

CALL FOR PAPERS

University American College Skopje is proud to initiate
the 8th annual international academic conference on European integration

OUT OF THE CRISIS: EU ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES RECONSIDERED

Thursday 16 May 2013

The European Union is slowly emerging from the deepest economic recession in its history. Long-standing challenges like insufficient growth and population ageing have been coupled with fiscal instability and deep fissures within the euro-zone. Competitiveness and unemployment indicators place the EU behind its main global rivals. Moreover, the crisis has put in doubt the overall political architecture and economic governance of the Union. With millions of citizens unemployed, to amend inequalities and sustain a democratic and social Europe have become issues of legitimacy for the European political elite and for the whole project of united Europe. While member states tend to keep the main focus on national interests and well-being of their citizens, EU's politico-economic model as a pole of attraction for the aspirant countries is clearly in decline. This inter- and multi-disciplinary one-day conference seeks to reconsider the current EU complexities across diverse policy areas and suggest perspectives on growth and ways leading out of the crisis.

Major issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Austerity or Growth Union?
- How to amend state structures to sustain economic growth in Europe?
- Scientific and technological achievements, renewable energy sources and sustainable growth
- How to save the euro, or the EU without the euro?
- Synergy of competitive capitalism and the welfare state: setting an integrated socio-economic agenda
- EU funds: assessing their scope and effectiveness
- Economic rationale behind investments in education and human capital in general
- EU Cohesion Policy reconsidered: perspectives on regional and urban development
- How to overcome the democratic deficit in the EU
- EU integration and enlargement: opportunities for success vs. likely alternatives to the project

Case studies comparing at least three countries (including but not limited to those of South East Europe) as well as research-based policy recommendations are encouraged.

By tradition, key speakers and high level officials from the country and from abroad are invited to address the conference.

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| Abstracts due | Tuesday, 22 January 2013 |
| Notification of acceptance | Tuesday, 29 January 2013 |
| Papers due | Tuesday, 26 March 2013 |
| Review feedback | Tuesday, 23 April 2013 |
| Revised papers due | Tuesday, 7 May 2013 |
| Conference date | Thursday, 16 May 2013 |

The working language of the conference is English. Looking to encourage an informed dialogue, we welcome papers (3000-7000 words) by scholars and professionals from any discipline including but not limited to economics, finance, management, law, political science, international relations, environment, sociology, information science, education, media, language and cultural studies. PhD students are also encouraged to take part. 300 word abstracts can be submitted by email to conference@uacs.edu.mk Abstracts should be written in Word or RTF formats, font Times New Roman size 12, following this order: author(s), affiliation, email address, title of abstract, body of abstract, key words. A short biography (up to 100 words) is also required.

All papers need to be submitted and will be peer-reviewed prior to the conference. The number of participants presenting at the main sessions will be limited to those who submit papers of highest quality and relevance. Following an additional review process, a selection of best quality papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in an ISBN e-book and/or hard copy volume. Also, the papers from the 2013 conference volume will be published and accessible via EBSCO. To avoid copyright infringements, the program and organizing committee will review and publish original works which are not currently under consideration elsewhere. The papers that are accepted will require a release form in order to be published in the proceedings book. University American College Skopje will cover all costs for editing and publishing. No fees will be granted to the authors.

Accommodation expenses may be covered by the University American College Skopje on as-needed basis only for a limited number of selected presenters who need to submit a bursary form.

For abstract & paper guidelines, conference program and other updates, please visit our web page:
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