

## #EISAPEC19: Final words

Dear EISA PEC19 participants,

the 13<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations took place at Sofia University "Sveti Kliment Ohridski" in the beautiful capital of Bulgaria on 11-14 September 2019. And what a conference it was! Our heartfelt thanks to the programme chairs of PEC19, Juha A. Vuori and Saara Särmä from the University of Tampere whose vision and guidance made the intellectual content of EISA's 2019 flagship event, entitled 'A Century of Show and Tell: The Seen and the Unseen of IR' a riveting success. We are grateful to the chairs of 50 unique sections, covering the umbrella theme of the conference from visualisations and symbolic orders to critical military studies, international political sociology, international law, multiplicity, rituals, capitalism and beyond across 260 panels and roundtables. Your input, along with that of the plenary speakers and all panellists provides the academic core of our conversations and exchanges. The fascinating opening plenary, semi-plenaries and the captivating Sofia Address offered by the renowned Bulgarian economist Krassen Stanchev started PEC19 off with an aplomb. The various professional advancement workshops targeted at early career researchers (and not just) provided a welcome balance to the more traditional panel and roundtable formats.

All of this would not have been possible without the tireless work of our local hosts at Sofia University: Rector Anastas Gerdzhikov, local organisers Lyubov Mincheva and Boris Kostov, and the many helpful student volunteers. The staff of C-IN made the event practically happen, ordering a stunning sunset to be witnessed by the conference participants just for the time of the Grand Reception at the National Palace of Culture.

We hope to see many of you who were present at PEC19 in Sofia as well as all those members of the EISA community for whom this year's conference remained part of the 'unseen IR' at PEC2020 in Malta next September.

On behalf of the EISA Board,

with best wishes for the new academic year,

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