

“THE EUROPEAN WEEK 2014”

Call for Papers

STUDENT CONFERENCE

“WE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION - WHAT`S NEXT”

13th May 2014

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The purpose of the **Student Conference** is to involve the graduate students in in-depth discussions on various topics related to the European integration of Albania. In light of the recent political, social and economic developments in Albania, this debate is highly relevant and it requires theoretical and empirical considerations. The suggestion here is to encourage Master and Doctorate students to engage in the elaboration of the concepts, discourses and practices of European Union and European integration with their lectures and fellow colleagues as well as conduct research to investigate the many dimensions of the European integration in contemporary society with a particular focus in Albania.

The Student Conference is interested in exploring the contemporary political developments in Albania and in the region in regards to European Union, which is considered as a *sui generis* macro structure. The Conference is interested in the presentation of papers (theoretical, analytical, empirical, applicable research) regarding the following topics, but not limited to:

- Understanding the European integration through discourse analysis of political communication; media coverage and other forms of communication in the public sphere;
- Exploring the causes and potential legal impacts of the European integration of Albania;
- Analysing the identity construction process and investigation whether we are in the brick of an identity crises;
- The development of European identity of Albanians; the impact of the communist regime;
- Future trends and challenges;
- Any other relevant topic.

The Student Conference will be held at the European University of Tirana on the 13th May 2014.

Submission requirements

If you are interested to participate, please submit your Concept Paper at the following address:
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The concept paper should be between 300 and 500 words in length and must contain:

- language: Albanian, English (optional);
- the title of your paper;
- your personal information and of possible co-author(s) [name(s), email(s) and affiliation(s)];
- research aim and objectives, methodology, findings and conclusions; or, alternatively, recommended routes and new ways for research and thinking in the area of the European integration;
- reference in APA style if applicable

Please submit your Concept Paper in word document both, in Albanian or in English. Please use font Times New Roman 12-point, single space.

The official language of the conference is Albanian; however the concept paper might be sent also in English too giving the opportunity to wider international audiences to learn about your research.

The selected papers that will be presented at the Student Conference will be also published online.

Key Dates

30th April 2014

Deadline for Concept Paper submission

5th May 2014

Notification of acceptance

12th May 2014

Conference held in the European University Tirana

There is no conference fee. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation and the organizers will provide coffee breaks on the day of the conference.