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The Annual Conference of the School of Advanced Social Studies

“SOCIETIES IN FLUX: NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY, CHANGE, AND RESILIENCE”

Preliminary conference programme

15–16 MAY 2026, LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026

8.30 – 9.00	Arrival & Registration
9.00 – 9.30	WELCOME ADDRESS <i>prof. dr. Simona Kukovič, host of Global Social Nexus 2026 Conference, Vice Dean for Science and Research at SASS</i> <i>assoc. prof. dr. Petra Kleindienst, Dean at SASS</i>
9.30 – 11.00	PANEL SESSIONS I
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	PANEL SESSIONS II
13.00 – 13.45	<i>Light Lunch</i>
13.45 – 15.00	KEY-NOTE ADDRESS given by prof. dr. Christian Welzel
15.00 – 15.15	<i>Coffee and cakes</i>
15.15 – 16.45	PANEL SESSIONS III
16.45 – 17.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17.00 – 18.30	PANEL SESSIONS IV
18.30 – 19.00	<i>Light Dinner</i>

SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2026

8.30 – 9.00	Arrival & Registration
9.00 – 10.30	PANEL SESSIONS V / SPECIAL PANEL SESSIONS FOR PhD STUDENTS I
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00 – 12.30	PANEL SESSIONS VI / SPECIAL PANEL SESSIONS FOR PhD STUDENTS II
12.30 – 13.15	<i>Light Lunch</i>
13.15 – 14.45	PANEL SESSIONS VII / SPECIAL PANEL SESSIONS FOR PhD STUDENTS III
14.45 – 15.00	CONCLUDING REMARKS <i>prof. dr. Simona Kukovič, host of Global Social Nexus 2026 Conference, Vice Dean for Science and Research at SASS</i>

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

1ST DAY: FRIDAY, 15th OF MAY 2026

9.30 – 11.00 PANELS ROUND I

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIAL CHANGE – I</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Izabela Kapsa</p>	<p>Marijana Mitrović and Marija Gojković, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Do Digital Technologies Create a New Form of Society?</i></p> <p>Zuzanna Kopania, Jagiellonian University, Poland <i>Legitimising the Watchful State: Constitutional Narratives of Facial Recognition in Democracies and Authoritarian Regimes</i></p> <p>Tine Šteger, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Conspiracy Theories on Social Media in Slovenia</i></p> <p>Victor Cepoi, Sorana Constantinescu, Gabriel Badescu and Dan-Mihai Mercea, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania <i>Ask before you act: An examination of GenAI usage as a source of political and protest-related information</i></p> <p>Izabela Kapsa and Kamila Sierzputowska, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland <i>Building Digital Resilience in Times of Information Pressure: State Anti-Disinformation Governance and Civic Competences in Poland</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE IN COMPARATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE – I</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Ildikó Bartha</p>	<p>Péter Kacziba and Zoltán Lechner, University of Pécs, Hungary <i>Small-State Reactions to the Russian-Ukrainian War: Comparative National Responses from the EU's Eastern Flank</i></p> <p>Jerzy J. Wiatr, European School of Law and Administration, Poland <i>Lessons from the Russian-Ukrainian war</i></p> <p>Tomas Kavaliauskas, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania <i>Identity and Geopolitical Transformations in PostSocial Countries of Eastern Europe before and after the War in Ukraine</i></p> <p>Anzhelika Savchuk-Konarska, University Merito, Wrocław, Poland <i>What's happening with elites: Ukrainian case on the Central and Eastern European Perspective</i></p> <p>Dorota Rynkowska and Magdalena Pokrzywa, University of Rzeszów, Poland <i>Key areas of support for refugees from Ukraine – status, challenges, and prospects</i></p> <p>Ildikó Bartha, University of Debrecen, Hungary <i>A Comparative Overview of the State Aid Policy of Hungary and Poland in Times of Crisis</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>Okrogla miza: IZ DOSEŽKOV PRETEKLOSTI V IZZIVE PRIHODNOSTI</p> <p>Moderatorja: Simona Kukovič Emil Karajić</p>	<p>Branka Hrast Debeljak, generalna direktorica, Direktorat za srednje in višje šolstvo ter izobraževanje odraslih, MVI</p> <p>Tomaž Boh, generalni direktor, Direktorat za znanost in inovacije, MVZI</p> <p>Jaka Vadnjal, član sveta NAKVIS</p>

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break / Druženje z novinarji

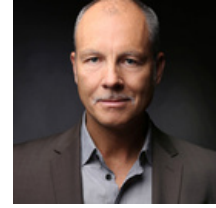
11.30 – 13.00 PANELS ROUND II

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>MENTAL HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Tjaša Stepišnik Perdih</p>	<p>Jožica Pongrac and Andrej Omulec, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Supervision in foster case and support for emotional regulation and understanding of children's distress within the framework of the relational paradigm</i></p> <p>Nataša Dernovšček Hafner, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenia <i>The experience of burnout among Slovenian farmers and sources of support: a qualitative analysis</i></p> <p>Emil Karajčić, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Psychological Resilience in a Fluctuating Society: A Process-Based Therapy Perspective on Mindful Resilience in the LGBTQ+ community</i></p> <p>Edina Šifrar and Emil Karajčić, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Communication skills in psychosocial counselling: nonviolent communication, assertiveness and Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) in in the context of wellbeing and cultural diversity</i></p> <p>Monika Erjavec Bizjak and Neža Janež, Anita Ogulin Charity Association, Slovenia <i>The DOBRO SEM Programme</i></p> <p>Tjaša Stepišnik Perdih, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>The Roots of Psychological Safety: Relationships, Stability, and Inner Resources</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>IDENTITIES, CULTURE, AND BELONGING – I</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Svetluša Surová</p>	<p>Ursa Sergiu, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania <i>Should I help or should I go? – Is volunteering linked with the migration intention of South-East European youth?</i></p> <p>Bojan Miklosh, Lazar Gjurov and Aleksandra Janeska Iliev, Military academy General Mihailo Apostolski Skopje and Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia <i>Mitigating Cultural Transmission Unpredictability through Tenure-Sensitive Leadership: Evidence from the Public Sector</i></p> <p>Izabela Anna Predko, University of Szczecin, Poland <i>Identity as a Field of International Competition: Narrative Power and Cognitive Resilience in an Era of Epistemic Uncertainty</i></p> <p>Joana Sousa Ribeiro, CES, Portugal <i>(De)national Labour Projects: the Global Professional Nexus among Migration, Healthcare Workers</i></p> <p>Svetluša Surová, Minority Issues Research Institute, Slovakia <i>Researching the impact of COVID-19 measures on vulnerable minorities during the pandemic: methodological and ethical challenges of empirical research</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>Okrogla miza: DEMOKRACIJA IN MEDIJI: SLOVENSKE PARLAMENTARNE VOLITVE 2026</p> <p>Moderator: Miro Haček</p>	<p>Suzana Kos, Info360.si</p> <p>Žan Dolajš, TV Slovenija</p> <p>Tomaž Celestina, Radio Slovenija</p> <p>Mirko Mayer, Zanima.me</p>

13.00 – 13.45 Light Lunch

13.45 – 15.00 KEY-NOTE ADDRESS given by prof. dr. Christian Welzel

Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel is Professor of Research of Political Culture at the Institute of Political Science and head of the Center for the Study of Democracy at Leuphana University. He is President (emer.) and Vice-President of the World Values Survey Association (Stockholm, Sweden) and Fellow of the German Academy of Sciences "Leopoldina". His research focus is on democratic theory, sociocultural evolution, development and empowerment, democratization, value formation, cultural change, protest participation and neighboring topics. He is in the top 3 of the best political scientists in Germany and is highly ranked worldwide in the areas of comparative politics (#20) and political psychology/public opinion (#10) as well as democratization (#5).



15.00 – 15.15 Coffee and cakes

15.15 – 16.45 PANELS ROUND III

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>(IN)COMPATIBILITY OF POPULISM AND DEMOCRACY: THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Matevž Tomšič</p>	<p>Agnieszka Turska-Kawa, University of Silesia, Poland <i>Ageing and the Appeal of Populism: Evidence from Poland</i></p> <p>Miro Haček, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia <i>The Power of Hidden Forces: Conspiracy Theories and Populism Politics in Slovenia</i></p> <p>Gabriel Badescu, Babes Bolyai University, Romania <i>Beyond Economy: Pandemic Governance, Religious Traditionalism and Electoral Realignment in Post-Communist Europe</i></p> <p>Petr Just and Vit Hloušek, Metropolitan University Prague, Czechia <i>Uneasy Admiration: Donald Trump in the Discourse of Czech Populist Politicians</i></p> <p>Matevž Tomšič, School of Advanced Social Sciences, Slovenia <i>Populism, Leadership and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>TECHNOLOGY, DIGITALIZATION, AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION – I</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Mateja Rek</p>	<p>Svetlana Mihic, Jelena Jotic, Toma Dasic and Milan Mihajlovic, School of Advanced Social Studies, University of Educons and Academy of applied studies southern Serbia, Slovenia and Serbia <i>Changes in modern society conditioned by the emergence of digital marketing and branding in the hobby industry – a case study of Serbia</i></p> <p>Mariella Nocenzi and Nina Gorenc, LUMSA University of Rome and University of Ljubljana, Italy and Slovenia <i>AI, social learning and inequality in societies in flux: toward an interdisciplinary framework of AI literacy as social capability</i></p> <p>Rashmi Sharma, Western Illinois University, USA <i>From Exploration to Constructing Ethical GenAI Practices: Insights from Two Doctoral Cohorts</i></p> <p>Tanja Porčnik, University of Hamburg, Germany <i>AI and Political Authority: The Future of the Political Order</i></p> <p>Mateja Rek, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Digital Marketing Communication Awareness and Democratic Resilience: Policy Implications for European Digital Governance</i></p>

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>IDENTITIES, CULTURE, AND BELONGING – II</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Janez Kolar</p>	<p>Tanja Balažic Peček, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Management from Nature: Autopoiesis and the Development of Conscious Organizations</i></p> <p>Stefano Falchi, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland <i>Faith, Freedom, and Exclusion: ProVita & Famiglia's Challenge to Democratic Pluralism</i></p> <p>Orazio Maria Gnerre, Institute for the History of the Italian Risorgimento, Italy <i>The Relevance of Italian Political Thinkers in the Global Age of Uncertainty</i></p> <p>Fatjona Haka and Arlinda Hallunovi Ymeri, Regional Office of Preuniversity Education – Shkoder and Universiteti i Shkodres Luigj Gurakuqi, Albania <i>Autonomy under conformity: Self – construal, value – orientations, and moral emotions in post – collectivist Albania</i></p> <p>Ivana Brkljača, Janez Kolar and Etienne Šajn, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Salary as the basis of recognition and stability: work values of generation Z in conditions of social instability</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p><i>Roundtable:</i> FROM VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE: PREVENTING RADICALIZATION IN SLOVENIA</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Janja Mikulan</p> <p>*jezik/language: Slovenian/English</p>	<p>Robert Zlobko, višji kriminalistični inšpektor specialist (Oddelek za terorizem in ekstremno nasilje, Uprava kriminalistične policije RS)</p> <p>Marko Škvarč, višji kriminalistični inšpektor specialist (Oddelek za terorizem in ekstremno nasilje, Uprava kriminalistične policije RS)</p> <p>Urša Regvar, predstavnica NVO v Medresorski delovni skupini za preprečevanje radikalizacije (PIC – Pravni center za varstvo človekovih pravic in okolja).</p> <p>Matic Munc, psiholog, član Fokalne skupine za celovito obravnavo otrok in mladostnikov z nevarnim vedenjem</p> <p>Katarina Goričan, profesorica in vizionarka Čuteče šole – šole 21. stoletja</p>

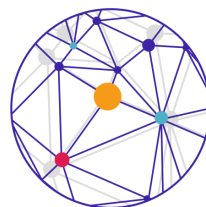
16.45 – 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 – 18.30 PANELS ROUND IV

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>TECHNOLOGY, DIGITALIZATION, AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION – II</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Lidija Eret</p>	<p>Nina Antičić and Lovre Sasso, RIT, Croatia <i>How do perceptions of online safety influence consumer engagement in cross-border e-commerce? The mediating role of trust</i></p> <p>Sandra Balaban, University Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>Importance of Human-centric Approach in HRM in a Time of Flux</i></p> <p>Anna Bureiko, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania <i>The Role of AI, VR, and Synthetic Media in Building Media Resilience</i></p> <p>Zuzanna Kopania, Jagiellonian University, Poland <i>Governing Through Biometrics: Legal, Political, and Social Transformations of US Surveillance Since Snowden</i></p> <p>Lidija Eret and Hrvoje Cvijanović, Zagreb University, Croatia <i>Digital Media, Artificial Intelligence, and Political Literacy: A Neuroscientific Perspective on Civic Competence</i></p>
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<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIAL CHANGE – II</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Marián Sekerák</p>	<p>Kateryna Gryniuk and Olga Lavrinenko, University of Warsaw, Poland <i>Gender Equality Legislation and Social Change in Europe: Adapting an Outcome Harvesting Approach</i></p> <p>Andraž Konc, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Economic Sentiment in Times of Political Uncertainty: Insights from Slovenia’s Election Cycles</i></p> <p>Ayshan Mammadova, Azerbaijan Technological University, Azerbaijan <i>Ways to Support Economic Development in Azerbaijan through Green Economy and Environmental Policy</i></p> <p>Gjeraqina Leka, University of Tetova, North Macedonia <i>Navigating uncertainty in a small state: EU integration, inter-ethnic relations, and geopolitical pressures in North Macedonia</i></p> <p>Marián Sekerák, AMBIS College, Prague & Centre for Higher Education Studies, Czech Republic <i>The University as a Site of Agonistic Democracy: Rethinking Pluralism Amid Cultural and Political Conflict</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>KNOWLEDGE, MEDIA, COMMUNICATION, AND REPRESENTATION</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Jad Melki</p>	<p>Miha Adanin-Oven, Gordon P. Brooks and Nina Adjanin, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia, Ohio University, USA, and Northwest Missouri State University, USA <i>Social Media Influence on Perceptions of Athlete Political Expression</i></p> <p>Anja Bratoš and Mateja Rek, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Media Habits and Digital Inclusion of Older Adults in Slovenia: Between Dependence on Traditional Media and Emerging Digital Practices</i></p> <p>Klara Eva Draškovič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia <i>Language as a Condition of Justice: Linguistic Vulnerability and Institutional Practice in Slovenian Criminal Proceedings</i></p> <p>Jasmina Kozel Harley and Svitlana Buko, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia <i>Scent as a Global Neural Language: The Role of Olfaction in Cross-Cultural Business Communication</i></p> <p>Jad Melki, Lebanese American University, Lebanon <i>A Media Literacy of the Oppressed Framework</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>Okrogla miza: KDO VZGAJA MLADOSTNIKA? DRUŽINA, DIGITALNO OKOLJE ALI SODOBNA DRUŽBA – IN KAJ TO POMENI ZA PRIHODNOST?</p> <p>Moderator: Janja Mikulan</p>	<p>Andrej Omulec, predavatelj, Fakulteta za uporabne družbene študije</p> <p>Monika Erjavec Bizjak, družinska mediatorka, vodja programa program Dobro sem</p> <p>Emil Karajić, predavatelj, Fakulteta za uporabne družbene študije</p>

18.30 – 19.00 Light Dinner



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2ND DAY: SATURDAY, 16TH OF MAY 2026

9.00–10.30 PANELS ROUND V

SPECIAL PANEL: SESSIONS FOR PhD STUDENTS I

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>CRISIS OF INSTABILITY AND CHALLENGE OF RESILIENCE IN THE AGE OF UNCERTAINTY</p> <p><i>Chair of the panel:</i> Danilo Lorenzo Delos Santos</p>	<p>Fedor Zolotarev, University of Pécs, Hungary <i>Building Municipal Blocks: Geopolitics of City Diplomacy Networks of Ukraine and Russia after 2022 and Impacts for EU, USA, and China</i></p> <p>Douaa Dridi, University of Pécs, Hungary <i>Communicating Politics in the Age of the ‘Splinternets’: The Middle Eastern and North African Diaspora and Geopolitical Mediatization</i></p> <p>Hubert Kotarski, University of Rzeszów, Poland <i>The dynamics of social inclusion in the border region: refugees from Ukraine on the labour market of the Podkarpackie Province in times of change</i></p> <p>Islam Jusufi, Independent researcher, North Macedonia <i>Uncertainty, corruption risks, and ontological security: How uncertainties and corruption risks interact with each other?</i></p> <p>Katarzyna Sypień, Jagiellonian University, Poland <i>Climate risk and food security as a social resilience challenge</i></p> <p>Danilo Lorenzo Delos Santos, University of Pécs, Hungary <i>Digital Innovation Lock-ins in the Philippines and China’s Digital Silk Road’s Effect on Digital Innovation</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>Info panel: PROJECTS AT SASS</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Jasmina Jakomin</p>	<p>Mitja Zupan, Interreg SMILE Incubator</p> <p>Nina Humar, Interreg Dynamic Danube</p> <p>Janja Lozar, Interreg Danube Crafts</p> <p>Jasmina Jakomin, Interreg Culinary Trail</p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>PhD PANEL</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Urša Lamut</p>	<p>Zorica Knežević <i>Organizational Culture and Professional Identity in Emergency Medical Services: A Foucauldian Perspective</i></p> <p>Lara Boncelj <i>The Question of Nuclear War: Comparative Analysis of Germany and Japan</i></p> <p>Rebeka Krasnić <i>Normative Study of the Determination Test and the Reaction Test in Drivers Aged 80 Years and Older in Slovenia</i></p> <p>Duje Bralic <i>Epistemic Degradation in Algorithmically Mediated Information Ecosystems: Toward a Sociological Theory of Social Model Collapse</i></p> <p>David Bohar <i>Analysis of the Managerial Capacity of Municipalities</i></p>

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>PhD PANEL</p> <p>Chair: Simona Kukovič</p>	<p>Tomislav Katić <i>Comparative analysis of the characteristics and coherence of safety perceptions between foreign workers, local workers and management in the Croatian construction industry</i></p> <p>David Raišp <i>Emotions in Slovenian journalism of the 19th and early 20th centuries</i></p> <p>Anica Gorjanc Vitez <i>An Analysis of Stressors Among Psychiatrists: Sources, Consequences, and Coping Strategies</i></p> <p>Monika Brkanac <i>Mental health and the experience of loneliness among psychotherapists in the Republic of Croatia</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>PhD PANEL</p> <p>Chair: Jana Krivec</p>	<p>Mojca Primorac <i>Mental Health Difficulties among Adolescents from Privileged Environments in Slovenia</i></p> <p>Branka Kralj Čizmešija <i>Stress and Human Dignity of Primary School Teachers</i></p> <p>Ines Štivić <i>Barriers to seeking psychological help among intensive care nurses</i></p> <p>Marjetka Loborec Škerl <i>The Attitude of Primary School Teachers towards the Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools in Slovenia</i></p> <p>Simona Lobnik Ambrožič <i>The relation between parentification and trust of managers in a corporate environment towards coworkers</i></p>

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.30 **PANELS ROUND VI** **SPECIAL PANEL: SESSIONS FOR PhD STUDENTS II**

<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>TECHNOLOGY, DIGITALIZATION, AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION – III</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Justyna Ziobrowska-Sztuczka</p>	<p>Hrvoje Cvijanović and Lidija Eret, University of Zagreb, Croatia <i>Weaponizing Post-Liberalism: Russian Propaganda, Digital Media, and the Crisis of Democratic Resilience</i></p> <p>Edit Lezha and Eranda Bilali, University of Shkodra, Albania <i>Integrating Digital Competence in Teacher Education: A Meta-Analytical Review of Curriculum Practices</i></p> <p>Halina Świeboda, Wyższa Szkoła Kształcenia Zawodowego, Poland <i>Man in the world of post-truth and alternative facts. Social consequences of epistemological transformation</i></p> <p>Aneta Atanasovska Cvetković and Aleksandra Jovanovic, Faculty of Business Economics and Entrepreneurship, Belgrade, Serbia <i>Sui iuris and the digital age: the reception of the roman concept of iniuria from the digest into contemporary criminal law and society</i></p> <p>Justyna Ziobrowska-Sztuczka, University of Wrocław, Poland <i>The Subscription Economy and the Transformation of Business Models: Between Stability, Access, and Uncertainty</i></p>
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<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>CRISIS, RISK, AND SOCIAL RESILIENCE</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Michał Nadziak</p>	<p>Branko Ančić, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia <i>Collapses Ahead: Foundations for a Sociology of Collapse</i></p> <p>Margarita Dylewska, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland <i>Is BRICS a Resilience Mechanism? Institutional Alternatives in a Fragmenting Global Order</i></p> <p>Lovas Dóra, Independent Scholar, Hungary <i>Lessons from the Paks II Case: Testing the Limits of EU State Aid Control</i></p> <p>Daniel Dylewski, University of Justice, Poland <i>Water crises as a risk for modern societies and ways to manage them</i></p> <p>Iliina Arsova, Independent Scholar, North Macedonia <i>Mountaineering, Gender, and National Identity in Post-Yugoslav Societies in Flux</i></p> <p>Michał Nadziak, University of Warsaw, Poland <i>Scenarios for Resilience: Foresight as a Tool to Navigate Societal Complexity and Uncertainty</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>PhD PANEL</p> <p>Chair: Urša Lamut</p>	<p>Erna Flogie Dolinar <i>Where Am I From? The Role of Spatial Data in Adoptee Identity Formation</i></p> <p>Edina Šifrar <i>The Inner Process of the Therapist in Working with Clients with Trauma: A Transactional Analysis Perspective</i></p> <p>Petra Škabar <i>From Science to Start-ups: A Psychosocial Study of Women Academics with Patents in Slovenia</i></p> <p>Joya Jožica Sever <i>Menopause in the workplace</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>PhD PANEL</p> <p>Chair: Simona Kukovič</p>	<p>Janja Lozar <i>Cognitive Frames of Digital Nomads: Local engagement and Innovation in Societies in Flux</i></p> <p>Martina Malinović <i>Defining and measuring the level of perceived greed of individuals in correlation with need satisfaction</i></p> <p>Anja Poznič <i>The Relationship Between Leadership Styles of Supervisors and Employee Work Engagement in Relation to Their Personality Traits</i></p> <p>Ivana Brkljača <i>Golf and management</i></p> <p>Josipa Pleša <i>Involvement of internal audit in ESG reporting in companies in the Republic of Croatia</i></p>
<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>PhD PANEL</p> <p>Chair: Matevž Tomšič</p>	<p>Urška Bogataj <i>Cross-cultural competencies of healthcare professionals and challenges in the care of migrant women in healthcare systems</i></p> <p>Barbara Franić <i>The role of cultural associations in the preservation of intangible cultural heritage and the development of cultural tourism in the Republic of Croatia</i></p> <p>Anita Mamić <i>Exploring the Impact of Social Factors on Career Decisions: A Case Study of Becoming a Police Officer in Republic of Croatia</i></p> <p>Vesna Stepišnik <i>The Influence of Environmental, Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Factors on the Development of Managers' Talent in Small and Medium-Sized Slovenian Companies</i></p> <p>Tjaša Jug <i>Collective Instrumentalism in Food Safety Audits</i></p>

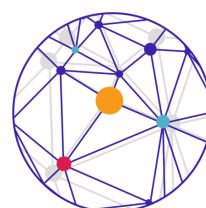
12.30 – 13.15 *Light Lunch*

13.15 – 14.45 **PANELS ROUND SEVEN**
SPECIAL PANEL: SESSIONS FOR PhD STUDENTS III

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<p>ROOM-TBA</p> <p>GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIAL CHANGE - III</p> <p><i>Chair of the panel:</i> Giorgi Pareshishvili</p>	<p>Olga Lavrinenko and Kateryna Gryniuk, University of Warsaw, Poland <i>No Single Path: Political Vulnerability and Divergent Trajectories of Gender Policy Regimes in Europe</i></p> <p>Mengling Tang, University of Debrecen, Hungary <i>"Quasi-precedent" and the political structure of judicial authority: Hungary and China in institutional change</i></p> <p>Yavuz Yildirim, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey <i>Social movements and democracy: how the dynamics changed after 2010s</i></p> <p>Iga Machnik, Jagiellonian University, Poland <i>Democracy in Flux: The Roberts Court and the Reframing of Federal Voting Rights Protections</i></p> <p>Mohammed Mutala Surazu, University of Belgrade, Serbia <i>Policy Pathways for Transforming Brain Drain into Developmental Gains in Serbia</i></p> <p>Giorgi Pareshishvili, Caucasus International University, Georgia <i>Strategic Changes in the South Caucasus and Georgia's Foreign Policy Course</i></p>
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14.45 – 15.00 CONCLUDING REMARKS



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