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**Forum on Studies of Society (FSS)  
International Conference  
on  
Social Sciences and Humanities**

**OPEN CALL for Conference Participation**

**Date:** 31.03.2016

**Place:** Craiova, Romania

**Organizers:**

**Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova**

Specializations: Sociology and Social Work

*in co-operation with:*

National College of Social Workers- Dolj Branch, Romania

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## Conference Theme

The first edition of the "Forum on Studies of Society (FSS)" International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities is organized by the University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Specializations: Sociology and Social Work, Romania, in co-operation with National College of Social Workers-Branch Dolj, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Department of Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania, Faculty of Philosophy and Faculty of Economics, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University, Bulgaria and Faculty of Science and Literature and Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Süleyman Demirel University, Turkey and The Off-Campus Faculty of Law & Social Sciences in Stalowa Wola, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

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**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

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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, Political Sciences, 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 - Political Science**
- **Session 6 – History**
- **Session 7 - Philosophy**

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

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### Conference Themes, Topic Descriptions and Sessions

#### 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
- judicial sociology
- labour market
- social integration
- social structure
- sociological theory
- sociology of art
- sociology of education
- sociology of religion

#### Session 2: Social Work: "Social workers towards an undivided humanity"

*Social Work session has the same "motto" with the "Word Social Work Day", given that this conference takes place during the month of this celebration: "Societies thrive when the dignity and rights of all peoples are respected: Social workers towards an undivided humanity".*

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*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

### **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

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- regulation and the business environment in Europe
- social and cultural challenges of migration in EU
- the balance of powers and division of competences between the EU and the Member States

### **Session 4: International Relations and Security Studies: "Towards a new world order"**

*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: Political Science: "Europeanization, policy-making and institutional change"**

*The section Europeanization, social services and institutional change aims at gathering seminal scientific researches that help explain the convergence or divergence of policy-making using international, European or corporatist governance models in assessing institutional continuity or discontinuity dynamics. Institutions as rules of the game shape behaviors, perceptions and expectations. The panel unites studies on forms and patterns of coordination, steering and guidance at community, sector, regional, societal, national, supranational European and/or international levels. Institutional change in governance, either incremental or spectacular, is approached towards the understanding of decision-making processes in collective issues in the*

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*realm of politics, justice and public administration reform, security policies, public policies reform balancing between European and national or local mechanisms and solutions.*

*Papers on the subject may explore the following:*

- innovative methods of research in political sciences
- national legislatives, executives and European governance
- political parties and ideologies
- political power and cultures
- public opinion, voting and elections
- security studies

### **Session 6: 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
- state and society

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## Session 7: *Philosophy: “Contemporary Philosophical Issues“*

This panels 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
- Knowledge and Society
- Ontology of the virtual
- Philosophy of Social Sciences
- Philosophy of film
- Religion and politics

## Important Dates and Conditions for Application

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Notification on Conference final program: **23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of Marh, 2016**

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## Registration, participation and publication are free of charge

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The Conference papers shall be published after the venue

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

1. **The conference volumes.** The conference volumes shall be published at a publishing house acknowledged by CNCS 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 volumes will be submitted for indexing to Thomson Reuters Conference Proceedings Citation Index (ISI Web of Science).**

or

2. The first and second number of the Journal *Sociology and Social Work*, USA (for Sociology and Social Work papers)

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3. The first and second number, year XII, of the *Revista Universitară de Sociologie/ University Journal of Sociology*, Beladi, Craiova, România (for Sociology papers)

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5. The Journal *Analele Universității din Craiova. Istorie/ Annals of the University of Craiova. History*, Universitaria Publishing House, Craiova, România (for History papers)

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The journals: „Sociology and Social Work” and „International Relations and Security Studies” are newly emerging, and their first issue will be published on the publisher's website.

**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.
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Napier, A. (1993a) *Fatal storm*, Sydney: Allen and Unwin.  
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Holton, R. (2005) "Globalization". In Harrington, A. ed., *Modern social theory: An introduction*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 292-312.

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**Articles with one author**

Schneider, B. (2014) "Achieving Citizenship and Recognition through Blogging about Homelessness", *Journal of Arts and Humanities*, 3(8), 79-89.

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**Articles with two and more than two authors**

Van der Geer, J., Hanraads, J. A. J., and Lupton, R. A. (2000) "The art of writing a scientific article", *Journal of Scientific Communications*, (163), 51-59.

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Council of Europe (2016) Prisons and Community Sanctions and Measures [online] Available: [http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/STANDARDSETTING/PRISONS/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/STANDARDSETTING/PRISONS/default_en.asp) [accessed 23 February 2016].

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