



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "SOCIETY AND STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE"

Institute for Sociological Research of the Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade and Institute of
Social Sciences

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The aim of the "Society & Structural Violence" international conference is to unite scholars from the academic sphere keen on exploring the complexities of structural violence. Structural violence can manifest in diverse forms, and the conference's objective is to concentrate on specific systemic challenges influenced by institutional functionality, distinct characteristics of political culture, patriarchy, and broader economic issues that contribute to the emergence, amplification, and at times normalization of violence within society. Structural violence inherently involves personal accountability for those involved and is characterized by the direct infliction of suffering and oppression. However, it extends beyond issues of individual responsibility and specific forms of violence. Instead, it is rooted in nuanced and implicit social networks where individuals and groups are shaped by profound structural dynamics of violence that sustain and perpetuate it, rendering it invisible to the public eye. Therefore, when discussing structural violence, we are alluding to the presence of a violence-infused culture.

Considering that structural violence rests on the unequal distribution of power and resources in society, the critique of structural violence promotes the establishment of a society of social justice based on peace policies.

With this we want to encourage an interdisciplinary discussion on the root cause of violence and make visible social influences that either strengthen or weaken it.

In response to the surge in violence and coercion as tools for addressing contemporary crises and conflicts, which are increasingly becoming dominant forms of political action affecting a larger populace and which are normalized in media content and discussions, the conference will explore topics such as:

- Social crisis, social anomie, and violence
- Armed conflicts, social status of refugees and internally displaced persons in war
- State violence, institutional violence, and human rights
- Corruption and organized crime as sources of violence
- Culture of violence, political culture
- Media and violence
- Discrimination and violence, violence against women
- Poverty, social equality, and violence

Beyond these topics, the conference welcomes all proposals that include in-depth analysis of structural violence in society. We would be especially interested in presentations that address more than one listed theme.

The languages of the conference are English and BHS (BCS) languages. The accompanying presentations must be provided in English.

Submission guidelines:

Abstracts (up to 300 words) should be submitted to the E-mail address: dsn@f.bg.ac.rs

When submitting the abstracts, it is necessary to indicate whether the participant plans a physical presence or an online presentation.

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance.

Upon acceptance, full paper submission is a prerequisite for participation in the conference. The conference will be held at the Faculty of Philosophy.

Peer-reviewed papers will be selected for publication in conference proceedings or a special issue.

Important deadlines:

Abstract Submission Deadline: July 5, 2024.

Notification of Acceptance: July 20, 2024.

Full Paper Submission Deadline December 5, 2024.

Free accommodation may be arranged for a limited number of participants.

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