fees:**

The summer school aims to attract talented graduate students, and young post-docs, who will be selected by the organizing committee based on a standard set of application materials such as CV, motivation letter, and a research statement.

The participation fee for the summer school is BGN 1,000. The fee includes access to all lectures and organized activities, study materials, accommodation, meals, coffee breaks, etc. Individual travel expenses are not covered by the participation fee.

Interested candidates should submit their application materials in electronic form to: [agurov@aubg.edu](mailto:agurov@aubg.edu).

We look forward to receiving your application,

The Organizing Team