

# **Call for Papers**

### Migration, Mobility and Social Welfare in the context of Euro-Atlantic integration

Demography, economic development and security

10-11 May 2019, Skopje www.unt.edu.mk

After the agreed solution of the name dispute of our country and expected mutely acceptable solution between the Republic of Kosovo and Serbia, it appears that the region is on a way to overcame political stalemate thus opening a real prospect for region's integration into the EU and NATO. Unfortunately, this positive trend is also accompanied by a phenomenon such as migration that produces serious demographic consequences that ultimately have an impact on the economy as well as on political stability and security.

This conference aim is to address the phenomenon of migration and integration as a parallel process, as a chance and as a handicap. Such an approach is self-imposing if we consider that the expectations are that the integration has positive effects on the economic development, on one hand, on the other hand, the emigration of a part of the population, most of them young, educated people, will have unprecedented negative consequences in many segments, such as in the sphere of economy as well as demography. The region is already and will be more and more comforted with emigration coming from countries outside the continent, mostly through illegal channels which presents security threat.

The conference will welcome all the works related to this subject, as well as the interdisciplinary nature, which can help to deepen the theoretical and practical knowledge of this phenomenon, which can be a way for decision-making authority in the methods and approach to successfully manage this issue.

### The topics of the conference include:

- \* Emigration of the population from the region; Ethnic, Social and religious structure.
- \*The labor market needs in the region-opportunities and shortcomings.
- \* Migration policies-Eu practices and their applicability in the region.
- \* "We" and "Others" at the time of global migration
- \* Brain drain, impact on integration processes
- \* Is the Region closer to integration or ghettoization if the migration process continues?
- \* Do the region needs migrants?!
- \* Migration-Security Challenges?!
- \*Cultural disparities and their impact on politics and security

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## Calendar of activities and deadlines:

31 March 2019: All interested applicants must submit an abstract of max. 250 words + CV. Please send your abstracts and any queries to: migration@unt.edu.mk. The abstracts must be written in English, which is also the working language of the conference.

**10 April 2019:** Acceptance/rejection notification for presentations;

20 April 2019: Announcement of final list of participants and agenda;

10-11 May 2019: Conference;

20 May 2019: Publications of Book of Abstracts

<u>30 June 2019:</u> Deadline for sending full research articles (Max. 12 pages; Times New Romans, 12 p, 1,5 space). The accepted articles will be published in the South East European Journal of Sustainable Development (SEEJSD).

<u>Logistical details:</u> The travel and accommodation costs are to be covered by the participants, while the organizers will provide conference materials and coffee breaks.

Agenda of the conference will be published in due time at: http://migration.unt.edu.mk