



OPEN CALL

International Conference *Beyond Fear and Silence: Universities against Violence*

Time: 6th and 7th May, 2022

Place: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Venue: Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sarajevo (UNSA)

Organizers: TPO Foundation and University of Sarajevo (UNSA)

Deadlines:

Abstract: 28th February 2022

Full draft of the paper: 30th April 2022

Applications and submissions should be sent to: unigemconference2022@tpofond.org



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Introduction

This is the inaugural conference of the University and Gender Mainstreaming Project (UNIGEM) that gathers eighteen universities from the Balkans region and brings together regional and international scholars researching gender-related issues in the field of higher education.

The aim of the conference is to develop and encourage scholarship committed to the politics of gender equality that aims to end gender-based violence in academia, focusing on the Balkans region and comparative examples internationally.

Gender-based violence is a pervasive problem around the globe and it is a challenge to personal integrity, mental health, career as well as to public social and economic development. In the Balkan countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro), national laws and international human rights norms,

in particular the Istanbul Convention, prescribe legal foundation against gender-based violence. However, adoption of legal norms is not a guarantee for their application in practice. Everyday media reports show that gender-based violence occurs in all social strata, including higher education. The Balkans post-war context is impregnated with trauma, political and economic instability that may additionally exacerbate violence. The current COVID-19 pandemics has increased gender inequality and violence (online violence, double or triple burden of reproductive labor, mental health, economic violence and so forth).

The key causes of gender-based violence are unequal power relations in private and public life, cultural norms that justify and normalize gender-based violence, inefficient prevention and protection mechanisms as well as shaming and blaming victims. Within the UNIGEM project, TPO Foundation and partner universities conducted extensive qualitative and quantitative research on gender-based violence at universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia. Some of the results will be presented at this conference in order to foster further knowledge production based on this research.

Conference thematic streams:

1. Knowledge Production on Gender Based Violence

Possible themes/panels:

- Contemporary theoretical and methodological approaches to gender-based and sexual violence
- Linguistic approaches to gender based violence, language and gender
- Sociological approaches to power and gender in academia

2. Gender, Inclusion and Education

Possible themes/panels:

- Education of teachers and students on gender-based violence: intersectoral cooperation
- Intersectional approach to equality in education: persons with disabilities
- Intersectional approach to equality in education: ethnic, gender and sexual minorities

3. Gender, Mental Health and Social Care

Possible themes/panels:

- Mental health and gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemics
- Online harassment and cyber-bullying in higher-education
- Intersectional approach to mental health, gender and violence

4. Gender, University Management and Institutional Culture

Possible themes/panels:

- Gender discrimination in career development: leaky pipelines in different academic disciplines
- Organizational culture for gender equality: obstacles, challenges and opportunities
- Approaches to ending sexual misconduct at universities

Formatting and style:

- Abstract: 300 words
- Paper length: maximum 3000 words with references
- Paper presentation during conference: 10-15 minutes
- In-text references/citations
- Harvard style of referencing
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- Times New Roman, 12 font, justified, 1.5 spacing

Conference language: English and B/C/S

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The papers will be included in Conference Proceedings that will be published by the University of Sarajevo and partners.

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