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The Faculty of Political Sciences is organising the First International Conference entitled SOCIETY AND POLITICS, featuring the topic of



POWER, POLITICS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (100 years after Max Weber)



Banja Luka, 18.-19. September 2020.

LETTER OF INVITATION

In the discursive setting of the modern-day social sciences, it is impossible to topicalize the issue of the influence of politics and various forms of power on social life without resorting to Max Weber's scholarly legacy. Even today, the interest in the issues and ideas Weber dealt with easily surpasses any disciplinary or cultural boundary. Thus, Weber is one of the most significant classic theoreticians of multi-causal dynamics that led to the historic Western civilisation supremacy. For that reason, the current postmodern constellation in which the West still manages to maintain its global dominance imposes, as a necessity, a deep and thorough analysis of all those issues and ideas Weber himself was concerned about – from politics, power, authorities, economics, bureaucracy, organisation, labour, culture, ethic, and religion, all the way to rather concrete individual social issues. This is reflected in the topicality of Weber's thoughts 100 years after his death, with as many as 110 translations of his works published in the USA solely since 2009. As for Japan, the figure is 166 translations over a comparable period of time. With regard to these facts, Weber's *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* was at the top of bestsellers in China in 2006, in the category of professional books (Heins, 2011:6). Even when we are not directly involved in analysing Weber's ideas, theories, and understandings, we can be reassured that the current development of humanities and social sciences, as well as of all topical ideas we reflect on within the aforementioned fields, is somehow linked to this prominent figure. Bearing in mind the fact that this year marks a centenary of Weber's death, the Faculty of Political Sciences is organising an international conference on that occasion.



PANELS

Sociology panel

- Max Weber and contemporary sociology
- Gramsci and Weber
- Bureaucratic organisation of society
- Rationalisation and culture
- Weber's understanding of democracy
- Transformation of Protestant ethic in consumerist society
- Authorities and politics
- Application of Weber's principle of rationality in economics and political sociology
- Max Weber in academic and sociological milieu of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Policy of sustainable development of cities
- Neo-liberal city
- Entrepreneurial city
- Post-communist city (quality of life, centralisation, urban identity, and urban culture)
- Transformation of city (tradition and modernisation, 'smart' city, ecological sustainability)
- Policy of sustainability of rural areas (transformation of rural areas at the beginning of 21st century)
- Labour, organisation, entrepreneurship, and marketing
- Power and bio-politics



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Journalism and Communication Studies panel

- Media policy and politics in media
- Media pedagogy and public opinion
- Essential values of journalist professional field and media
- Liminality and singularity in media culture
- Relativisation of journalist and media ethics in contemporary journalism
- Mediatisation and social reality
- Issue of privacy and new media technologies
- New media and democracy
- Media and power

Political Science panel

- 25th Anniversary of the Dayton Peace Agreement

Social Work panel

- Social work and social changes



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite authors to submit their papers from one of the following four fields: sociology, journalism and communication studies, political science, and social work. The application form should contain the following: personal data, full name of the institution (affiliation) of the author, email address, title of the paper, abstract, and key words. Authors apply electronically at: **drustvoipolitika.fpn.unibl.org** and they are required to register for the conference timely after they have received a notification on abstract acceptance.

Important dates

Application and abstract submission: by 1. May 2020.

Information on abstract acceptance: by 31. May 2020.

Paper submission: by 15. November 2020.

Registration of participants: by 1. September 2020.

Time and venue of the conference: Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka, 18 -19 September 2020.

Working languages of the conference: all languages of former Yugoslav peoples, English.



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INSTRUCTIONS ON PAPER AND ABSTRACT COMPOSITION AND FOR PAYMENT OF CON- FERENCE FEE

Authors are required to state their full affiliation in the upper right corner of the paper. The title is provided in central alignment, in capital bold letters. Times New Roman, font size 12. The abstract follows immediately after the title, containing maximum 250 words. It must feature the subject of the paper, hypotheses, methods, and analysis. Following the abstract are key-words (up to five words). Both the abstract and keywords must be provided in English. Subtitles are written in bold letters as well, with the first letter capital and the remaining in lowercase. The paper (Times New Roman, font size 12) must not exceed 16 pages, literature included, with reference to the IMRAD standards (Introduction, Methods, Results, Analysis, Discussion). References to other authors and citations to be provided within the text (Weber, 2011: 65), with regard to APA style. The book of abstracts is going to be available prior to the conference, whereas the double peer-reviewed papers are going to be published in the Politeia journal.

The conference fee is EUR 100.00 and it covers accommodation, meals, and publishing the Book of Abstracts. Foreign currency payment instructions can be viewed at: drustvoipolitika.fpn.unibl.org

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