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## EURASIA Launch Event in Bulgaria

The launch event of the project *EURASIA – Revitalizing European Studies Across Asian Universities –* took place in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 21-24 May, 2018. The project coordinator, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, hosted delegations from the eight partner universities: Jagiellonian University (Poland), University of Catania (Italy), O.P. Jindal Global University (India), Symbiosis International University (India), Guangdong University (China), Beijing Foreign Studies University (China), The Languages Company (UK) and the Universite de Versailles St-Quentin-en-Yvelines (France). In the course of four days the participants discussed the opportunities for strengthening the academic and cultural dialogue between the partner universities through faculty exchanges and the development of new courses and programs in European Union Studies in China and India. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Rector of Sofia University, Prof. Dr. Anastas Gerdjikov and official representatives of the partner universities signed bilateral partnership agreements for the implementation of the project EURASIA. The next day the foreign guests had the unique opportunity to join the traditional celebratory procession led by Bulgarian government officials, academia, schools, teachers and citizens on the occasion of 24 May, the Day of Bulgarian Culture and Cyrillic Alphabet.

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