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Conference Program

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All times are Central European Time (CET)

10:00 – 11:00 Opening

Prof. Rumiana Stoilova, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Chair of Bulgarian Sociological Association, Partner in the National ESS Consortium

Prof. Filomin Gutierrez, ISA Vice-President for National Associations, University of the Philippines Diliman

Prof. Rory Fitzgerald, Director of the European Social Survey, City, University of London

Prof. Sorin Cace, Romanian Academy of Science, President of Sociological Association of Romania

Prof. Konstantin Minoski, Institute of Sociology at the Faculty of Philosophy – Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, Association of Sociologists of the Republic of Macedonia

Prof. Smiljka Tomanović, University of Belgrade, President of the Sociological Scientific Society of Serbia

11:00 - 11:45 Keynote lecture

Is there anything beyond happiness: A comparative European perspective towards the multi-dimensional character of individual subjective well-being

Prof. Pepka Boyadjieva, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Honorary Professor of Sociology of Education at the University of Nottingham

Assist. Prof. Dr. Petya Ilieva-Trichkova, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

11:45 –12:00 *“Thinking Comparatively in Balkan Context and the need of Fostering the Academic Cooperation”*

Prof. Lekë Sokoli, Albanian Institute of Sociology (AIS), Balkan Sociological Forum (BSF)

12:00 –13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:00 Keynote lecture

Sources and impact of post- or nontrust situations

Prof. Michel Wievorka, Maison des Sciences de l’Homme Foundation, ISA President 2006-2010

14:00 – 15:40 **Thematic session Trust, Welfare and Inequalities**

Moderator: Prof. Petya Kabakchieva, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria

Inequalities and Justice in the Balkans. Comparison between Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia and Serbia

Prof. Rumiana Stoilova, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

Assoc. Prof. Kaloyan Haralampiev, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria

How vulnerability drives biographical agency: Causal processes in a case-study mixed-methods research design

Assist. Prof. Michalis Christodoulou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Prof. Manos Spyridakis, University of the Peloponnese, Greece

Dr. Giorgos Bithymitris, Institute for Social Research, Greece

Dr. Panagiotis Koustenis, University of the Peloponnese, Greece

Are we tolerant in the Balkans?

Assoc. Prof. Lilia Dimova and Dr. Martin Dimov, Bulgaria

Involvement and trust in Poland and Bulgaria in comparison with other European societies. A comparative analysis of the 2008 and 2016 ESS results

Prof. Marek Nowak and Prof. Piotr Jabkowski

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland

Does Trust Matter? The Impact of Trust on Workers' Perceptions of Job and Employment Insecurity

Jovana Zafirović, Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia

Discussion

15:40 – 15:50 Coffee break

15:50 - 17:10 Thematic session Social Aspects of Digitalization

Moderator: Prof. Boyan Znepolski, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria

Digitization and Digital skills: Social Dimensions

Prof. Valentina Milenkova, South-West University "Neofit Rilski",
Bulgaria

Digital literacy as a factor of the Internet safety – a comparative analysis of Serbia, Western Balkans and EU 27 countries

Olga Bogdanov, KU Leuven, Belgium

Perspectives on the relationship between the use of video games and the learning outcomes of adolescents: differences according to gender and socio-economic background

Gabriel-Constantin Nicola, University of Oradea, Romania

The contemporary couple, between vulnerability and technology. Love and digitalization: are there victims of a love on the internet?

Larisa Simion, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania

Discussion

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9:00 - 10:20

Thematic session Comparative Research on Well-being

Moderator: Prof. Elka Todorova, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria, Chairman of Consortium “ESS for Bulgaria”

Investigating the relation of functioning as a determinant of well-being to political and social trust in three Balkan countries

Dr. Anastasia Charalampi, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Greece

Dr. Joanna Tsiganou, The National Center for Social Research, Greece

Prof. Catherine Michalopoulou, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Greece

Subjective Well-Being in 4 Former Socialist Republics of Yugoslavia – A Cross-National Comparison Between Rural and Urban Areas

Assist. Vladimir Ivanović, **Assist. Bruno Šimac** and **Assist. Prof. Tijana Trako Poljak**, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Collective memory and transnationality. The acceptance of the European identity among Balkan peoples

Prof. Nikolaos Nagopoulos, **Dr. Georgios Chatzichristos** and **Psoma Niki Eirini**, University of the Aegean, Greece

Trends of self-transcendence values across Europe – latent growth modeling approach

Dr. Vladimir Mentus, Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia

Discussion

10:20 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:30 Thematic session: Young People in the Balkans

Moderator: **Assoc. Prof. Siyka Kovacheva**, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, Bulgaria

Hiatus in Support Structures: Trust and Youth Well-Being in Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia

Dr. Dunja Potočnik, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia

*Young Bulgarian graduates in the process of school to work transition.
The youth between individual agency and family support*

Darena Hristozova, University of Plovdiv “Paisii Hilendarski”, Bulgaria

*Voluntary childlessness in Bulgaria: social-demographic and personal
profiles of young people with affirmative attitudes*

Assoc. Prof. Elitza Dimitrova, Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria

Prof. Tatyana Kotzeva, Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria

Political participation and life course patterns across Europe

Assist. Prof. Dragan Stanojevic, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Access to employment for young people

Prof. Jorde Jakjimovski, University “St. Cyril and Methodius”, North
Macedonia

The EU enlargement: policy and confidence-building

Assoc. Prof. Rumiana Jeleva, Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria

Discussion

12:30 - 13:00 Lunch break

13:00-15:30 Methodological Workshop

Moderator: **Assoc. Prof. Venelin Boshnakov**, University of National and
World Economy, Bulgaria, ESS NC for Bulgaria

*ESS -Round 10 in Bulgaria: Methodological challenges and decisions
made*

Prof. Emilia Chengelova, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, ESS Round 10 Director

The pressure on the face to face data collection mode. How ESS is facing up to the future

Prof. Rory Fitzgerald, Director of the European Social Survey, City, University London

Quantitative approach using policy-indicators and comparative micro data: The moderating role of policies on the effects of labor market insecurity on youth well-being

Prof. Marge Unt, Tallinn University, Estonia

Developing Multicultural Research Competencies

Assoc. Prof. Franziska Bieri, University of Maryland Global Campus, USA

Dr. Yulia Tolstikov-Mast, Creighton University, USA

Discussion