Trust and Well-Being in the Balkans

Regional Conference

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Conference Program
30 September 2021

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9:15 – 9:30  Registration

9:30 - 10:40  Opening

Prof. Rumiana Stoilova
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Chair of Bulgarian Sociological Association

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

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

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

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

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

10:40 – 10:50  Coffee break
10:50 –12:50 Keynote lectures

Sources and impact of post- or nontrust situations
Prof. Michel Wievorka
Maison des Sciences de l’HommeFoundation, ISA President 2006-2010

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

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

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

12:50 –13:40 Lunch break

13:40 – 15:20 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
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

Asst. 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, Bulgaria

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
Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland

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

15:20 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 16:50 Thematic session Social Aspects of Digitalization

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

*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

*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

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

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
University of Zagreb, Croatia

Assist. Bruno Šimac
University of Zagreb, Croatia

Asst. Prof. Tijana Trako Poljak
University of Zagreb, Croatia

Collective memory and transnationality. The acceptance of the European identity among Balkan peoples
Prof. Nikolaos Nagopoulos
University of the Aegean, Greece

Dr. Georgios Chatzichristos
University of the Aegean, Greece

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

10:30-12:10 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 Sciences, Bulgaria

Prof. Tatyana Kotzeva
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

_Political participation and life course patterns across Europe_

Asst. Prof. Dragan Stanojevic
University of Belgrade, Serbia

Access to employment for young people

Prof. Jorde Jakjimovski

University “St. Cyril and Methodius”, North Macedonia

Discussion

12:10 - 13:00  Lunch break

13:00-14:50  Methodological Workshop

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Venelin Boshnakov

University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria

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

Prof. Emilia Chengelova

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

Methodology of the European Social Survey – to be confirmed

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

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