



**Slovenian National Committee of the
UNESCO Management of Social Transformations Program (MOST),
School of Advanced Social Studies, Nova Gorica, Slovenia,
and Slovenian Social Science Association**
cordially invite you to submit paper proposals for the

16th Slovenian Social Science Conference
Crises and Empowerment in Social Transformations
October 26-27, 2023

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Michael Slobodchikoff, Troy University
Prof. Emilian Kawalski, Jagiellonian University

Scope of the Conferences:

Currently, we are facing many crises on different societal levels. One can observe major turbulences especially in the area of climate, energy, and economy, which result in a variety of responses in political, cultural and individual contexts. Turmoil on a macro societal level is precipitating disturbances, disorientation and stress on a level of individuals, but are, however, also an opportunity to thrive (Sathouris 2010), while encouraging actors on different social levels to act properly within the contested social conditions.

The key question that the conference addresses is: **Which facets of crises we can observe, what are the consequences for the society and humanity, and under what conditions, crises can be understood as an opportunity for empowerment towards a positive social change.**

There are many different actors dealing with consequences of crises; (1) on a macro scale, we have transnational and national political actors, such as nation states, (2) on a mezzo scale, there are organisations and communities, (3) on a micro level, we deal with individuals, their interactions, aspirations and actions.

The issues challenge the social scientists and experts dealing with crises in the world of unprecedented social transformations to search for new knowledge on how to address trajectories for a better life. Social reality has become inextricably intertwined with digital transformation with the increasingly central role of artificial intelligence in all spheres of social life. Therefore, the topic calls for the interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches, such as sociology, cultural anthropology, international relations, economics, political science, psychology, counselling, management, environmental studies, computing and informatics.

Contributions addressing these and similar aspects of social crises and ways of empowerment in the context of social transformations are welcome. You may address macro, mezzo level or individuals dealing with a broad comparative perspective, case studies, and applying a broad variety of theories and research methods.

Abstract, language, and submission:

The organisers invite theoretically or empirically grounded papers on the above topics. Special consideration will be given to empirically grounded papers, either comparative or country-based. The language of the abstracts, the papers and the conference will be English. Abstracts should be no more than 400 words long. They should be accompanied by the name(s) of the author(s), his/her/their affiliation(s) and e-mail(s).

The *processes of abstract submission* and acceptance will be managed using the [online platform](#). Please make sure you initially create an account for yourself on the conference platform and choose the status of *Author* in the process: <http://conference.fuds.si/>

Publication of the papers: Full papers based on the conference presentations submitted until **30 November 2023** of acceptable quality will be published in an edited book or in an edited volume of an international scientific journal *Research in Social*

Change – RSC (based on the topic and the author’s preferences). RSC is an international, peer-reviewed journal published by Sciendo that welcomes contributions for the 2023 volume. Interested conference participants can submit the prepared articles even before the conference following the [instructions on the official RSC website](#). The accepted, peer-reviewed, papers will be published free of charge.

Organising institutions:

- Slovenian National Committee of the UNESCO Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST)
- School of Advanced Social Studies / Fakulteta za uporabne družbene študije v Novi Gorici
- Slovenian Social Science Association

Important Deadlines:

Deadline for submitting paper proposals (max. 400 words) – 31 August 2023

Notification of paper acceptance – 15 September 2023

Deadline for registration – 30 September 2023

Conference Fees:

There are no conference fees. The conference is supporter by the national UNESCO MOST programme.

Conference venue:

Hybrid form, SASS Ljubljana, Leskoškova 9, combining on-site participation (preferred) and online participation (for those unable to travel)

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