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Call for Papers

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
MARKING THE 100 ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-2014

“THE BALKANS 100 YEARS AFTER THE START OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR”

ORGANIZED BY:

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Motivation

2014 is a year of commemorations: it marks the 100th anniversary of the First World War, the 200th anniversary of the Congress of Vienna and the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Today the term “Balkans” is the object of numerous discussions and discourses in scientific and politic spheres. It is in the center of socio-political achievement towards professional and graduate mobility. Indeed, today we are 100 years after the start of the First World War. During the period after that war international borders, in Europe, have been changed many times; as have the political systems and other issues in the states of southeast Europe. However, these changes are related to international issues and developments which are relevant today.

It has been 100 years since the start of the First World War and still the countries of the western Balkans are not members of the EU. This is a fact which testifies that this region is not Europeanized yet, but has often Balkanized European politics. After 100 years the Balkans are still the focus of European diplomacy. Today the stability of the region will depend on the solutions that will occur.

With the organization of this conference we would like to lighten the past and at once to offer a vision for the future of the region:

- Historical side of the First World War?
- What were the economic, social, political and military structures of Europe and the Balkans and what were the circumstances that led to the First World War? What has been the impact on these structures today?
- What problems and legacy did the First World War leave for the countries of the Balkans?
- How will the future of southeast Europe develop in the reflection of the First World War?
- How will the First World War impact on the economic, social, politic and military future?

-After 100 years since the start of the First World War what is the role of the USA, Russia, Western Europe and Turkey regarding the development of a regional perspective in the future?

In this context we welcome your participation in this conference with a presentation of your papers and research, or in regard to the topics mentioned below:

- Issues, proposals and solutions in regards to this period of history; including international cooperation
- Proposals regarding the continuation of economic cooperation
- Continued positive strategies in respect to cultural diversity and segregation
- Collaboration and partnership for social security issues
- Positive continuity approaches in the context of cultural diversity and divisions
- The role of the USA, European Union and Russia in the Western Balkan today and tomorrow
- The role of women during and after the War
- Balkan states and European integration
- Proposals for the future of the Balkan region

The conference aims to combine thoughts and studies on the different actors of historical, political, economic, cultural etc. spheres. Through research or analyses of the different actors in the science of history, politico-logy and other social sciences we will try to see the reality of 100 years ago, the reality today and in the forthcoming years of the future.

In this conference various members of political, cultural, and historic spheres shall participate. This is our goal; to establish a scientific perspective in order to see the problems and developments that happened in the Balkans in the past, which of these problems and developments occur today and which will occur in the future.

Looking at the existing problems of the Balkans and approaching them with the experience of foreign and regional authors we think that we will assist scientific research by giving facts, analyses, new researches and documents.

The maximum number of papers allowed will be approximately 30.

Research should be based on original studies supported by theoretic and methodologically clear strategies in order to achieve our expected results. Here representatives of the countries of the region: Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Austria, England, Germany, etc are expected to participate.

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Calendar of activities:

May, 15th 2014: deadline for the submission of research papers (300 words max);

May, 20th 2014: notice to the participants about acceptance of papers;

June, 15th 2014: deadline of papers;

June, 20th 2014: notification about the evaluation of research papers by the scientific committee of the conference;

Informational exchanges will be done via e-mail addresses of the above mentioned conference.

Languages of the conference will be Albanian, English and Macedonian.

Abstracts should be submitted in Albanian and English for participants from Albania.

International participants should submit their papers in the English language.

Research papers will be published in English after the conference.