



**ESA RN36 Midterm Conference and
10th Slovenian Social Science Conference on
*The Social Transformations We Live in:
Between Cohesion and Fragmentation***

Programme

Venue:

School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica, Gregorčičeva 19, 5000 Nova Gorica, Slovenia

All plenary sessions and “a” sessions will take place in Great Lecturing Room (Velika predavalnica), ground floor

All “b” sessions will take place in Lecturing Room 1, (Predavalnica 1), first floor

Thursday, 20 September

14:15 – 15:15 Registration of participants

15:30-16:00 Opening of the Conference (plenary session)

Introduction and welcome addressed by

- Elena Danilova, chair of the ESA RN 36 Sociology of Transformations: East and West
- Matej Makarovič, president of the Slovenian National Committee of the MOST Programme, and co-chair of the ESA RN 36 Sociology of Transformations: East and West
- Marjan Šimenc, representative of Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO
- representative of Junior Sociologists Network of International Sociological Association
- Matevž Tomšič, Acting Dean of the School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica

16:00-17:00 Keynote Lecture (plenary session)

Populism, democracy and social change in (Eastern) Europe

Prof. **Frane Adam**, IRSA, The Institute for Developmental and Strategic Analysis, Slovenia

Discussant: Prof. **Matevž Tomšič**, SASS, Slovenia

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-19:30 Parallel Session 1a: **Democracy, Voting and Discourses**

Moderator: Matej Makarovič

- Tadeusz Szawiel The populist right parties voter: predictors of voting for populist right parties in EU countries
- Dadiana Chiran Rationality and cultural effects in party preference in CEECs: contingency on retrospective economic evaluation and Florida effects of party agenda setting
- Marina Makarova The Discourse of Anti-corruption Civil Society in Russia
- Loktionova Dinara Public budget: Direct democracy's tool in action?

17:30-19:30 Parallel Session 1b: **Crossing Borders and Boundaries I.**

Moderator: Agnieszka Kolasa-Nowak

- Tamara Besednjak Valič Addressing economic fragmentation in regional tourism and gambling tourism: modelling new forms of tourism development
- Erika Džajić Uršič
- Svitlana Buko Cross-border cooperation of small and medium businesses (SMEs): business characteristics, regional perceptions and the probability of success on the Italian-Slovenian border.

20:00 Dinner (hosted by SASS)

Friday, 21 September

9:00-9:45 **Keynote Lecture** (plenary session)

- **The fragmentation of the state and economy in the age of neutralization and depoliticization**

Dr. **Martin Mendelski**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne, Germany

9:45-10:30 **Keynote Lecture** (plenary session)

- **Breaking the Mould?: Eastern Europe, alternative food practices and the unequal knowledge production**

Dr. **Petr Jehlicka**, The Open University, UK

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-13:00 Parallel Session 2a: **Social Morphogenesis**

Moderator: Elena Danilova

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| Marju Lauristin,
Peeter Vihalemm | Morphogenetic analysis of social transformation: the Estonian case |
| Triin Vihalemm,
Marju Lauristin | Personal Time Use Capability as a Social Transformation Mechanism |
| Zaheer Ali | Religion as a force of change: An exploratory study of how systematic Islamization of Pakistan impacted its religious minorities |
| Zenonas Norkus | Theorizing Modern Social Restorations: a Comparison of Social and Ecological Restorations |
| Tea Golob,
Matej Makarovič | Transformations of Reflexivity in Slovenia: Measurement, Change and Social Contexts |

11:00-13:00 Parallel Session 2b: **Crossing Borders and Boundaries II.**

Moderator: Svitlana Buko

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| Dong, Jessie | Mapping the Integration of Refugees through Space and Time: A Study on Refugee Walking Tours in Berlin |
| Dr. Irena Veljanova | Medicalised borders: Exploring the role of the medical profession as agents of border control in contemporary Australia |
| Natalia Chrobak | Migration of Ukrainians to Poland: Who, Where, How - immigration law and economics |
| Marta Cobel-Tokarska,
Marcin Dębicki | Refugees unwelcome. Poles challenged by the immigration crisis (against a background of other Central European societies) |

13:00-15:00 **Lunch Break (Buffet Lunch)**

15:00-17:00 Parallel Session 3a: **Political Culture and Power**

Moderator: Tadeusz Szawiel

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| Janja Mikulan Kildi | Fragmentation of security provision as a tool to remain in power: case study of Lebanon |
| Petra Kleindienst
Anna Turner,
Marcin W. Zielinski | Integrating the human dignity concept into the educational process
Online Surveillance in Everyday Life - do we really care? Google Big Data in European perspective. |
| Matevž Tomšič,
Petra Kleindienst | Political elites and post-communist transitional justice |

15:00-17:00 Parallel Session 3b: **Social Inequality and Mobility**

Moderator: Zenonas Norkus

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| Andrej Raspor,
Andrej Šumer,
Darko Lacmanović,
Bojan Macuh | Contextualizing successful aging: Role of retired societies in Slovenia |
| Arkadiusz Peisert | Incarceration of Poverty in Poland as an Unforeseen Result of the Play of Interests |
| Elena Danilova | Zero- or variable-sum models of social inequality and |

transformative change in Russia and China

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-19:30 Parallel Session 4a: Children, Youth and Education

Moderator: Tea Golob

Mateja Rek Teaching preschool children to be media literate: the case of Slovene kindergartens

Jan Klusáček The reversal of the gender gap in education and thoughts about breaking up

Krystyna Ewa Siellawa-Kolbowska Young generations and/or social cohesion (or fragmentation?): Case Poland

Orehovskaya Natalia Youth in the Global World

Veronika Kalmus, Mai Beilmann, Youth in the Kaleidoscope: Civic Participation Types in Estonia and the Czech Republic

Jakub Macek,
Alena Macková,
Jan Šerek

17:30-19:30 Parallel Session 4b: Questioning European Integration

Moderator: Peeter Vihalemm

Krzysztof Kosela Fragmentation of Polish society reflected in social identifications – the analysis of 20-year trends

Nicolae Pepene, Florin Nechita, Interpreting Recent Past Becomes a Cohesive Strategy for Central and Eastern European cities

Catalina Ionela

Rezeahu

Tomáš Kostecký Why Czechs are one of the most euro-sceptical nations within the European Union? In search for an explanation.

20:00- Reception for participants (hosted by the MOST National Committee at the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO)

Saturday, 22 September

9:00-11:00 Parallel Session 5a: Social Fragmentation

Moderator: Arkadiusz Peisert

Huidi Ma Can “The Belt and Road” Suffice for the Integrating the Fragmented World?

Uroš Šuvakovic Fragmentation and cohesion as two faces of globalism

Agnieszka Kolasa-Nowak Fragmented society or fragmented picture? Polish society in recent sociological studies

Lia (Lika) Tsuladze Politicizing Civic Activism: Exclusion, Division and Fight for the Right to the City in Georgia

- 9:00-11:00** Parallel Session 5b: **Post-communist Issues**
Moderator: Marju Lauristin
- Borut Rončević Activators, Voyeurs, Fellow Travellers and Marginals: The Role of Sociology in Eastern European Transformations
- Victor Cepoi Moldovan post-socialist transformation: the (un)successfulness of sociology
- Mirosława Grabowska Post-communist cleavage revisited
- 11:00-11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30-12:15** **Special Session I.a: Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence: *Regional Policy and Innovations***
Chair: Borut Rončević
- Victor Cepoi Jean Monnet CoE: Approach and Data Collection
- Tamara B. Valič EUSDR as a case of Macroregional Approach
- 11:30-11:45** **Presentation I.b: Presentation of the STEM4Youth project**
Presenter: Barbara Tomšič
- 12:15-13:00** **Special Session II.a: Jean Monnet Chair: *Co-creation for a successful, smart and sustainable growth***
Chair: Borut Rončević
- Urška Fric Collaboration and Sustainability: Case of E-Symbiosis platform
- Erika Uršič Modelling Sustainability: the Fourth Paradigm
- 12:15-13:00** **Special Session II.b: Local event of the Interreg Adrion project *Fostering tourism innovation system in Adriatic-Ionian Region (FOST INNO)***
Presenter: Andrej Raspor
- 13:00-14:30** **Lunch Break (Buffet Lunch)**
- 14:30-15:00** **Concluding Remarks (plenary session)**
- 15:30** **Optional activity:** sightseeing of historical place **Vipavski Križ**, visiting wine cellar, testing local wines and local cuisine. Participation will only be based on the prior announcement, so that the SSSC Team is able to organise the trip.