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The OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs announces that tomorrow the lecture for the Educational Curriculum Program will be held by **Professor Benedict Cohen from USA**.

Dr. Ben Cohen graduated from Yale University magna cum laude and has a Doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School. He served as an Associate Editor of the Law Review, worked at the University of Chicago, clerked for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and served in two law firms.

Dr. Cohen has twenty years of experience in high-level positions across the federal government, with a principal focus on national economy, security and foreign policy. His most recent position was serving as the General Counsel for the Department of the Army. Prior to his current position, he served as the Managing Executive for Policy and Counselor to Chairman Christopher Cox at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, where he focused on legal and policy issues facing the agency and afterwards enhancing the Commission's crisis-management and homeland-security capabilities. Prior to taking this position, he served as Staff Director of the Committee on Homeland Security of the U.S. House of Representatives, then on a senior position at the Justice Department, then as a Deputy General Counsel in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In the period 1987 – 1989 in the Government of the President Reagan, Professor Cohen worked as Associate Counsel to the President, White House Counsel's Office.

D-r Ben Cohen arrived in Republic of Macedonia as a guest of the OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs. The purpose of his stay in Republic of Macedonia is the International Educational Curriculum Program created by the OHRID Institute and implemented at the University American College, where D-r Cohen will hold a lecture on the topic: The rule of law in the modern state; Relations between the National security and trade policy and National security and foreign investment.