



# 2021 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**  
LEARN HOW TO EVALUATE THE ECONOMIC  
IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



## ORGANIZERS

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## PLATFORM AND JOINING INFO

**GOOGLE MEET**

VIDEO CALL LINK:

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We are thrilled to present you the eminent keynote speakers for the 11th International Summer School. Each brings tremendous amount of knowledge and expertise in various economic fields. Don't miss the chance to hear more about the views and research findings of highly qualified academicians and experts regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Prof. Blaženka Divjak,**  
**Ph.D.**

**Blaženka Divjak** holds a PhD in Mathematics and is a Full professor at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Organization and Informatics. She has served as Vice-Rector for students and study programs at UniZG (2010-2014) and as a Croatian Minister for Science and Education (06/2017-07/2020). Blaženka was leading four major reform processes: curricular reform of general education, reform of vocational education and training, enhancement of relevance of higher education and excellence of research. She was chairing EU Council of ministers for education and Council of ministers for research and space in 2020, leading the process of adopting several Council conclusions (future teachers, future jobs, brain circulation etc.) as well as coordinating the EU response to the COVID-19 crises in education in research. She was a coordinator and researcher in over 30 national and international projects and networks. Her area of professional interest and expertise includes mathematics, curriculum development, e-learning, learning analytics, strategic decision making in higher education, Bologna process, etc.

**Prof. Dragan Tevdovski,**  
**Ph.D.**



**Dragan Tevdovski** is a Full time Professor at the Faculty of Economics in Skopje with major academic and professional works in statistics, econometrics, time-series analysis and policy analysis. He won the best scientist award at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje in 2015 and his articles have been published in prestigious international journals with impact factor. He was multiple times selected as one of the most inspiring professors in North Macedonia. His academic development includes study stays at renowned Universities in the USA, Denmark, England, Spain and Italy. Dragan was Minister of Finance in the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia (2017-2019). He is currently Advisor to the Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund. His professional activities include participation in over 9 international and multiple national projects as well as holding courses and trainings for the business community.



**Ana Mitreska,**  
**M.Sc.**

**Ana Mitreska** is a Vice Governor of the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia and since 2011 a Director of the National Bank Monetary Policy and Research Department. She coordinates, organizes and promotes the work of the Department in the area of regular reports and other analytical research and takes active participation in the formulation of proposals for changes in monetary policy, as well as in discussions related to this issue through the membership in the Operational Monetary Policy Committee. Her portfolio includes project activities in the area of monetary and fiscal policy, international economy, banking and corporate finance. Most of these activities are published in the form of scientific and expert papers. Also, she is directly involved in discussions with international financial institutions and rating agencies.

**Prof. Violeta Cvetkoska,**  
**Ph.D.**



**Violeta Cvetkoska** is an Associate Professor of the courses: Operational Research and Fundamentals of Business Analytics and Head of the EUI at the Faculty of Economics in Skopje. She excels at transferring her deep knowledge and skills to students and managers, enabling them to become data-driven professionals helping companies obtain a competitive edge through analytics and artificial intelligence. Her international academic career has been developed in the most renown Universities in Europe, North and South America and Asia. She has published several scientific papers in renown international journals and conferences. Prof. Cvetkoska actively participates a member of the editorial boards in SCOPUS and Web of Science indexed journals, international societies and working groups of the Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO). Her exceptional ability to conduct original research has been recognized and awarded by IFORS and Creative Decision Foundation.





**Shay Tsur,**  
**Ph.D.**

**Shay Tsur** is a Senior Advisor for the Dutch Executive Director who represents, among others, Israel and North Macedonia in the Board of the IMF. Prior to joining the IMF in August 2020, he held several positions in the Research Department of the Central Bank of Israel, including a senior researcher and the acting manager of the Macroeconomics unit. Notably, his research addresses the complex fields of economic growth, productivity, human capital and family economics. In 2019 he led a team that composed a report on increasing labor productivity in Israel. He has composed dozens of papers and chapters on the Israeli economy, including a chapter on productivity in the recently published book “The Israeli Economy, 1995–2017 Light and Shadow in a Market Economy”. He holds a PhD Degree in economics from Tel-Aviv University.

**Metodija Mirchev,**  
**M.Sc.**



**Metodija Mirchev** originally started his professional career in the FMCG industry in Poland, working on several managerial positions in international companies. Before entering the telecommunication industry, he held an executive position at L'Oréal Poland. In 2005, he was appointed as a Sales Manager at Cosmofon, a leading telecommunication company, and in 2007, he was promoted to a Chief Commercial Manager of the company. In 2011, he was appointed Chief Sales & Marketing Officer at ONE, part of the Telecom Slovenije Group, and in 2013, Metodija has earned his promotion to the position of executive member of the ONE Board of Directors, at the position of Chief Operating Officer. Metodija is M.Sc. graduate from Warsaw University of Technology and he holds Executive MBA diploma from London Business School, HEC Paris and NHH Norway. Since January 2020, he is the Executive Director of A1 Macedonia part of A1 Telekom Austria Group as part of America Movil Group.



**Prof. Zrinka Lukač,**  
**Ph.D.**

**Zrinka Lukač** is a full professor at the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Economics and Business Zagreb (FEB), where she teaches at the undergraduate and doctoral program, as well as at the English-taught undergraduate program. She obtained the BSc degree in Pure Mathematics from Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics, University of Zagreb, and MSc degree in Operational Research as well as PhD degree in Economics from Faculty of Economics and Business Zagreb (FEB). She was a Fulbright Scholar at Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado. She was the Head of the Department of Mathematics at FEB and the president of the Croatian Operational Research Society. Her research interests includes metaheuristics, bilevel decision making and optimization. She is the member of the editorial board of several scientific journals and conferences.

**Prof. Klime Poposki,**  
**Ph.D.**



**Klime Poposki** is a professor at the insurance department of the University of St. Kliment Ohridski. He served as President of the Council of Experts, the management body of the Macedonian Insurance Supervision Agency in 2009-2019. He started his professional career in 1995 as a banker in the treasury department. After 1999, Poposki joined the University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Ohrid as a teaching assistant, starting with building his academic career as a researcher and lecturer. He earned his Ph.D from the Faculty of Economics, University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" in 2006, and since 2013 he is an Associate Professor, teaching risk management and insurance. Professor Poposki is a member of the Board of Governors of the Asia Pacific Risk Insurance Association, member of the European Group of Risk and Insurance Association and International Insurance Society. In the field of scientific research work he has given his contribution through published research papers in international and national journals and held numerous presentations on various conferences with special focus on digitalization of insurance services.



# AGENDA

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

10:00 - 10:30h

Prof. Igor Ivanovski, Ph.D.

Head of the Organizing Board of the 11th International Summer School, Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

Prof. Nikola Jankulovski, Ph.D.

Rector of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

Fatmir Bytyqi

Deputy of the Prime Minister in charge of economic affairs, coordination of economic sectors and investments

Prof. Predrag Trpeski, Ph.D.

Dean of the Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

### PLENARY SESSION I

Moderator: Prof. Violeta Cvetkoska, Ph.D.

10:35 - 11:05h

Prof. Zrinka Lukač, Ph.D.

Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb (CRO)

10:35 - 10:55h LECTURE

10:55 - 11:05h Q&A DEBATE

### RESEARCH SESSION I

11:05 - 12:20h

Mimoza Arifi

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

11:05 - 11:20h

Eva Murko

Faculty of Public Administration, University of Ljubljana (SLO)

11:20 - 11:35h

Darko Iliov

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

11:35 - 11:50h

Teodora Kiryakova - Dineva

South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Blagoevgrad (BG)

11:50 - 12:05h

Martin Kiselicki

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

12:05 - 12:20h

# MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

## AGENDA



BREAK

12:20 - 13:00h

### PLENARY SESSION II

Moderator: Viktor Stojkoski, Ph.D.

13:00 - 13:30h

13:00 - 13:20h LECTURE

13:20 - 13:30h Q&A DEBATE

Prof. Dragan Tevdovski, Ph.D.

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

### RESEARCH SESSION II

13:30 - 14:30h

Festim Tafolli

Alpen-Adria Universitat, Klagenfurt (AUS)

13:30 - 13:45h

Marija Tasheva

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

13:45 - 14:00h

Brankica Miladinova

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

14:00 - 14:15h

Dea Saveska

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

14:15 - 14:30h

CONCLUDING REMARKS OF DAY 1

# TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

# AGENDA

## PLENARY SESSION III

Moderator: Prof. Vesna Bucevska, Ph.D.

10:00 - 11:00h

● Ana Mitreska, M.Sc.  
National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia

10:00 - 10:20h LECTURE

10:20 - 10:30h Q&A DEBATE

● Metodija Mirchev, M.Sc.  
A1 Macedonia (MKD)

10:30 - 10:50h LECTURE

10:50 - 11:00h Q&A DEBATE

## RESEARCH SESSION III

11:00 - 12:15h

● Riste Kostovski  
Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

11:00 - 11:15h

● Tea Saveska  
Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

11:15 - 11:30h

● Bardhyl Dauti  
Faculty of Economics, University of Tetovo (MKD)

11:30 - 11:45h

● Ali Maksuti  
Faculty of Economics, University of Tetovo (MKD)

11:45 - 12:00h

● Albana Demi  
University "Alexander Moisiu" - Durres (ALB)

12:00 - 12:15h



BREAK

12:15 - 12:40h

## PLENARY SESSION IV

Moderator: Filip Peovski, M.Sc.

12:40 - 13:30h

● Prof. Violeta Cvetkoska, Ph.D.  
Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

12:40 - 12:55h LECTURE

12:55 - 13:00h Q&A DEBATE

● Prof. Blaženka Divjak, Ph.D.  
Faculty of Organization and Informatics, University of Zagreb (CRO)

13:00 - 13:20h LECTURE

13:20 - 13:30h Q&A DEBATE



# TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

## AGENDA

### RESEARCH SESSION IV

13:30 - 14:30h

Darko Kazankov

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

13:30 - 13:45h

Paula-Simona Padurariu

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi (RO)

13:45 - 14:00h

Mirjana Stojanovska

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

14:00 - 14:15h

Mila Kostova

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

14:15 - 14:30h

### CONCLUDING REMARKS OF DAY 2

# WEDNESDAY

## SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

# AGENDA

### PLENARY SESSION V

Moderator: Prof. Kalina Trenevsk-Blagoeva, Ph.D. **10:00 - 10:30h**

Prof. Klime Poposki, Ph.D.

Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, University  
"St. Kliment Ohridski" - Ohrid (MKD)

10:00 - 10:20h LECTURE

10:20 - 10:30h Q&A DEBATE

### RESEARCH SESSION V

**10:30 - 11:45h**

Blagica Pupunoska

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

10:30 - 10:45h

Bojan Kitanovikj

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

10:45 - 11:00h

Sauda Nerjaku

University of Tirana (ALB)

11:00 - 11:15h

Monika Arsova

Faculty of Economics, University "Goce Delcev" - Shtip (MKD)

11:15 - 11:30h

Mariya Velkova

Dimitar A. Tsenov Academy of Economics - Svishtov (BG)

11:30 - 11:45h



BREAK

**11:45 - 12:15h**



OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

**12:15 - 12:45h**

Viktor Stojkoski, Ph.D.

Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)



BREAK

**12:45 - 13:00h**

### PLENARY SESSION VI

Moderator: Prof. Marija Trpkova-Nestorovska, Ph.D.

**13:00 - 13:30h**

Shay Tsur, Ph.D.

International Monetary Fund (ISR)

13:00 - 13:20h LECTURE

13:20 - 13:30h Q&A DEBATE



# WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

## AGENDA

### RESEARCH SESSION V

13:30 - 14:45h

- **Milanka Dimovska** 13:30 - 13:45h  
Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)
- **Jehona Musliu** 13:45 - 14:00h  
Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)
- **Dejan Ravšelj** 14:00 - 14:15h  
Faculty of Public Administration, University of Ljubljana (SLO)
- **Filip Peovski** 14:15 - 14:30h  
Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)
- **Andreja Paligorova** 14:30 - 14:45h  
Faculty of Economics - Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (MKD)

CLOSING OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL



# FINAL NOTE TO OUR PARTICIPANTS

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We would like to thank all participants for the great interest shown for this year's International Summer School. In order to rationalize time-management and make the event for efficient, we note the following for the Research Sessions:

Total presentation time is limited to 15 minutes out of which:

- 10 minutes for research presentation
- 5 minutes for brief discussions and Q&A

Please follow these timings strictly, to avoid any potential session overlapping. We advise our participants to prepare themselves and their PowerPoint presentations at least 5 minutes prior to their speech.

While the Google Meet platform is perceived as fairly intuitive, we advise you to check once more the brief instructions on how to present during the online meeting: [Present during a video call - Computer - Google Meet Help](#)

Working language of the 2021 International Summer School is **English**.

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