

International Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference:

GOOD CONNECTIONS. Social Sciences and Divided Communities

Zielona Góra (Poland) 16-17 May 2017 (Tuesday - Wednesday)

Conference is organized by:

UNIVERSITY OF ZIELONA GÓRA

Faculty of Education, Psychology and Sociology

Website of the conference: www.connections.wpps.uz.zgora.pl

The deadline for applications is **31 March 2017**

Submission of papers:

Abstract – till **31.03.2017** (Authors will be informed about acceptance of the proposed papers no later than 7 days after getting the application – so “early birds” can get the information earlier).

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Objectives of the conference

The main objective of the conference is an attempt to establish the role of social sciences in a situation of growing divisions among different communities, organizations, groups. Strengthening the existing good connections and creation of the new ones nowadays is urgent and strongly needed. In recent years we have observed the rise of divisions, cracks and collisions on many levels - civilizational, cultural, political, religious, social and economic. Searching for an effective strategies for overcoming divisions and tensions becomes urgent task. That is why it is very important to maintain and to create programs and intercultural and interreligious dialogue, to discuss an importance of equal opportunities and social inclusion.

Therefore, we need to understand the phenomena better and to organize the knowledge about the processes. Finding the right descriptive language and adequate theoretical concepts is also the aim of the conference. An important task of our conference is looking for answers to the questions: How are we divided and how do we get divided? Why are we divided? What does unite us? How to break down the divisions? How do social sciences identify, describe and interpret the manifestations of divisions on the different levels of social life? Are descriptive, theoretical, revealing and practical functions of social sciences properly fulfilled?

■ We encourage to submit papers. The topics can be theoretical, methodological, empirical and practical as well. The following issues can be the matter of discussions during the conference:

- From antagonism to cooperation
- From the ethnic conflict to reconciliation
- From refugee crisis to integration
- From exclusion to inclusion
- From xenophobia to openness
- From fundamentalism to dialogue
- From degradation to revitalization

■ The conference fee is 500 Polish Zloty (about 120 EUR). The price includes:

- Catering - lunches, coffee breaks
- Participation in the banquet and the concert
- The costs of accommodation are not included

■ The participants have an opportunity to publish previously unpublished articles in one of the following journals::

- „Rocznik Lubuski” (ISSN 0485-3083),
http://www.ltn.uz.zgora.pl/rocznik_lubuski.php
- „International Forum for Education”, (ISSN 2084-4204)
<http://www.marszalek.com.pl/iffe/index.php>
- „Dyskursy Młodych Andragogów” (ISSN 2084-2740),
<http://www.dma.wpsnz.uz.zgora.pl/>
- „RELACJE”. Studia z Nauk Społecznych”, (ISSN 2543-5124)
<http://www.relacje.wpps.uz.zgora.pl/pl/main/>
- „ANTEA. Studenckie Zeszyty Naukowe i Artystyczne” (ISSN 2451-1439)
http://www.wpps.uz.zgora.pl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1242&Itemid=204&lang=pl

The accepted scientific papers (after double blind peer review process) will be published

■ The organizers:

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We will be delighted to see You in the GOOD CONNECTIONS conference to discuss the issues in the field of social sciences!