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**Interim conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA) Research Network 08
“Disaster, Conflict and Social Crisis Research Network” (DCSCRN)**

«Disasters, Conflicts and Social Crises: Causes, Impacts and Responses»

organized in collaboration with the Department of Sociology of the University of Crete

Island of Crete (Greece), prefecture of Rethymno

18-19 September 2014

Societies are constantly confronted with a plethora of natural, technological, social and environmental risks and uncertainties and need to make adaptations in their social organization in order to cope with these risks and threats and prevent their recurrence. Often new technologies and new forms of social organization generate new risks and threats which must be anticipated and effectively mitigated, if not eliminated by emergency services. The principal purpose of the Midterm-14 Conference will be to explore:

1. The various social, environmental, demographic and economic impacts of natural and technological disasters (e.g. earthquakes, forest fires, volcanic eruptions, nuclear and industrial accidents, global warming, etc.), international and domestic violent conflicts (e.g. wars, terrorism etc.) and social crises (e.g. economic crises) on societies.
2. The inter-relationship among the various types of disasters and crises—especially with regard to the impact of disasters, conflicts and crises on the environment and the human ecosystem.
3. The policies and practices adopted by international, national and local communities to cope with risks.

Specifically, papers, power point presentations and works in progress are invited on the following topics. Priority will be given to comparative studies, either of same agent (risk) across communities, societies or historical periods or of a different agent (risk) within the same communities or societies.

1. Theoretical and methodological approaches (e.g. new integrated theories of risks, definition and assessment of risks, etc.)
2. Social, demographic, economic and environmental (e.g. desertification etc.) impacts of Natural and Technological Disasters, Conflicts and Social Crises (NTCSCs) on communities, organizations and individuals (e.g., migration, poverty, birth rates, mortality and morbidity rates, traumatic stress, etc.)
3. Reactive and proactive responses to NTCSCs (e.g. international, national and local community policies, best or next practices, restoration or reconstruction, role of NGOS, social movements, stress or growth reactions, the role of gender, etc.)

Abstracts, about 250 words, in English and in Word Format, should be submitted, by **19 May 2014**, to Dr. Stella Zambarloukou (email: zamba@uoc.gr), Chair of the Scientific Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Crete, Rethymnon, Crete. Dr. Zambarloukou will in turn distribute the abstracts to the Scientific Committee members for evaluation and selection for presentation.

For information pertaining to the organization of the Midterm-14 conference (e.g. venue, travel, hotels, restaurants, etc.) contact Dr. Eugenia Petropoulou (email: petrope@uoc.gr), Chair of the Organizing

Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Crete, Rethymnon, Crete.

Goal of the Organizing Committee is the publication of the proceedings and/or selected papers in a scientific journal either in Greece or abroad and for this purpose it will seek additional grant support.

Important Deadlines:

Abstract Submission: 19 May 2014
Paper Acceptance: 2 June 2014
Registration: 30 June 2014
Completed papers: 1 September 2014

Registration fees:

ESA members & University of Crete Faculty members: free
Non ESA members, non students: 40 euro

Call for Papers => #Ethnography: Trends, Traverses and Traditions

Call for Papers - deadline extended to 1 May 2014

ESA midterm conference, Research Network on Qualitative Research (RN20)

#Ethnography, @Amsterdam #August_27-29_2014 <http://aissr.uva.nl/ethnography>

Ethnography is often seen as one of the principal approaches in qualitative methodology in general. The ESA midterm conference for the Research Network on Qualitative research (RN20) will be on trends, traverses and traditions in Ethnography. The central question posed at this conference will be: How do current societal and technological trends influence ethnography when we are studying that same society? One could think of more concrete questions such as:

- Is ethnography changing due to social media, such as Twitter and Facebook? In what ways?
- What happens when we use mobile field recording devices, Skype and Youtube in our fieldwork?
- What theoretical innovations have led to new approaches in ethnography?
- How does the current economic crisis influence ethnographic practices for researchers?
- What turn are we at now?
- What other trends do we see in ethnography today?

In times of digital information overload, conferences are useful venues to discuss the trending topics within our field. Some of the questions posed above could be used to approach the vast array of 'new' trends in ethnography. Since one of the methodological virtues of ethnography is the possibility for adaptation to local and new situations, the question might rise whether these trends are actually methodologically new. Different specific sessions will be organised by leading specialists. Please see the website (<http://aissr.uva.nl/ethnography>) for the list of specific sessions.

We hope to organise an interesting conference in the heart of Amsterdam, combining classic presentations with a social program that consists of a **Fieldwork Experiment**: Mass – Observation in the Amsterdam Red light district, interactive lunch sessions and interesting keynotes by **Susie Scott**, **Christian Heath**, **Peter Geschiere**, **Stefan Timmermans** and **Ruth Wodak**.

Authors are invited to submit their abstract either to a specific session or to the open sessions. Please submit each abstract to a single session only.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words.

Abstracts can only be submitted at <http://aissr.uva.nl/ethnography> and no later than 1 May 2014.

The local organising committee,
Christian Bröer, Erella Grassiani, Gerben Moerman and Milena Veenis

CALL FOR PAPERS

European Sociological Association

Contemporary antisemitism and racism in the shadow of the Holocaust

RN31 Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism Mid-term conference

Deadline for submitting abstracts: 22 May 2014

**4–5 September 2014
University of Vienna**

The ESA Research Network 31: Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism invites submissions of papers for its biannual mid-term conference. The conference will be held from 4 to 5 September 2014 at the University of Vienna.

We will hold sessions that focus on theoretical, methodological and empirical aspects of research on antisemitism and racism, also in a comparative framework. The network's perspective is to bridge an exclusive divide between the understanding of antisemitism and of racism, exploring the correspondences and affinities, but also the differences and contrasts. Our over-arching question is to understand what are the material conditions and the social, political and historical contexts shaping variations in antisemitism and racism, across time and across different European and global contexts.

Besides papers on general theoretical approaches to antisemitism, racism and ethnic relations, we are particularly interested in *questions of contemporary antisemitism and how it relates to Holocaust remembrance and denial*. Thus, papers on 'secondary' and 'new antisemitism' are expressly welcome. Our special concern lies in (but is not limited to) the following issues:

- Theoretical/conceptual approaches to the actuality of antisemitism/racism.
- How are antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance connected to each other?
- What is the relationship between Holocaust remembrance/denial and 'new' antisemitism?
- What is the role of right wing populism in the interconnection of antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance/denial?
- How does Islamist antisemitism relate to contemporary antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance/denial?
- Antisemitism, Holocaust remembrance/denial, the image of Israel and the (European) left.
- Resentment and prejudice against Muslims in relation to antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance.
- Relation of antisemitism, anti-Zionism and criticism of Israel.
- How are antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance/denial involved in shaping new European identities?
- How are antisemitism and Holocaust remembrance/denial related to European colonial racism and postcolonial remembrance?
- How do all of these issues relate to nationalism?
- What are the gendered dimensions of these issues?

During the sessions, each speaker will have 20 minutes. All presentations will be made in English. **Please send an abstract including eventual institutional affiliation to the local committee of the mid-term conference: Karin Stoegner (karin.stoegner@univie.ac.at) & Nico Bechter (nicolas.bechter@univie.ac.at)**
Deadline: 22 May 2014

This conference is sponsored by the Research Platform "Migration and Integration Research", University of Vienna.

Midterm conference of ESA RN 36
25 Years After the Communism:
East and West of Europe in Search of Solidarity
Gdańsk, 16-18 October 2014

Organizing Institutions:

European Sociological Association: Research Network 36 *Transformation in Europe: East and West*

Gdansk Branch of Polish Sociological Association

Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism: University of Gdańsk

Call for papers

After the unprecedented constitutional, economic, and political transformations of the former Soviet block countries, the striking differences between East and West European countries still manifest themselves in the results of sociological surveys and statistical records. At the same time, other tensions known from the rich history of Europe come back to the forefront of debates on European integration. The relative economic success of northern countries and failure of the South in confrontation with the recent economic crisis provoke the question of more profound cultural differences in dealing with economic issues.

The experience of state bankruptcy, lack of economic competitiveness, environmental pollution and other phenomena symptomatic of the late "real socialism" are part of the collective memory of Eastern Europeans, who still remember the time before the transformation. This shows a relative importance of the political and economic order as compared to purely cultural factors and gives more weight to the question of what would be the right political and economic strategy for Europe as a whole. On the other hand, it may be understood as a question of deeper drawbacks of the cultural and anthropological presumptions of socialism. Regardless of the answer to the general problem of interrelations between culture, economy, and society in Europe, any strategy of European integration requires legitimacy which can only be achieved in a political process.

The quality of European democracy raises a number of problems, such as the condition of political processes in individual member states, the prerequisites of moral universalism on the part of individual European "citizens" engaged in the political process, and the potential of openness and universalistic orientation of particular national and ethnic cultures making up the European home.

All the questions mentioned above cannot be answered within the framework of political philosophy only but call for credible sociological explanations based on long-term empirical research in different countries. The heritage of the Solidarity Movement, which began in Poland 25 years ago, could be a good starting point for such a debate, hence our invitation to Gdańsk, the birthplace of *Solidarity*.

For intellectuals of the period, the movement held out a hope of building a new kind of society in Central and Eastern Europe. One of those worth reminding is Fr Józef Tischner, the author of *Ethics of Solidarity*, a small book proposing a new idea of (independent) society and citizenship. Studied

today, it stimulates a reflexive evaluation of the present, provoking the question what hopes have been fulfilled and what fears have come true. The 1980-1981 period brought also a number of pioneering social studies of "action-research", with Touraine's *Solidarity. The Analysis of a Social Movement: Poland 1980-1981* as probably the best-known example.

What could be the core conclusion for many academics after 20-25 years of transformation is that society cannot be founded only on economic and formal ties, but on social ones as well. *Solidarity* seems to be the best word to describe this 'forgotten' factor, which used to refer to what we know today as *social capital, mutual trust, community values, or civil society*.

We invite submissions on a wide variety of topics, including but not limited to the following:

1. Paths of transition on a local/regional/national level
 - Political tensions of transition
 - Unanticipated consequences of transformation
 - Post-industrial society or non-industrial society?
2. Civil society: developments and barriers
 - Heritage of *Solidarity* and anti-communist movements today
 - Intellectuals and their impact on breaking away from the burden of communism: past and present
 - Self-government, self-organization, NGOs: manifestation or commodification of solidarity?
 - New protest movements
3. Ten years in (or with) enlarged Europe: more or less solidarity?
 - Economic and social gap between the East and West
 - Spaces of poverty and exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe
 - Class division: is it back?
 - Rural and urban areas: growing diversity, declining solidarity
4. Globalization processes in Central and Eastern Europe as a challenge for social solidarity.
 - Disembedding processes
 - Metropolization processes
 - Central and Eastern Europe – new periphery or new center?

Abstract and Language. The organizers invite theoretically or empirically grounded papers on the above topics. Special consideration will be given to empirically grounded papers, either comparative or country-based. The language of the abstracts, the papers and the conference will be English. Abstracts should be about 400 words, and should be accompanied by the name(s) of the author(s), his/her/their affiliation(s) and E-mail(s).

Accommodation and Traveling: Will be covered by the participants

Meals: Organisers will provide meals for participants.

Registration and deadlines

Deadline for submitting paper proposals (approx. 400 words) – **15 May 2013**

Notification of paper acceptance – **15 June 2014**

Deadline for registration – **30 June 2014**

Abstracts should be submitted to: gopts@univ.gda.pl

Please provide your personal information and institutional affiliation along with your proposal.

Conference Fee:

Regular fee - 30 Euro

students and PhD students in sociology - 10 Euro;

ESA or RN members -20 Euro

The conference fee covers lunch and coffee breaks.

Registration details

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Conference Announcement

Critical Sociology: Current Issues and Future Challenges

International Conference **23rd to 25th June 2014**

Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main, Department of Social Sciences

For the full programme with all speakers: <http://www.fb03.uni-frankfurt.de/49673137/Critical-Sociology---International-Conference>

Since its beginnings in the 19th century, sociology has always played a critical role in providing conceptual tools and empirical insights for analyzing and assessing societal processes and structures. One of the most important locations of an explicitly critical sociology in the 20th century was Frankfurt University, which has remained associated with the historical tradition of the Frankfurt School of Critical Theory. The university's centennial provides a major opportunity for a reconsideration of this legacy and reflection on current issues and on the future prospects of a critical sociology.

The international conference "Critical Sociology: Current Issues and Future Challenges" brings together leading scholars from around the globe. It is organized around four panels that cover essential problem spaces and important future directions for critical inquiry. The conference aims to encourage a dialogue on the possible futures of critical sociology. It assesses its analytical potentials in the light of current contestations and forms of hegemony, and reflects on the ambitions and capacity of the field to intervene in and transform social practices and to invest in political projects.

No conference fee will be charged. But please register: [Registration for Conference](#)

Coordination:

Prof. Dr. Birgit Blättel-Mink, Dr. Alexandra Rau and PD Dr. Stephan Voswinkel

Cooperating institutions:

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ISOE – Institute for Social-Ecological Research Frankfurt am Main

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CALL FOR PAPERS

**International Conference, 13th – 15th November 2014
Institute of Sociology, Justus-Liebig University, Giessen**

Material Matters in Times of Crisis Capitalism: Transnational Feminist and Decolonial Approaches

The question of materiality has emerged as a central topic in studies concerned with the body, affect, sexuality, bio-politics and digital culture in recent years. Under the umbrella term “new materialism”, this interdisciplinary and multifaceted academic debate seems to have revived a Marxist vocabulary. Yet, the question of why “materiality” matters in times of crisis capitalism is rather absent in this debate.

This international and multilingual conference (papers will be accepted in Spanish, Portuguese, German and English) takes up this question by focusing on why and how materiality matters in times of crisis capitalism. Starting from the assumption that crisis is not exceptional in capitalism but its constant companion and that it represents the foundation from which the modern/colonial world system has evolved, this conference draws on critical feminist economics and decolonial feminist thought and practice on material matters.

The 2007/2008 financial crash led to the re-assembling or dismantling of the welfare state in Western Europe and the reordering of old global economic interdependencies. While the rise of China, India and Brazil as emerging economic world powers highlights the flexible potential of capitalist expansion, the increasing gap between rich and poor globally denotes the stagnation and decline of an economic system guided by the financial interest of a selected few. Social protests from Tahrir Square (Cairo) to Puerta de Sol (Madrid) to Taksim Square (Istanbul) to Rio de Janeiro have shown that the financial crisis cannot be reduced solely to its economic dimension.

These protests have foregrounded the social and cultural dimensions of the crisis of capitalism. Located between struggles for common wealth and their organization of production and reproduction, crisis capitalism refers to processes of social transformation changing and challenging people’s livelihood, which in turn impact on their well-being, health, education, housing and working conditions. Indeed, we are witnessing multiple crises. It is in this context that this conference calls for transnational feminist analyses of materiality at the juncture of global political economy and coloniality.

The conference has three inter-related aims: first, to examine from transnational feminist perspectives the impact of the global crisis on people’s livelihoods; second, to explore the theoretical contributions of the triad of feminism, coloniality and political economy; and, third, to consider critical feminist economics and decolonial approaches to thinking alternative economies and convivial futures.

In this spirit we have invited key contemporary thinkers, who have linked academic work to political activism and social intervention. Confirmed keynote speakers for the conference include:

- * Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (Columbia University)
- * Rhoda Reddock (University of the West Indies, St. Augustine)
- * Lourdes Benería (Cornell University)
- * Gülay Toksöz (Ankara University)
- * Gladys Elizabeth Tzul Tzul (Benemérita Universidad de Puebla)
- * Marina Gržinić (Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna)

As well as inviting academic papers this conference also calls for contributions from activists and artists in a variety of formats such as blogs, radio programmes, video clips and performances on the following themes (though these are by no means exhaustive):

- * Between Crisis and Change: Feminism, Living Well and Conviviality (Sumak Kawsay, Suma Qamaña-Buen Vivir, Buen Convivir)
- * Queer, Transgender and Feminist approaches to Decolonizing Political Economy
- * Political Economy and Livelihood
- * Austerity, Gender & Migration
- * Sharing Responsibilities – Rethinking Reproduction
- * Sustainability and Feminist-Decolonial Thought
- * Feminization and the Coloniality of Labour
- * Queer, Transgender and Feminist-Decolonial Critiques of Crisis Capitalism
- * Alternatives to Crisis Capitalism: From Time-Banks to the Politics of Affect

Please send a title, an abstract of max. 250 words in **English, Spanish, Portuguese or German**, a brief biography and registration form to femlabour@gmail.com, by 01.05.2014. Successful abstract submissions will be notified by 01.07.2014. Please check the conference webpage for further information:

No fees will be charged, but you will need to pay for the conference dinner, your own travel and accommodation. The conference programme, information on the conference venue, conference dinner and accommodation facilities will be announced in due course.

Conference Organizing Team: Encarnación Gutiérrez Rodríguez, Chair in Sociology (Allgemeine Soziologie), Ceren Türkmen and Sebastian Garbe, wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiter/in (Research Assistants/Lecturers), Institute of Sociology, Justus-Liebig University, Giessen.

Call for Papers and Call for Expressions of Interest
International Conference on Shared Parenting 2014
Bridging the Gap between Empirical Evidence and Socio-Legal Practice
Bonn, Germany, 9-11 July 2014

First Announcement

Status: 2014-03-24

The International Conference on Shared Parenting 2014 will gather delegates from across the world at the "Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn" on 9-11 July 2014 to discuss responses to the alarming increase in psycho-social and developmental problems among children whose parents are living apart. The event will be jointly chaired by the President of the newly established International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP), Prof. Edward Kruk, MSW, PhD, University of British Columbia, Canada, and the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the conference, Prof. Dr. jur. Hildegund Sünderhauf, Lutheran University Nuremberg, Germany.

Experts in the field of shared parenting – both from science and family professions – are invited to present their research results and practical experience at the interdisciplinary conference under the theme “Bridging the Gap between Empirical Evidence and Socio-Legal Practice”. The conference language is English, simultaneous translation will be provided in English, French and German.

The International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP) was founded on 22 February 2014 in Bonn, Germany, by leading research scientists, family professionals and representatives of civil society from 11 countries as a non-profit organization focusing on the feasibility of shared parenting as a viable and beneficial solution for children. The purpose of the association is first, the dissemination and advancement of scientific knowledge on the needs and rights (“best interests”) of children whose parents are living apart, and second, to formulate evidence-based recommendations about the legal, judicial and practical implementation of shared parenting.

For further information, please visit the conference website: twohomes.org/conference

Call for Submissions

International Convention of Psychological Science

12-14 March 2015

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

<http://icps.psychologicalscience.org/submissions/>

Opens in June 2014

Symposia Deadline
17 September 2014

Poster Deadline
30 September 2014

Psychological science has long been seen as a hub discipline, bringing together research that spans traditional boundaries within the field as well as making connections with other sciences. Today, some of the most exciting developments in psychological science are resulting from what APS Past President Walter Mischel and others have called scientific “bridge building”:

Bridge-building opens phenomena that lie at the intersections among multiple disciplines, play out at multiple levels, and cannot be seen within the boundaries of any single discipline or captured in the work of any single investigator or lab. Such area-crossing collaborations allow the best tools and perspectives from different levels and disciplines to be focused on important questions. They also can lead to the development and implementation of new shared tools, driven by the questions that the team jointly wants to answer. – Walter Mischel, “[Becoming a Cumulative Science](#)”

Bridge-building integrative science is at the core of ICPS. This innovative Convention will showcase the latest findings, trends, and methodologies across multiple perspectives and geographic borders.

About Submissions

While the goal of ICPS is to highlight and support integrative science, it is not a requirement that your research submission be integrative in nature. In presenting your research at ICPS you will be connecting with other scientists whose work will be complementary to your own and you will find yourself being part of a combined effort that exemplifies integrative science.

Additional details will be forthcoming in early 2014.

Call for Papers

Gender and Nationalism: An International Conference

Date: Thursday 11 and Friday 12 September 2014

Time: 12.30 a.m 11th Sept - 5.00 p.m 12th Sept

Venue: Rooms C219, C220 and Boardroom, Middlesex University, College Building, Hendon campus, London, UK

This two-day conference will provide a forum for international researchers to share, review and debate new empirical and theoretical developments in the field of gender and nationalism. There is also a call-out for 250-word abstracts which will shape the conference - see below for details.

Research in the field of gender and nationalism has emerged as an increasingly important strand of contemporary political and historical studies, whilst its profile within sociology remains limited. Though there is increasing recognition of the inherently gendered nature of nationalism as an ideology and practice, our social scientific understanding of gendered nationalisms remains partial, lacking a substantial engagement with the complex interplays between nationalism (in all its forms) and the gendered lifeworlds of its supporters.

Taking important new research in the field of women's involvement in, and support for, nationalist movements in the contemporary UK as its launching point (British Academy/Leverhulme Trust SG121452 – Women in nationalist Movements in the UK), the conference will explore the gendered identities, meanings, relations, practices and structures associated with contemporary nationalist movements, and in their variable relationships to their male and female activists and supporters.

The conference will address the following aims:

- To showcase the latest empirical international research in the field of gender and nationalism
- To apply and evaluate established and new theoretical and conceptual developments in the light of this empirical research
- To provide a forum for social scientific debate, networking, collaboration and the formulation of new directions for research

Plenary Speakers

Nira Yuval-Davis
Floya Anthias
Kathleen Blee
Jon Mulholland, Nicola Montagna and Erin Sanders-McDonagh

Abstracts are invited to contribute to the following themes regarding the gendered dimensions of:

Symbolisations of the nation/nationalism
Nationalist violence

Support for nationalist organisations
Activism/participation in nationalist movements
The structure and internal dynamics of nationalist organisations
Representations in nationalist organizations and related propaganda
Nationalism and Europe
Transnational alliances of nationalist movements
Nationalist discourses and practices - immigration
Nationalist discourses and practices - social diversity
Nationalist discourses and practices - Islam and the Muslim presence
Nationalist discourses and practices - social identities and roles
Nationalist discourses and practices - 'community' and the individual
Nationalist discourses and practices - the family
Nationalist discourses and practices - the body
'Third world' nationalism
Historical Nationalisms

Abstracts of no more than 250 words must be submitted to Jon Mulholland (j.mulholland@mdx.ac.uk) by Friday **23 May 2014**.

THE BALKANS SOCIOLOGICAL FORUM

Third International Conference

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The Faculty of Public Administration and Political Science (SEE University - Tetovo)

&

**Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje -
Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research in Skopje**

Call for papers

The Balkans in the New Millennium: From Balkanization to EUtopia

June 20-22nd, 2014 (Tetovo & Skopje - Macedonia)

A. Abstract

"The best way to predict your future is to create it!" (Abraham Lincoln)

Balkan is a space of intersection or a place where east meets west, a space of multiculturalism, multi-ethnicity, multi-religiosity, but at the same time, a world of the tragic histories, metaphor of permanent misunderstandings, uncertainties, deconstruction and shattering tendencies. It is a part of Europe that in recent decades faces a series of problems caused by the negative perception of otherness, of stereotypes, and maybe by the new climate created by ethnocentric aspirations and worldview. The Balkans is still considered as non-Europeanized geography of the old continent, as pre-modern Europe or a polyvalent entity that requires a prescription for long and lasting peace and *eudaimonia*.

The new millennium as a new stage of human and social development, which represents the beginning of a new period of sociological and anthropological changes perspective aiming at bringing innovations, a new chapter, which should be better than the past, different from the regional fragmentation that engendered the term "Balkanization" and *Homo Balkanicus*. In this context, this conference will treat the Balkans in correlation with a neologism, Utopia, a country of ideal felicity and perfection, a place in which human society, natural conditions, etc., are ideally shaped in order to have a complete contentment. Also, it is a place where the organizational structure, fosters a limited governmental involvement, which permits human creativity and achievement. Where prosperity does

not have to be forced, it just happens (D. Hager). So, today in the aftermath of the bloody century, the questions are whether the Balkans are heading towards *Eutopia*, prosperous Europe or *kakostopia* (worst place)? Are we going to Europeanize ourselves or to balkanize the Europe? Are we on the right track and ready to *Debalkanise the Balkans*? Are the euro-integration processes bringing real changes, which are only formal, without any essence? What are the conditions needed for moving forward, towards the first stratum Europe?

One of the duties of sociology is to produce theories, which would bring social changes as well. Unfortunately, the sociology as society-building tool in our context has not achieved its specific goals and physiognomy, but for known reasons has ideologised science paradigm. Now, it is the time for us to give a new approach to whole sociological dynamics and agenda, give a new spirit and stimuli for real-scientific and objective interpretation of developments of the society.

The questions that can be posed in this context are as follows:

- Are the black pages of the XX th century history times gone past for the Balkan?
- How should sociology with its discourse bring new initiatives, new ideas and interests of individuals and the society as whole for increasing citizens' perspectives?
- To what extent does sociology explore the phenomena of globalised world, where micro entities are endangered from strong macro actors, such as the problem of migration of Balkan's population towards EU and Western countries in general?
- Why some new EU member societies and countries still perceive themselves as secondary strata Europeans, i.e. why they are in despair with their very short EU experience?
- What is the sociological status of the citizen and societies in the waiting list: Are they max-optimistic for their future or they are real skeptics?
- How does a typical Balkan mentality contradict the dominant yet the new ambitions of the Balkans peoples; new dreams vs. new post-communist actors?
- Orientalization of the Balkans vs. Occidentalization. Which tendencies are stronger?
- What will be the position of the Balkans in new Europe's order?
- What is role of the social sciences in the XXI century Balkans in general?
- Can we produce sociology, which would change the Balkan societies?

B. Objective and topics

The main objective of the Third Annual Conference of BSF is to explore the new trends, tendencies and perspectives in the beginning of the Third Millennium in the Balkan area, a contribution via scientific *logos* to the society-building at this ignominian *lebenswelt*.

C. Organization and deadlines

The triangle Balkan Sociological Forum, SEE University and Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje-Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research in Skopje invite researchers and scholars of sociology and other human sciences from the all Balkan countries and others to take part in the Third Conference of Balkan Sociological Forum.

Please sent your proposals-abstracts until **May 10, 2014**. The abstracts are limited for 300 words, including standard remarks as name, surname, position, institution, main text, five to seven keywords and e-mail address.

- Deadline for confirmation of accepted abstracts: April 20, 2014.
- Adress for abstracts submission: a.pajaziti@seeu.edu.mk, h.jashari@seeu.edu.mk, j.abdullai@seeu.edu.mk, jakjor@ispqi.edu.mk
- Full paper submission deadline: September 30, 2014.
- Participation fee: 40 € (fee payment on the first day of conference)
- The abstracts that receive the approval of the organizers shall be published in the abstract brochure of the Conference.
- The full papers after the peer review process will be published in the conference proceedings.
- The authors are requested to use in their papers APA style of citation.

D. Key topics:

- Sociology and (de)Balkanization
- Identities, History and Ethnocentrism
- Two-Speed Europe, or two Europes?
- Debalkanization and Eurointegration Processes
- EUtopia
- New Scientific Approach vs. Ideology
- Culturology and *Homo Balkanicus*
- Civil Society in South East Europe
- Economic Trends: Cooperation and Borders
- New Political Reality and Social Movements
- Spiritualism, Religion and Dialogue among Civilizations
- Neo-ottomanism in the Balkans: Real Challenge or Whimsy?
- Higher Education Challenges in Balkans
- Balkan's Young and Future: Facing Brain-drain?
- Media and Simulacrum in the Balkan
- Post-transition: Neologism or Reality
- *Balkanische* Democracy and its Discontents: Illiberalism as Challenge

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