



*Conference*

## **Media and Political Influences**

May 16, 2016

CSD Conference Hall

### *Agenda*

**09:45**     *Registration*

**10:15**     *Opening*

**Dr. Ognian Shentov**, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy

**Ambassador Tom van Oorschot**, Embassy of the Netherlands

**Rumen Alexandrov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria

**10:30**     *Media (In)Dependence*

**Tihomir Bezlov**, Senior Fellow, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

**Dr. Malgorzata Pek**, Programme Officer, Media and Internet Division, Council of Europe

*Discussion*

**11:30**     *Coffee break*

**11:45**     *Media Impartiality and Balance*

**Dr. Lyubomir Kutin**, Senior Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy

**Prof. Katharine Sarikakis**, Professor of Media Industries, Media Organisation and Media Governance, Department of Communication, University of Vienna

**Christian Spahr**, Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Media Program South East Europe

*Discussion*

*Moderator:* **Dr. Mois Faion**, Senior Fellow, Security Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

**13:30**     *Closing and cocktail*