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16th Slovenian Social Science Conference

Crises and Empowerment in Social Transformations

with

2nd Jean Monnet Day

October 26 – 27, 2023,
Slovenia

Programme

Conference venue: SASS, Leskoškova 9, Ljubljana (M floor) and Zoom

Thursday, 26 October

Join us at: https://zoom.us/j/99690459856

8:30-9:00 **Arrival and registration**

9:00-9:30 **Welcome addresses**
- **Matej Makarovič**, president of the national UNESCO Management of Social Transformations programme
- **Borut Rončević**, dean of the School of Advanced Social Studies (Nova Gorica, Slovenia)
- **Bandana Purkayastha**, University of Connecticut (USA) and vice-president for the national associations at the International Sociological Association

9:30-10:30 **Keynote speech with discussion:** *Great Power Conflict following the War in Ukraine*
- **Michael Slobodchikoff**, Troy University, USA

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

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11:00-12:30: Parallel Panel 1: Contemporary Diaspora Research and Policies

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Chair: **Jure Leskovec**, Stanford University (USA)

- ***Marinka Žitnik***, Harvard university (USA): *Transatlantic Cooperation and the Diaspora as a Soft Power - The Role and Importance of Intellectuals in the United States and Canada*
- ***Željko Oset***, Research Institute of American Slovenian Education Foundation ASEF (Slovenia): *Mechanisms for attracting foreign and returning domestic experts to strengthen Slovenia's position in global digitalization trends*
- ***Dejan Valentinčič***, Research Institute of American Slovenian Education Foundation ASEF (Slovenia): *Digital transformation of Slovene emigrant community in the United States and Canada*

11:00-12:30 Parallel Panel 2: Crises, Transformations and their Communicative Aspects

Join us at: https://zoom.us/j/92354551891

Chair: ***Simona Kukovič,*** School of Advanced Social Studies

- ***Mateja Rek***, School of Advanced Social Studies and Faculty of Information Studies (Slovenia): *Trends in parents' digital media education practices in Slovenia*
- ***Anja Bašin,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Media Literacy in Slovenia: Challenges, Research, and the Path Forward*
- ***Andrej Drapal***, Consensus/ School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia) (Slovenia): *The Crisis and the "Crisis"*

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Parallel Panel 1: Social Research for Social Transformation – a word from three members of the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association

Join us at: https://zoom.us/j/99690459856

Chair: ***Borut Rončević***, School of Advanced Social Studies

- ***Jan Marie Fritz***, University of Cincinnati (USA): *An Opportunity for Positive Social Change: Incorporating Social Science Practice into Your Academic Program*



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- ***Shaikh Mohammad Kais***, University of Rajshahi (Bangladesh): *Broken Families: An Exploration of the Psychosocial Impact of Parental Divorce on Santal Children in Bangladesh*
- ***Mabrouk Boutagouga***, University of Batna (Algeria): *Empowering Women Breadwinners in Algeria: Resilience Through Traditional Food Entrepreneurship Amidst Economic Crisis*

14:00-15:30 Parallel Panel 2: The Digital in Times of Societal Transformations

Join us at: https://zoom.us/j/92354551891

Chair: ***Matevž Tomšič,*** School of Advanced Social Studies

- ***Deepika Anshu Bara***, Indian Institute of Technology, Dhanbad (India): *Rhetoric of Common Service Centre in Bridging Digital Divide in India: Evidence from Rural Jharkhand*
- ***Volodymyr Sulyma, Ruslan Duka, Kateryna Yaroshenko, Sergij Malinovskyj***, Dnipro State Medical University (Ukraine): *Application of the Moodle system in the training of Ukrainian doctors during Russia's war against Ukraine*
- ***Janja Lozar***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Addressing the everchanging demand for innovation and change: Bringing Artificial Intelligence into industry by developing skills of students and employees*
- ***Simona Kukovič***, School of Advanced Social Studies and University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and ***Jelena Joksimović***, Faculty of Information Studies, (Slovenia): *Transformation towards a Transparent and Trustworthy Public Administration: Reporting on Ceremonial Gifts*

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:15 Parallel Panel 1: Psychosocial studies and Social Transformations

Join us at: https://zoom.us/j/99690459856

Chair: ***Tamara Besednjak Valič,*** Rudolfovo – Science and Technology Centre Novo mesto

- ***Edit Lezha, Eranda Bilali (Halluni)***, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi" (Albania): *Teachers' Psychological Wellbeing during Covid-19; A Phenomenological Approach*
- ***Peter Ferfoglia, Tamara Besednjak Valič, Erika Džajić Uršič***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Emotional Awareness: Impact of Social and Technological Transformation on Group Dynamics*
- ***Fatjona Haka***, University of Tirana (Albania): *The Relationship Between (Self) Compassion & Shame and Guilt Experiences in a Sample of Albanian University Students*
- ***Maks Tušak, Matej Tušak***, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia): *Medical hypnosis in modern clinical practice*

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15:45-17:15 Parallel Panel 2: Social Transformations and the New Generations

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Chair: ***Janja Mikulan,*** School of Advanced Social Studies

- ***Adina Salaoru***, Babes Bolyai University from Cluj Napoca (Romania): *Enhancing Non-Cognitive Abilities for Youngster through Physical Activities Intervention Programs.*
- ***Vitor Sérgio Ferreira***, University of Lisbon (Portugal): *The rise of "new dream jobs" among new generations: intertwining the crises in traditional transitions to qualified work and the "playbour" enhancement*
- ***Sorana Constantinescu, Ivan Alexandru, Adina Salaoru***, Babes Bolyai University from Cluj Napoca (Romania): *Civic engagement through participatory budgeting: a youth perspective*
- ***Kseniia Gromova***, Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Aspects of intercultural recruitment and selection of highly-skilled international female staff in Slovenia*

17:15-17:45 Coffee Break

17:45-19:15 Parallel Panel 1: Democracy, Politics and Identities

Join us at: https://zoom.us/j/99690459856

Chair: ***Maruša Gorišek,*** Institute for Developmental and Strategic Analysis (IRSA)

- ***Tea Golob, Matej Makarovič, Maruša Gorišek***, Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Challenges to Democracy and the Role of Social, Cultural and Economic Capitals*
- ***Lucie Cviklová***, University of Hradec Králové (Czech Republic): *The Role of the Third Political Crisis in the Czech Republic in the Post-Communist Social Transformation and Empowerment of Civil Society Forces*
- ***Alexandru-Vasile Sava, Sorana Constantinescu***, Babes Bolyai University from Cluj Napoca (Romania): *At the Gates: National Identity, European Identity and East-European Xenophobia*
- ***Pusham Azad Babu***, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India): *The political in the production of demographic heterogeneity: Manipur's experience.*
- ***Wafae Elarabi***, Abdelmalek Essaâdi University (Morocco): *Decentralization in Morocco after the movement of 20 February and the question of the fundamental rights of the local population - A sociological pilot study in the region of Fes-Meknes*

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17:45-19:15 Parallel Panel 2: Looking into Some Extraordinary Challenges and Crises

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Chair: ***Emil Karajič,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Lužný, Dušan and Jan Váně, Jan Kaňák***, West Bohemia University (Czech Republic): *Universities in crisis? The Impact of Academic Capitalism on the Czech Social Sciences and Humanities.*
- ***Ramazan Gün***, Bingöl University (Turkey): *Food Safety Crisis in Society: Causes, Consequences, and Mitigation*
- ***Kiran Prakash Vattamparambil***, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, (India): *Governance during COVID-19: A Study on Challenges and Response Actions in Kerala*
- ***Livija Rojc Štremfelj and Tamara Besednjak Valič***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Spontaneous volunteer management in the recovery phase of natural disasters.*
- ***Lazar Gjurov, Bojan Miklosh, Aleksander Grizev***, University Goce Delcev (North Macedonia): *The Influence of Diversity on Organizational Cultures*

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Friday, 27 October

2nd Jean Monnet Day

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8:30-8:45 Arrival and registration

8:45-9:00 Welcome address
Dr. Milan Zver, Member of European Parliament

9:00-10:30 EU as a Global Actor in Fragmented and Traumatized World (EU-GlobalAct) Jean Monnet Module

Chair: ***Janja Mikulan***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Abdelhak El Bakouri***, Mohamad First University (Morocco): *Climate Change Crisis and its Impact on Migration and Displacement Issues and Challenges of Empowerment and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Basin*
- ***Ugba Dajo***, Federal University Gusau (Nigeria): *Crises and Empowerment: Integrating Forced Migrants into Social Safety Nets in Gusau Metropolis, Zamfara State, Nigeria*
- ***Amna Ben Amara***, diversophy® (Tunisia): *Populism as Crisis Politics: Revisiting Security Policies in the Age of Populism*
- ***Janja Mikulan*** *and* ***Martina Malinović***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Vulnerability and resilience to radicalisation and violent extremism in Slovenia: Perceptions from the local level*

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10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

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11:00-12:30 "Sustainable Industry 4.0 for European Union" (SI4.0forEU)
Jean Monnet Module

Chair: ***Erika Džajić Uršič,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Robert Birungi***, Makerere Institute of Social Research (Uganda): *Africans and Nature: The Case of the Banyoro Ethnic Community and Cultural Resistance Against Environmental Destruction.*
- ***Erika Džajić Uršič, Simon Muhič, Urška Fric, Alenka Pandiloska Jurak***, Rudolfovo – Science and Technology Centre of Novo mesto (Slovenia): *Encouraging the development of Industrial Symbiosis Networks – Transition to Circular Economy*
- The session under the **JM Module SI4.0forEU** will also provide an Introductory presentation of the Module leader and its activities. Scholars will be invited to contribute to the session with their research insights, scientific reviews and discussion

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12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 - EU Global Leadership" (TIA2030)
Thematic session: EU Grand Strategies and their Implementation

Chair: ***Borut Rončević***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

- ***Doug G Davis***, Troy University (USA): *European Demographics, Security, and Welfare*
- ***Zdenek Uherek***, Charles University (Czech Republic): *Migration of Skilled Professionals as a Means of Amelioration of Global Crisis Phenomena*
- ***Aleksandra Govedarica, Nataša Kraljević, Darko Lacmanović, Predrag Ljubotina, Urša Lamut, Andrej Raspor, Bojan Rojko,*** School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia): *Exploring possibilities for the development of creative industries in tourist destinations of rural tourism in Montenegro and Slovenia.*
- ***Aleksandar Grizhev, Lazar Gjurov***, University Goce Delcev (North Macedonia): *Gender mainstreaming in North Macedonia and Slovenia.*

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15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

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16:00-17:30 “Media, Populism and Political Stability in the European Union”
Populism and Media Messaging
Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

Chair: ***Matevž Tomšič***, School of Advanced Social Studies (Slovenia)

Discussants:
- ***Petr Just***, Metropolitan University Prague (Czech Republic)
- ***Marijan Krivak***, Sveučilište u Osijeku (Croatia)
- ***Miro Haček***, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

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17:30 - 17:45 Concluding Remarks

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JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 – EU Global Leadership – TIA 2030

Invitation letter

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Kseniia Gromova. I am a team member of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "**Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 - EU Global Leadership" (TIA2030)**"

In the name of Prof. Dr. Borut Rončević, I would like to cordially invite you to participate in a Thematic Session "**EU Grand Strategies and their Implementation.**" The session is planned for Jean Monnet Day during the 16th International Slovenian Social Science Conference **„Crises and Empowerment in Social Transformations"**. The conference will be organised by the Slovenian Social Science Association and held on **October 26 and 27, 2023, in Ljubljana, Slovenia. We could also accommodate your connection via Zoom.** Your contribution, experience and expertise are substantial for the discussion and will significantly benefit the wider research community.

To introduce the context, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "**Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 - EU Global Leadership" (TIA2030)**" concerns itself with the European Union's implementation of the UN Global Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project explores the role of technological innovations in pursuing Agenda 2030 objectives. We aspire to foster multi-level dialogue between academics, students, professionals, policymakers, civil servants, businesses, and the general public on the importance and contribution of the SDGs of Agenda 2030 and the European Union's role.

We are planning the session for approximately **1.5 hours**, with 3-4 invitees. We expect each speaker to deliver a **15-20-minute presentation**. Further, we plan to implement a moderated discussion on the emerging topics and engage with the audience.

If you find our invitation interesting and relevant to your work, we would gladly welcome you as an expert at the thematic session. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,
The Jean Monnet COE Team,
Kseniia Gromova

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Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence titled **Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030** (TIA2030) is the focal point for competence and knowledge on European Union implementation of United Nations global Agenda 2030. European Union played an important role in adoption of Agenda 2030.

To achieve this, **TIA2030** engages a variety of target groups, i.e. academia, students, professionals, policy-makers, civil servants, businesses, civil society and the general public at large. **TIA2030** sets up infrastructure, methodologies, protocols, and tools to systematically collect, evaluate and make publicly available both already existing documentary resources and new primary empirical data. This is the foundation for multi-level policy debate with relevant audiences (conference special sessions, joint field trips and round table discussions) and enables to develop content and tools on EU subjects, to complement and upgrade current courses and curricula (course modules, summer schools, workshops), which will be available as Open Educational Resources.

As a result, **TIA2030** will advance interdisciplinary EU studies and deal with the phenomenon of EU implementation deficit, with a view to offer research and educational tools that could be utilised throughout Europe and beyond, to contribute to awareness of **Agenda 2030** and its implementation.

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