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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

MOROCCAN CONSTITUTIONALISM IN THE 21st CENTURY

19 November 2025 (Wednesday), 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,
Hall 243, North Wing, Rectorate Building
Sofia University, 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.

PROGRAM

17.30 – 17.45 **OPPENING**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Simeon Evstatiev

Head of the Department of Arabic and Semitic Studies
Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Opening and official addresses

- **PROF. DR. GEORGI VALCHEV**, Rector of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
- **H.E. MRS. ZAKIA EL MIDAOU**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Morocco, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Bulgaria
- **PROF. DR. GERGANA PETKOVA**, Dean of the Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology

Working languages: Bulgarian and English

17.45 – 18.45 **PRESENTATIONS**

- 17.45 – 17.55

PROF. DR. SIMEON EVSTATIEV, Head of the Department of Arabic and Semitic Studies, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

— *Morocco in the Modern Arab World: Introduction*

- 17.55 – 18.15

ASSOC. PROF. DR. YACINE TANANE, Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra (Morocco)

— *The 2011 Constitution of the Kingdom of Morocco: Changes in Moroccan Constitutional Culture*

- **18.15 – 18.30**

PROF. DSC GEORGI BLIZNASHKI, Director of the Center for Constitutionalism and Democracy,
Gallup International Balkan

— *The Moroccan Constitution of 2011: Tradition and Modernity* (in Bulgarian)

- **18.30 – 18.45**

ASSIST. PROF. DR. STOYAN DOKLEV, Department of Arabic and Semitic Studies, Sofia
University St. Kliment Ohridski

— *Religion and National Identity in the 2011 Moroccan Constitution*

18.45 – 19.00 DISCUSSION

19.00 COCKTAIL

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