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# Trust and Well-Being in the Balkans

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# Conference Program

**30 September 2021**

**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**

**1 October 2021**

**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

*European Social Survey: Methodological challenges and new  
developments*

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

*Developing Multicultural Research Competencies*

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

**Dr. Yulia Tolstikov-Mast**, Creighton University, USA

*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

**Discussion**