Seminar

**“Populism and Propaganda: The Roots of the Anti-EU and Anti-NATO Social Attitudes Today"**

**March 8, 2018, 9.30 – 13.30 h.**

**New Bulgarian University, hall 409**

Co-organizers:

**Human and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia (HSSF)**

**NATO STRATCOM Centre of excellence, Riga**

**NATO CMDR Centre of excellence, Sofia**

**Department of Philosophy and Sociology, NBU**

**Department of Political Science, NBU**

First session: **The Populist Pro-Russian Propaganda in Bulgaria**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Dimitar Vatsov (HSSF/NBU)

9.40 – 10.00 – Opening.

10.00 – 10.20 – “Russian economic footprint and media influence in Bulgaria” – Martin Vladimirov, analyst, Economic program, Center for the Study of Democracy.

10.20 – 10.40 – “Anti-EU and anti-NATO propaganda in the Bulgarian media: 2013-2016” - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milena Iakimova, Human and Social Studies Foundation - Sofia/Sofia University]

10.40 – 11.00 – “Influence of Anti-EU and anti-NATO Propaganda on Bulgarian Public Opinion” - Assoc. Prof. Boriana Dimitrova, Managing partner, Alpha Research Agency.

11.00 – 11.30 – Discussion

11.30 – 11.50 - Coffee break

Second session: **NATO Countering Disinformation**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Evgeny Daynov (NBU)

11.50 – 12.30 – Lecture: “Hostile information activities around Baltic Sea” - Major Tomas Balkus, Staff officer, NATO StratCom COE.

12.30 – 13.10 – Lecture: “NATO Enhanced forward presence. Hostile narratives” - Beata Biały, Senior expert, NATO StratCom COE.

13.10 – 13.40 – Discussion.