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“TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE: STATE AND SOCIETY”

Bitola, Republic of North Macedonia
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Faculty of Law, University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – Bitola announces the Call for Papers to be presented at the Conference

The purpose of the Conference is to provide an international forum to present and discuss the latest developments, to share views and ideas, as well as to establish research collaborations and networking, in order to adequately respond to contemporary challenges within the areas covered by the Conference.

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Conference Overview:

The world we live in has been deeply changed in the last few decades. We are witnessing fast economic, social and political changes in the way of life we knew, gender roles are changed, there are changes in the way of how states are governed, and changes in the meaning of society in a globalized world.

According to Bob Jessop, "states are not the sort of abstract, formal objects which readily lend themselves to clear-cut, unambiguous definition." Rather, the state is a "messy concept," characterized by a paradoxical set of attributes: it is real and self-evident, but also illusory and "ambiguously defined", it is a historically contingent entity, but also, in the public imagination, a timeless, universal entity. It is an aggregate of specified institutions, but also a bundle of functions. This paradoxical nature of the state is particularly resistant to objectivist definitions.

In a highly influential essay, Timothy Mitchell reviews the intellectual history of the concept of the state in post-World War II political science. He shows that the profound difficulty of conceptualizing the state yielded two opposite responses among political scientists. The first was to abandon the state altogether as an analytical concept, replacing it with the concept of the "political system." The second, which emerged in reaction to the first, was to "bring the state back in" and to conceptualize it not only as distinct from society but also as partially or entirely autonomous in relation to it. Mitchell criticizes both these approaches. He argues that the first approach, which he names "the system approach," advocates a shift from the formal study of the state to the meticulous examination of presumably well-defined political systems. This move, he claims, has in effect resulted in the elimination of any boundary between the political domain and other domains (social, cultural, religious, economical etc.).

Public opinion and discourse are dominated by arguments for the fall of moral values, the individual way of life, increased consumption, new policies for environmental protection, anti-corporate protests, etc. Besides all of this, there is an increased level of influence on changes by social and political forces, changes such as globalization, which erases national borders and power of nation-states.

Developed societies are multicultural, there is a change in the social perception of families, old elites are not powerful anymore. We are speaking about a world which is known by the freedom of our own, individual choice and individual opinion and expression.

Actually, the collective way of functioning during past times, expressed through complete employment, higher life standard for everyone and wealthier social welfare system, that were the key elements of the organizational and analytical base of society's foundation, now are blurred. Social democracy is replaced by social relations which are orbiting around individualism.

Is it possible for the society to stay stable without solidarity and obligations for its members? Is it possible for its members to continue to function individually?

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Step 1: Abstract Submission: deadline September 10, 2021

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Step 2: Abstract acceptance notifications: deadlines June 30/August 25/September 15, 2021

Once your abstract is accepted the paper preparation process begins. Please follow the Paper Guidelines.

Step 3: Paper submission: deadline August 31/October 1, 2021

Prepare your final paper in accordance with our Paper Guidelines. Papers should be sent as .doc or .docx attachments via e - mail address: conference.pf@uklo.edu.mk

Earlier submission of the papers helps us to manage the review process in a timely manner.

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Dates: Dates should be given in the form: 30 December 2013.

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