

**University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, Faculty of Philosophy –**

**Institute of Sociology**

Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the celebration of our anniversary – ***40 years since the establishment of the Institute of Sociology*** at the Faculty of Philosophy, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. For this occasion, we are organizing an International Scientific Conference on:

**Facing Social Traumas: A Challenge for Sociological Research**

**The International Scientific Conference will take place at the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje,**

**R. Macedonia, 23 – 24th April 2015**

**Topic of the Conference:**

Europe today is facing the challenge of being secure from a military, political, ethnical, social and economic aspect. Simultaneously, Europe is faced with crises which are a prerequisite for social traumas. Such dramatic occurrences have been, and still are especially noticeable in the countries of Southeast and Central Europe, all the republics of former Yugoslavia, including Macedonia. The dramatic changes which have been taking place in modern societies have led to disorganization and complete erosion of social reality. Namely, the contemporary crises are multilayered – not only financial crisis, but also, political, social, ethnical, religious, cultural, and demographic. The trauma is a sequence of complex and profound processes in a society. It is expressed in individuals through the awareness of their own situation, primarily, the awareness of the common misfortune. These are complex social moods expressed with collective emotions, attitudes and orientations. This is the reason why the idea of the social trauma could significantly contribute to the understanding and explanation of the contemporary trends, both theoretically and empirically.

Such social occurrences cause *seismic changes* in the fields of research in Sociology in Macedonia, the Balkans, and Europe. Sociology is increasingly raising the question: what lies behind the crisis? Are the main generators of the crises the processes of systematic transformation which alter the social change from being publicly to privately empowered and adapt the country to the capital market? If not, are the essential generators of the crises the processes through which the vital types of social criticism are being revived? The ethnical and religious conflicts on the Balkans, Occupy Wall Street, the protests and social unrest, the Arab Spring, the unrest in Greece and the dissatisfaction in other European countries indicate the reconfiguration of the connection between the crises and the social criticism. In order to understand the crisis and the double role of the criticism in interpreting the social changes and the active influence on them, the social study in Macedonia, the Balkans and Europe should encourage a process of rediscovering the focuses of interest. Consequently, through the research questions, an *arena* for debate will be introduced in regard to the cause and effect relationships of the existing problems, as well as for rethinking the existing theoretical paradigms and methodological approaches. Undoubtedly, today, more than ever, there is a need for a sociological critical approach, as well as for empirical sociological findings which would offer explanations about the way the modern Macedonian society, as well as the societies of the Balkan region and Europe function, *stick together*, and change, in times of essential economic, political, ethnical, religious, social, demographical, family, cultural, and identity crises. This is the very leitmotif of the Conference in Skopje. Not only will this Sociology *fair* demonstrate the intellectual capacity of our scientific community to address the issues which are essential for the survival of modern societies, but it will also offer solutions, as well as new perspectives for solving the social problems arising from the social traumas. We would like to cordially invite the sociologists and the social scientists from Macedonia, the Balkans, and Europe to join us in Skopje and to attend the International Conference with their own papers and presentations, to actively participate in the discussions and provide authentic contribution to our objectives and commitments. We are open for papers from a number of disciplines in social sciences and humanities. We also encourage young researchers to present the results of theirs master’s and doctoral theses.

**Topics of interest:**

Methodological approaches in the study of social traumas

Contemporary theoretical approaches to social traumas

Conflicts and social traumas

The post-conflict period and social traumas

National trauma and collective memory

Globalization and social traumas

Economic institutions and social traumas

Political institutions and social traumas

Civil society and social traumas

City and social traumas

Educational institutions and social traumas

Culture and social traumas

Religion and social traumas

Morality and social traumas

Media and social traumas

Deviations and social traumas

Socio-demographic changes and social traumas

Migration and social traumas

Family and social traumas

Health and social traumas

**Important dates:**

**February 10, 2015** Deadline for submission of abstracts

**February 20, 2015** Information about the accepted abstracts

**March 1, 2015** Payment of fee

**April 1, 2015** Submission of papers which will be published in the Proceedings

**Application for participation** (complete Application form, abstract)

**Editing of papers:**

The papers must contain an abstract (200 to 400 words), keywords (no more than 5 words), and need to be 3,000 to 5,000 words in length. The papers should be submitted in English, in Microsoft Word for Windows (6 or higher format), font size 12pt, Times New Roman and 1.5 line spacing.

**Citation style:**

ASA Style Citations (American Sociological Society) <http://lib.trinity.edu/research/citing/ASA_Style_Citations_4.pdf>

**Working languages of the Conference:** Macedonian and English

**Conference registration fee:** All participants in the Conference need to pay a fee in the amount of EUR 50 (MKD 3,075.00). The registration fee for students and graduate students is EUR 25 (MKD 1,538.00).

**The registration fee includes**:

- Conference materials;

- Certificate of Conference;

- Refreshments;

- Lunch;

- Publication of abstracts of papers;

- Conference Proceedings

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**Publishing of Proceedings with scientific papers:** The papers which are to be presented at the Conference shall be published upon completion of the review process by an International Programme Committee in accordance with the Law on Higher Education of the Republic of Macedonia (Official Gazette no. 35/08, no. 103/08, no. 26/09, no. 83/09, no. 99/09, no. 115/2010; no. 17/2011, no. 51/2011, 123/2012, 15/2013 and 24/2013).

**Travel and accommodation costs** are covering by the participants in the Conference.

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