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### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

#### Public Discussion on

« **Virtualization of Politics: Challenges and possibilities**»,

**17 April 2019, 18:00-19:30, The Stanley Hotel**

(salon ViKos, 1 Odisseos str, Karaiskaki Square, Athens, Greece, near to metro Metaxourghio).

#### Head of the Public discussion

Dr. Christ`l De Landtsheer, Ac. Member COMinG & Conference Leader HEPO2019 & Professor, director Political Communication Research Unit, University of Antwerp, Belgium.

#### Speakers

1. Dr. Helen Shestopal, Ac. Member COMinG & Conference Leader HEPO2019 & Professor, Chair of Psychology and Sociology of Politics, Lomonosow Moscow State University. **Psychological consequences of Virtualization of politics**
2. Dr. Song Yingfa, Professor, School of Public Policy & Management, China University of Mining and Technology, Xuzhou, Jiangsu province, China. **Chinese netizens and politics**
3. Dr. Peter Bull, Honorary Professor, Directorate of Psychology, University of Salford (Manchester), UK. **Microanalysis and the deconstruction of the virtualization of politics.**
4. TBA

This public discussion aims to examine the actual condition of political virtualization, the ways that such practices are followed, positive and negative aspects, practices to ameliorate the actual situation. To be more particular, we will discuss, but not limited to, issues as:

- \* The nature of virtualization of politics that came with new forms of political communication
- \* Psychological mechanisms of political perception in time of virtualization of politics;
- \* Possibilities of molding of a citizens' critical perception of political information.

The working language will be English, without interpretation. This event is designed for academics, think tank experts, actors from organized civil society, as well as political practitioners from all over the world. This event is free of charge but pre-registration is required. If you are interested in participating, please send your name, email, profession/position and telephone number to Mrs Evi Naki at [info@coming.gr](mailto:info@coming.gr)