



**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION  
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE  
"Society in transformation: challenges and opportunities"  
(30 years of Sociology at the University of Tirana)**

**TIRANË, 13-14 November 2023**

**University of Tirana**  
**Faculty of Social Sciences**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**Organizes:**  
**The International Scientific Conference**  
**"Society in transformation: challenges and opportunities".**

This conference is organized in collaboration with: Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena; Department of Sociology, University of Southern Denmark; Department of Sociology, Cankiri Karatekin University; Institute of Social and Humanistic Studies, University of Pristina; Department of Sociology, University of Tetova; Albanian Institute of Sociology; Department of Social Sciences, "Fan S. Noli" University; Department of Sociology, "Aleksandër Moisiu" University; Federation of Arbëresh Associations.

#### **PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE**

Human society changes naturally over time. History proves that forms of social organization and social dynamics have changed over the centuries. During the last two decades, such transformations have been more radical and accelerated. In the 21st century, sociological studies and other social science studies are mainly oriented towards social transformation. Social transformation generates the restructuring of all aspects of life, from culture to social relations, from politics to economy, from the way we think to the way we live. Social transformation means large social changes, radical changes, which are significantly different from the small social changes that people experience on a daily basis.

The indicators of social transformation are diverse and extend to different spheres of life and activities. From the interdisciplinary studies, five dimensions, with the greatest impact on the social transformation, are distinguished: political, economic, technological, demographic, and cultural, dimension, which together constitute " the society".

In this context of globalized, rapid and frequent changes and the increasing importance of transnational flows and networks in all areas of social life, new challenges arise for sociological studies, studies in social sciences and other disciplines. For this reason, this scientific conference aims to bring together researchers with a focus on social transformation to carry out analyzes of the impact of transnational changes in certain societies, in local communities and among individuals. Another goal of this conference is to bring together researchers from different countries to enable the construction of international research and collaboration networks.

Original, empirical, or theoretical contributions are required for participation in this conference. Also, we encourage authors to present preliminary data of their national or international research projects, which are in progress, and which may present new and important challenges for the purpose of the conference.

Participation in the conference will be with physical and virtual presence (only in cases where the participants are from outside the Republic of Albania). Papers accepted and presented

during the conference proceedings shall be published in the Proceedings book with ISBN identification number.

## **MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE**

*(Other contributions on other topics related to the purpose of the conference are also welcomed)*

We encourage the participation of researchers, to bring their original contributions oriented according to the main issues listed below:

1. Cultural changes: restructuring of the belief system, values, norms, customs, symbols, etc.
2. Re-dimensioning of the political engagement and politics: politics as an instrument of organized control over people.
3. Typology of contemporary conflicts.
4. Tendency of family transformation.
5. Work models in a transforming society.
6. Technology and the new reality of virtual interaction.
7. Gender realities in societies in transformation.
8. Technological developments and the culture industry.
9. Media and the power of media in multifaceted transformations in society.
10. Challenges of education in the context of internationalization and digitalization.
11. Challenges of population structure and its distribution.
12. Migration movements of the population and their complex challenges
13. Reconsideration of relations with nature and the environment
14. Ownership and use of land, labor and capital: production, (re)distribution
15. Mass emigration of Albanians as a factor of radical and multilateral transformations.
16. Mass abandonment of villages in the Republic of Albania: immediate problematic consequences and perspective.
17. Sociological perspective on human security.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Participation fee: Participation in this conference is *free of charge*.

### ***Important deadlines***

1. Submission of Abstracts (Albanian/English): until May 30, 2023
2. Notice of acceptance of abstracts: May 30, 2023 – June 15, 2023
3. Sending the full paper (Albanian/English/Italian) for publication in the proceedings book with ISBN after confirmation of the abstract: until September 4, 2023 (authors who do not submit their full paper by the deadline shall NOT be included in the program of the conference)
4. Conference date: November 13-14, 2023

**Venue:** Aula Magna Hall, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana

**Conference language:** Albanian/English/Italian

**Contact address:** departamentisociologji.ut@gmail.com

**Conference documents:** certificate of participation in the conference, proceedings book with ISBN.

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## RULES FOR WRITING THE ABSTRACT (Albanian and English) AND THE FULL PAPER

### – The abstract<sup>1</sup>

The abstract must be in Albanian and English and well edited. Line spacing should be 1" standardized with 1" margins on all sides, A4 paper. Type size should be 12 pt. and Times New Roman style. Abstract should be limited to 250-300 words. It should contain the purpose of your study/research and the research question, research questions, methodology as well as some of the main findings. Key concepts (4-5 words) should be added at the end of the abstract.

### Abstract format template

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### The conference paper for publication

*(It cannot be less than 5 pages and more than 7 Word pages. Doc. including the abstract).*

The document for publication in the proceedings book can be in Albanian or English/Italian and well-edited from a scientific and linguistic point of view. Line spacing should be 1" standardized with 1" margins on all sides. The font size should be 12 pt. and Times New Roman style.

### Proposed structure of the paper:

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Key concepts: (4-5 words)

- 1- Introduction
- 2- Methodological aspects
- 3- Literature review
- 4- Findings and discussion
- 5- Conclusions/suggestions
- 6- References

*Looking forward to your contributions,  
Conference organizing committee.*

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<sup>1</sup> For non-Albanian-speaking participants, the abstract should be only in English.