

## Georgi Bliznashki

Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria



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### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 1983 – Present      Full-time Professor at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, BG.  
Faculty of Law, Department of Constitutional Law,  
Professor in Constitutional law  
Courses taught in BD and MD programs of Constitutional Law of the Republic of Bulgaria,  
Introduction to Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Parliamentary Law, Political  
System of the European Union
- 2012 – Present      Visiting professor  
South-West University “Neofit Rilski”  
Faculty of Law and History, Department of Public Law and Public Management ([www.swu.bg](http://www.swu.bg))  
Course taught in Constitutional law of the Republic of Bulgaria, and General  
Theory of the State
- 2006 – Present      Part-time lecturer  
Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”, Faculty of Law  
([www.vfu.bg](http://www.vfu.bg))  
Course taught in Constitutional Law of the Republic of Bulgaria, and General  
Theory of the State
- 2006 – 2011      New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Faculty of Law ([www.nbu.bg](http://www.nbu.bg))

Course taught in Constitutional Law, European Constitutional Law,  
Municipality Law, Legislative Drafting

#### **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE**

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| 2014               | Prime-minister of the Republic of Bulgaria,<br>Interim government (August 2014-November 2014)   |
| 2014               | Chair-person of the Initiative committee for the organisation of a national referendum on<br>election rules reform (February – May 2014)  |
| 1977 – March, 2014 | Member of the Bulgarian Socialist Party   |
| 2005 – 2009        | Member of the 40 <sup>th</sup> Bulgarian Parliament, Committee on European Issues and<br>Committee on Education and Science, Parliamentary group of “Coalition for<br>Bulgaria”, Deputy-chair of the Parliamentary Group for Friendship between<br>Bulgaria and USA |
| 2007               | Member of the European Parliament, Constitutional Committee and Committee<br>on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, Member of PES.   |
| 2005 – 2006        | Bulgarian Observer at the European Parliament.  |
| 2004-2005          | Leading expert of the Bulgarian Socialist Party to the special committee for<br>Constitutional Changes at the 39 <sup>th</sup> Bulgarian Parliament.  |
| 1998 - 2012        | Member of the National Council of Bulgarian Socialist Party.  |
| 1992               | Founding member of the Alliance for Social Democracy within Bulgarian Socialist<br>Party.   |
| 1991- 1994         | Member of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Bulgarian Parliament, Parliamentary group of the Democratic<br>Left.   |
| 1990 -1991         | Member of the Presidency of the Supreme Council of Bulgarian Socialist Party<br>and Chairman of the Sofia organization of Bulgarian Socialist Party.  |
| 1990-1991          | Leading expert of Bulgarian Socialist Party at the National Round Table and to<br>the Constitutional Committee of the Grand National Assembly.  |

#### **EDUCATION**

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| 1988        | Ph.D. in Constitutional law, Dissertation defended on Legal Status of the<br>Permanent Committees of the National Assembly. |
| 1977 – 1982 | Sofia University, Law Faculty, Graduated in Legal Sciences.   |
| 1970 – 1975 | English Language School in Sofia.   |

## LANGUAGES

English fluent, written and spoken  
Russian fluent, written and spoken

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Good communication skills gained through my training experience and as a lecturer at universities

## JOB-RELATED SKILLS

Skills for research activities, skills for project team work - partnership and cooperation

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Good command of Microsoft Office tools

## PROFESSIONAL-RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 1995-1997 Chairman of the Managing Board of the Centre for European Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1993- 2014 Founder and Member of the Bulgarian Association for Studying the European Community
- 2012 - Visiting professor at Casa College, Nikosia, Cyprus
- 2012 – Batumi, Georgia International Olympiad in Comparative constitutional law
- 2007 - Harvard University, USA, J.F.Kennedy School of Government, „Kokkalis” Program, Parliamentary Summit „ Priorities and Challenges for Effective and Democratic Governance in South East Europe”.
- 2007 - Zagreb, Croatia, International Conference organized by Party of European Socialists on Western Balkans and the European Union.
- 2006 - Dublin, Ireland, International Conference organized by Party of European Socialists on the Draft Constitution for Europe.
- 2001 - Budapest, Hungary, Conference on “Transition to Democratic Government and Rule of Law”.
- 1998 - Wilton Park Conference, UK, “Parliament and Government in the Next Millennium”.
- 1998 - Institute for United States Studies. University of London, Summer Institute on Civic Education and the Practice of Democracy”.
- 1994-1996 - NATO Fellowship in the field of Democratic Institutions.