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**Topic: "THE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY: DIAGNOSTICS AND PROGNOSIS"**

Konferencë ndërkombëtare shkencore / International scientific conference



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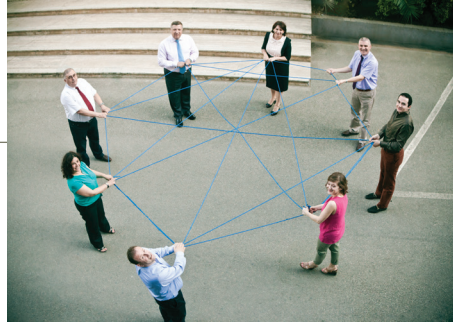
# DSSH / ASD 2019

## Studying Albania – economy, politics, social development, future perspective

The European University of Tirana, Albania in cooperation with Polis Journal, Economicus Journal and Medicus Journal is opening the call for papers for the 6th edition of the Albanian Studies Days Conference to be held in Tirana on 12-13 April 2019 focusing on the issues related to knowledge society, diagnostics and future directions.

Albanian Studies Days (ASD) Conference is the flagship academic activity of the European University of Tirana and in 2019 it will be its sixth successive session. The conference aims to bring together the most renowned international scholars focusing on Albania and the Western Balkans to examine the most pertinent issues facing Albania and its region. ASD 2019 will focus on the issues pertaining mainly to knowledge society and its role in development across all sectors. Scholars interested in the region and on the topic are encouraged to participate in the conference which brings together researchers of politics, economy, law, sociology, anthropology, psychology, finance, education, IT, engineering, architecture, health, and development to discuss the formal and informal role that knowledge plays in reshaping practices and institutions that affect vital sectors across Albania and the region.





# DSSH / ASD

## BRIEF GUIDE TO ALBANIAN STUDIES DAYS

**WHY ASD?:** Albanian Studies Days is a series of scientific conferences designed with a “peer review” system and focused on discussions about important issues related to Albanian society, ranging from economy, history, media, to legal system, political institutions, public policies, and on to development of education and its impact on social development.

### PARTICIPANTS:

- Foreign scholars whose doctoral works and scientific studies focus on Albania.
- Albanian professors, who have provided their contribution to Western universities since 1990s or earlier, whose work still focuses on Albania.
- Foreign PhD candidates whose doctorate thesis is about Albania.
- Albanian PhD candidates at Western universities whose doctorate thesis is related to Albania or the region.
- UET PhD candidates who benefit from their contact with the relevant scientific community.
- ASD is the key scientific activity for all eight UET Departments, for UET academic staff as well as for the best UET scientific master students.

**TIME:** This activity is held at the end of April on an annual basis and it is divided into seven panels related to respective UET Research Projects and relevant topics approved by the scientific conference committees.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** The activity also includes a number of other events (see extra-conference program) related to crucial elements for scientific product and life, such as; book promotions and their ensuing discussions, documentaries and photo exhibitions featuring pressing concerns in Albanian society.

Welcome to Albanian Studies Days!



# Plenary session: European University of Tirana

## Work sessions: UET premises

### A. CONFERENCE PERSPECTIVE AND OBJECTIVES

Internationally and locally, societies are facing multiple and complex challenges testing their coherence and ability to respond appropriately. Rapid technological revolutions, demographic transformations, immigration and internal displacements have opened numerous ruptures even within once stable and relatively homogeneous societies. These ruptures are being felt in the political, social, economic, and value system in societies across the developed and developing world. Often, researchers and academics have been caught off guard by these developments and have struggled to provide overarching explanations as to their causes. Therefore, it is imperative for social, human, and technological sciences to develop new approaches to study the built socio-political environment to better understand and respond to the complex challenges we are facing. From this perspective, a number of questions need to be asked anew. How can institutions respond to new and emerging social schisms? How can established research programs study these occurrences? As importantly, how can we develop cross-disciplinary approaches to studying these complex events in conjunction with social, human, economic, architectural, health, and technological sciences? All these questions are the subject of intense reflections, debates, and reforms in most countries including Albania.

Therefore, the 2019 Albanian Studies Days is dedicated to examining the ways in which societies are coping with a variety of emerging challenges and the new approaches that academics should employ to studying them. All scholars who examine contemporary challenges produced by social, economic, health, and technological changes are welcome to our two-day conference to exchange perspectives and share findings with the purpose of perfecting the study of this topic and contributing to better, evidence-based, policy making.

### B. INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Prof. Ardian Civici – European University of Tirana / Prof. Agim Kukeli – European University of Tirana / Prof. Tonin Gjuraj - European University of Tirana / Prof. Drita Kruja - European University of Tirana / Prof. Assoc. Dr Tea Sindbæk Andersen - University of Copenhagen, Denmark / Prof. Bo Petersson - Malmö University, Sweden / Dr Cristina Bucur – Oslo University, Norway / Prof. Franz Kok – University of Salzburg, Austria / Prof. Selami Xhepa - European University of Tirana / Prof. Paul Nixon – The Hague University of Applied Science, Netherlands / Elvin Gjevori, PhD - European University of Tirana / Dr Gëzim Visoka – Dublin City University, Ireland / Prof. Ferit Duka - European University of Tirana / Prof. Isuf Kalo - European University of Tirana / Prof. Nico Carpentier – Uppsala University, Sweden / Prof. Guglielmo Chiodi - Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy / Prof. Francois Lerim - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier, France / Prof. Assoc. Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis - London School of Economics, UK / Prof. Kornelia Lazany – Obuda University, Budapest, Hungary

### C. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Prof. Agim Kukeli – European University of Tirana / Prof. Drita Kruja - European University of Tirana / Prof. Ferit Duka - European University of Tirana / Prof. Isuf Kalo - European University of Tirana / Prof. Assoc. Dr Selami Xhepa - European University of Tirana / Prof. Assoc. Dr Arbi Agalliu - European University of Tirana / Prof. Assoc. Dr Tomi Treska - European University of Tirana / Dr Ledina Mandia - European University of Tirana / Elvin Gjevori, PhD - European University of Tirana / Dr Ketrina Çabiri Mijo - European University of Tirana / Luçjona Lula - European University of Tirana / Edi Vlusha - European University of Tirana

## D. CONFERENCE PANELS AND DISCUSSION THEMES

### PANEL 1: "POLITICS, COMMUNICATION AND SOCIETY"

Chair – Prof. Dr Ferit Duka

### PANEL 2: "FROM BIG DATA TO BIG BUSINESS"

Chair - Prof. Dr Ermira Qosja

*The panel is co-organized with the support of REBUS 'Ready for Business' Project, financed by the European Commission under the program Erasmus + Capacity Building for Higher Education.*

### PANEL 3: "THE NEW AGENDA OF GROWTH"

Chair - Prof. Dr Agim Kukeli

### PANEL 4: "DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION"

Chair – Prof. Asoc. Dr Edi Puka

### PANEL 5: "LAW BETWEEN EFFICIENCY AND JUSTICE"

Chair – Prof. Asoc. Dr Selami Xhepa

### PANEL 6: "LAW AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN TRANSFORMATION"

Chair – Dr. Ledina Mandija

### PANEL 7: "RISK – THE GAME OF ALL PLAYERS"

Chair – Prof. Asoc. Dr Elvin Meka

### PANEL 8: "PUBLIC HEALTH"

Chair – Prof. Dr Isuf Kalo

### PANEL 9: "APPLIED INDUSTRY AND PRODUCTION SYSTEMS"

Chair – Prof. Asoc. Dr Arben Dushi

### PANEL 10: "ARCHITECTURE, TERRITORY AND DEVELOPMENT"

Chair – Prof. Dr Edlira Miraj

### PANEL 11: "POST-MODERN STUDIES: CULTURE, ART, ANTROPOLOGY"

Chair – Prof. Asoc. Dr Kosta Giakoumis

## E. GENERAL RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

Paper abstracts 300 words shall be submitted through the email address: [dssh@uet.edu.al](mailto:dssh@uet.edu.al) indicating clearly the panel in which the presentation shall be delivered;

A short biographical information of the author(s) and contact details should accompany the abstract;

An applicant shall not submit more than two papers as author and/or co-author;

Conference language: English

### **Deadlines:**

- Abstracts shall be submitted to the conference secretary within March 05, 2019
- Accepted papers will be notified by the organizers by March 10, 2019
- Draft research papers shall be submitted in a publishable format within April 5, 2019.



- **Technical standards of the papers:**

Paper shall be between 5,000-6,000 words; Times New Roman, 12; in English language. A summary of no more than two pages shall be in Albanian language

These deadlines are final and failure to comply remains responsibility of the interested participants.

**Papers shall be sent to:**

E-mail: [dssh@uet.edu.al](mailto:dssh@uet.edu.al)

**Payments:**

Participation in the conference is upon the payment of a fee of 50 € per paper. This fee covers access to conference facilities and documentation; publication of the paper in the Conference Proceedings Book; a copy of the published book.

Payments shall be made at:

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