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OPEN CALL for Conference Participation

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Conference Theme

The second edition of the "Forum on Studies of Society (FSS)" International Conference on Social and Humanistic Sciences is organized by Università degli Studi G. D'Annunzio Chieti Pescara, Italy, Dipartimento di Scienze Giuridiche e Sociali and University of Craiova, Study Programs: Sociology and Social Work, Romania, in co-operation with Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania, Faculty of Philosophy, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University, Bulgaria, Faculty of Pedagogy, Rzeszów University, Poland and International Society for Projects in Education and Research.

Deadline for abstract submission: 17th of November, 2018
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Deadline for full paper submission: 5th of December, 2018

Participants and conveners: experts, researchers, academic, economic and social partners

The purpose of the Conference is to create a forum for debating topics of great interest to society, thus, trying to expand the network of interested stakeholders and extend the ground for best practice exchanges from different institutions and various domains.

The Conference aims to bring together already involved key actors as well as engaged participants, representatives of academic, economic and social partners to discuss and exchange their experiences and research results on different aspects of Social and Humanistic Science. Based on the multi-field methodology-encompassing, inter-disciplinary character of the Conference, we strongly encourage potential participants and stakeholders with background and research interests in
the fields of Sociology and Social Work, European Studies, International Relations and Security Studies, Political Sciences, History and Philosophy to apply. Therefore, international participation is mostly welcomed and appreciated - researchers, PhD candidates and professionals are gladly invited to submit articles that focus on the topics presented.

**Participation Basis and Structure of the Conference Sessions**

There are currently numerous challenges to be tackled in approaching past and present subjects on society.

The rationale for the Conference relies on initiating reflection and launching debates on the following main topics: Sociology and Social Work, European Studies, International Relations and Security Studies, Law and Criminology, Politics, History and Philosophy.

**The conference sessions** for paper presentations are as follows:

- **Session 1 – Sociology**
- **Session 2 – Social Work**
- **Session 3 – European Studies**
- **Session 4 - International Relations and Security Studies**
- **Session 5 - Law and Criminology**
- **Session 6 – Politics and History**
- **Session 7 - Philosophy**

The Conference sessions welcome papers approaching theoretical studies and empirical research, good practice examples or lessons learnt in practice.
Conference Themes, Topic Descriptions and Panels

Session 1: Sociology: "New social realities"

In the context of new social realities, social phenomena and processes contain unique aspects and challenges that must be exploited in theoretical debates. Different cultural communities develop distinctly paths for their own "welfare status" and adopt different strategies and lifestyles. Bad things happen in nowadays society, like political and economic turbulence which has destabilized communities and dislocated individual lives, or good things like the the extension of new technologies which is creating possibilities for new forms of interpersonal relationships, as well as a revival of grassroots community and political engagement. In this new reality, sociological debate and the formation or strengthening of specialist networks, could contribute to both wider public engagement and policy-making.

Papers on the subject may address the following:

- citizenship, ethnicity and migration
- cooperation and coordination mechanisms in partnership agreements
- culture, mass media, social media and communication
- families and relationships
- gender studies
- sociology of law
- labour market
- social integration
- social structure
- sociological theory
- sociology of art
- sociology of education
- sociology of religion

Session 2: Social Work: "Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability"

Social Work session has the same "motto" with the "Word Social Work Day".

The present society, with its primordial desire to create economic performance, unfortunately, overshadows the risks of marginalization and gross inequality along with social
exclusion. Therefore, the debates on these issues are essential. Papers addressing aspects of the theory of social work, and research results on topics such as the following are expected:

- challenges in social policies
- deontological aspects
- development of social policies in different social, economic and political contexts
- human rights and social justice
- intervention methods
- indigenization and globalization in social work
- problems related to disability
- protection and child wellbeing
- social work education
- environmental sustainability
- promoting community

Session 3: European studies: "United in diversity"

Facing an era of new challenges, the European Union needs to prove both its members and other international partners that it is still a viable construction, bringing together in one voice the interests of 28 countries. Nowadays, Europe needs to find the responses of the states and the continent’s collective institutions to the challenges posed by the several crises it has faced, thus creating a series of contradictions—many of which reiterate large questions from Europe’s past, while also affecting the ability of social forces to imagine possible futures.

This panel invites contributions addressing the following issues:

- cultural Identities in Europe
- economic or social integration in the EU
- EU Cohesion Policy - future challenges today
- legitimacy and European foreign policy
- rethinking European neighborhoods
Session 4: International Relations and Security Studies: "Security issues in a changing world"

In the international context of world politics post-9/11, many of the analyses on international relations focus on arguing on the relationship between security and the ways in which various types of threats can impact on the respect of presumed democratic politics.

We invite paper proposals addressing the field of international relations and related questions about security politics in different areas from a theoretical, empirical or normative perspective

- building contemporary foreign policy
- building diplomatic tools to address new types of threats
- global interests and regional policies
- inter-organizational contributions to global order
- regional and global alliances
- security politics: from conceptual framework to practice

Session 5: Law and Criminology: "No man is above the law and no man is below it"

The section Law and Criminology aims at gathering scientific researches that help explain the new changes in the fields of Law and Criminology. This section aims to promote research and developments of a conceptual, normative and empirical nature in all the major sub-areas of the fields and to combine latest progress in theory with new empirical outcomes across a range of areas relevant to the study of Criminology and Law.

Papers on the subject may explore the following:

- security, rights and criminal justice
- criminology
Session 6: Politics and History: "History and Politics through time"

In the XXI-th century the study of history without politics and vice versa is an incomplete approach. The two disciplines are complementary, highlighting contemporary political problems from a historical perspective and investigating past from a political perspective.

A debate over history issues is welcome because nowadays many problems (political, social, economic etc.) can find their solution through careful analysis of the events that took place through time.

Papers addressing aspects of the history and politics, and research results on topics such as the following are expected:

- historical personalities
- international relations
- international organizations
- national identity vs. globalization
- political parties
- political regimes
- political power and cultures
- public opinion, voting and elections
- state and society
Session 7: Philosophy: “Contemporary Philosophical Issues“

This panel deals with novel and controversial issues in contemporary philosophy and humanities, such as:

- Attitudes and mentalities
- Autonomy, individualism, revolution
- Discourse, ethics, communication
- Identity and otherness
- Ontology of the virtual
- Philosophy of film
- Religion and politics
General Guidelines and Paper Format/Publication Norms

The Conference papers shall be published after the venue

Submitted papers shall be included in the following journals/ conference volume:

1. Conference volume. The conference volume shall be published at a publishing house acknowledged by CNCSIS for specific fields. For the social science researchers: the conference volume shall be published at an A2 publishing house (for papers debating any of the Conference themes) – The volume will be sent for indexing to Clarivate Analytics Conference Proceedings Citation Index (former Thomson Reuters -ISI Web of Science).

   or

2. Sociology and Social Work Review, ISSN: 2573-3230 (Print) | eISSN: 2573-3222 (Online), California, USA (for Sociology and Social Work papers)

   or

3. International Relations and Security Studies Review, ISSN: 2577-459X (Print) | eISSN: 2577-4611 (Online), California, USA (for International Relations and Security Studies papers)

   or

4. Criminology and Criminal Law Review, ISSN: 2577-1345 (Print) | eISSN: 2577-1353 (Online), California, USA (for Law and Criminology papers)

   or

5. Revista Universitară de Sociologie/ Universitary Journal of Sociology, ISSN-L: 1841 - 6578 (Print) | ISSN: 2537 - 5024 (Online), Romania (for Sociology papers)
Please make sure to respect the following:

- The papers must be unpublished work.
- The abstracts and full papers should be submitted for review in electronic format: MS Word
- Papers are to be submitted in the official language of the Conference, English, containing a title, a short abstract (between 200 and 300 words), six key words as well as a 6 row bio note about the author(s).
- Please provide the full names, affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the authors, indicating the contact author.
- Please include in the e-mail containing the paper the session topic for which you are submitting the article and also the partner journal in which you want to publish.
- Please double-check spelling, syntax, composition and layout.
- One author can submit two papers, but only one as first author.

Remember: The editorial board, reserves the right, upon review by the referents, to publish or reject any of the received papers and to suggest changes that may be considered necessary, based on a blind peer review procedure.

Please send the abstracts and the papers to the following e-mail address: 

fss_conference@yahoo.ro

General Guidelines and Paper Presentation

Authors may deliver their work during the conference either as:

a) 10-15 minutes oral presentation (for physical participation at the conference and it involves the oral presentation of the theme. In this case, in the Registration Form, please choose the option "10 -15 minutes oral presentation"

or

b) PowerPoint session (for people who cannot be present at the Conference. In this case, in the Registration Form, please choose the option “PowerPoint Session)"

The PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded on the GoREF platform by the organizing team of the conference and will run in a special section, during the conference.

When sending the abstract, please select the presentation method!
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Session selected (please select one of the 7 sessions of the Conference):

Modality of paper presentation (please select one):

a) 10 -15 minute oral presentation

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS
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All tables/figures should be numbered with Arabic numerals. Headings should be placed above tables/figures, centered. Leave one line space between the heading and the table. All tables/figures must be numbered consecutively, all figures, and all tables respectively.
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