

A Brief Report on

The 10th Slovenian Social Science Conference "The Social Transformations We Live in: Between cohesion and Fragmentation"

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The 10th Slovenian Social Science Conference was organised by the Slovenian National Committee of the MOST programme at the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO, School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica, Slovenia (SASS), European Sociological Association Research Network RN-36 Sociology of Transformations: East and West, and the International Sociological Association's Junior Sociologists Network.

The main aim of the conference was to enhance mutual knowledge and stimulate cooperation and to develop conceptual frames for the analysis of social transformations from various perspectives.

The call for papers was widely spread using various mailing lists, including the ISA website and social media, and the ISA Junior Sociologists Network mailing lists and social media.

Some key figures:

- 64 people submitted 50 abstracts (some proposals had more than 1 author)
- 39 presentations + 4 presentations in special sessions + 3 keynoters

Three keynote speakers were invited: Prof. Frane Adam, IRSA, The Institute for Developmental and Strategic Analysis, Slovenia; Dr. Martin Mendelski, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne, Germany; and Dr. Petr Jehlicka, The Open University, UK.

The conference was a clear success in terms of:

- 1) Networking and bringing together researchers from a number of countries (Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Russia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine, UK; Australia, China, India, Israel, USA);
- 2) Very high academic level of the papers that initiated inspiring discussions;
- 3) Effective organisation of the conference and interesting additional programme provided by hosting organisations;
- 4) Very positive responses by the participants to all aspects of the conference.





