

## **Sociological perspectives on contemporary post-Yugoslav societies**

Unlike most countries in Eastern and Central Europe, for which the 1990s were a period of democratic transition and gradual economic recovery, the new states in the South-East European region were faced with several tectonic changes at the same time: brutal wars and migrations on a large scale; pre-and post-war authoritarianism (in most cases), the dissolution of what used to be a common country and new nation-building, and a rather extreme version of neoliberal post-socialist transition. All of this had an impact on their subsequent development.

Post-Yugoslav societies still have significant similarities as they had been parts of the same society for more than seventy years (1918–1991). On the other hand, the differences that have developed within the newly formed states over the past thirty years (1991–2022) are also notable.

Bearing this in mind, the basic theme of this conference is the sociological analysis of the developmental tendencies of post-Yugoslav societies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and the comparative approach is particularly welcome.

Possible topics for presentation which refer to these societies include (but are not limited to):

- Social inequality, class/stratification struggles, symbolic and social conflicts in post-Yugoslav societies;
- The labour market and precarious forms of labour
- Political systems and their transformations;
- Ethnic and inter-confessional relations;
- Gender and generational relations;
- Transformations of urban and rural social landscapes;
- Migrations ('the brain drain') and demographic trends;
- Culture, cultural wars, and cultural participation

We would ask all those interested in taking part to send an abstract no longer than 300 words to the e-mail address of the organizers (socioloskoudruzenje@gmail.com) with "Conference" in the subject line.

Abstracts should include key words, names, contact details, and short biographies of all the authors.

The working language of the conference will be English.

The deadline for abstract submission is **January 31, 2023**. Authors will be notified of acceptance by March 1, 2023. Participants should prepare a 15 to 20-minute presentation, and while the submission of completed papers is welcome, it is not obligatory.

The conference will be held on **May 26 and 27, 2023**, at the premises of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Kraljice Natalije 45, Belgrade.

There is no conference fee. Conference participants will need to arrange travel and accommodation, while the organizers will provide refreshments during of the conference.

Please feel free to circulate this call to anyone you think might be interested.

For any additional information, please send an e-mail to the organizers at socioloskoudruzenje@gmail.com