



Trust and Well-Being in the Balkans

Regional Conference

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Conference Program

30 September 2021

All times are Central European Time (CET)

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'Homme Foundation, 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

Discussion