



# DSSH/ASD DITËT E STUDIMEVE SHQIPTARE / 2016

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Topic: " ALBANIA AS A CASE STUDY: ECONOMY, POLITICS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVE"

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# **DSSH / ASD 2016**

# **Studying Albania – economy, politics, social development, future perspective**



**Prof. Dr. Adrian Civici**President of UET

Ibanian Studies Days, in their third successive session in 2016, will have a special viewpoint and focus. Within their objective and philosophy as a festival of ideas, discussions and scientific studies, the coming ASD session will be dedicated to the "Study of Albania - economy, politics, social development, and future perspective." In a series of activities, scientific conferences, round tables, journal publications, book promotions, various exhibitions and the like, Albanian current and future concerns, issues and challenges will be considered through analytical academic and scientific lenses in order to highlight key achievements but also point out missed opportunities. Being aware of the opportunities and obstacles our reality presents before us, we are better positioned to make proposals for the future so that we foster a sustainable economy, our democracy and politics become effective and functional for our integration, and our social development reflects equality, welfare, encouragement, hope and modernity.

The peculiar feature of this coming ASD session lies in the fact that the task of studying Albania and her challenges will be entrusted to Albanian lecturers, scholars and academics working in universities and research centers abroad, in many countries around the world, especially those contributing to Western universities and institutes in the EU and OECD countries. There is, by now, a great number of Albanian intellectuals, researchers, scholars, academics and students working in prestigious international institutions and research centers and, cooperating closely with their counterparts working in Albania, they have the capacity to prepare quality analyses of the Albanian reality and the challenges Albania faces in the two coming decades. We have become accustomed to appreciating studies and solutions provided to us by foreign partners and institutions far more than our own studies or solutions. The time is ripe for us to encourage and support copiously the Albanian scientific thought.

At UET, we have acquired a valuable experience in scientific research, discussion of ideas, and synthesis of academic values. The central pillars of UET strategy, philosophy and activity are "science for political, economic and social progress"; "research and analysis for development of sustainable business", which is why we highly appreciate the commitment of excellent Albanian academic intelligentsia, working in the country or abroad, to study the main issues conditioning and orienting the future development of Albania. This is a great and positive effort benefiting all Albanians. The idea of the establishment and consolidation of a "UET-science-progress" network of Albanian researchers, working in Albania or abroad, will be a useful contribution in making Albanian politics more qualitative, our economy more sustainable, and our social development more harmonious, which, in turn, help us in achieving our key objective of European integration.

I believe that ASD 2016 will arouse the interest of Albanian community of scholars and researchers, who will join this important scientific enterprise and initiative, thus guaranteeing that its final conclusions will be valuable recipes for the socio-economic development of Albania for the future decades.









## DSSH / ASD

## **BRIEF GUIDE TO ALBANIAN STUDIES DAYS**

**WHY ASD?:** Albanian Studies Days is a series of scientific conferences designed with a "peer review" system and focused on discussions about important issues related to Albanian society, ranging from economy, history, media, to legal system, political institutions, public policies, and on to development of education and its impact on social development.

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

- a. Foreign scholars whose doctoral works and scientific studies focus on Albania.
- b. Albanian professors, who have provided their contribution to Western universities since 1990s or earlier, whose work still focuses on Albania.
- c. Foreign PhD candidates whose doctorate thesis is about Albania.
- d. Albanian PhD candidates at Western universities whose doctorate thesis is related to Albania or the region.
- e. UET PhD candidates who benefit from their contact with the relevant scientific community.
- f. ASD is the key scientific activity for all eight UET Departments, for UET academic staff as well as for the best UET scientific master students.

**TIME:** This activity is held at the end of April on a yearly basis and it is divided into five conferences related to respective UET Department and relevant topics approved by the scientific conference committees.

(for further information see the program attached)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** The activity also includes a number of other events (see extra-conference program) related to crucial elements for scientific product and life, such as; book promotions and their ensuing discussions, documentaries and photo exhibitions featuring pressing concerns in Albanian society.

Welcome to Albanian Studies Days!

## PROGRAM

International scientific conference: "Albania as a case study: economy, politics, social development, future perspective"

**28 APRIL 2016** Reception of foreign guest professors / participants

**29 APRIL 2016** Time 18:00 The opening of the conference, the greeting addresses of organizers and participants

**30 APRIL 2016** Time 10:00-13:00 First session of the conference; 14:00-17:00 Second session of the conference

Scientific Committee of Conference: Prof. Dr. Adrian Civici - Chairperson

Prof. Dr. Tonin Gjuraj, Prof. Dr. Luljeta Minxhozi, Prof. Dr. Përparim Fuga, Prof. Dr. Ferit Duka,

Prof. Dr. Romeo Gurakuqi, Prof. Dr. Ksenofon Krisafi, Henri Cili (PhD), Prof. As. Dr. Arbi Agalliu, , Prof. Stefano Bianchini,

Prof. Francois Lerin, Prof. Guglielmo Chiodi, Prof. Miro Hacek, Prof. Paul G. Nixon, Prof. Kornely Kakachia

Organizational Coordinator: Prof. Asoc.Dr. Arbi Agalliu/ Assistant Coordinator: Dokt. Besarta Vladi

### CONFERENCE SESSIONS

#### ■ Finance and Economics Department

#### "Structural Reforms and Integration Challenges"

Scientific Committee of the Finance Panel: Prof. As. Dr. Elvin Meka; Prof. Dr. Magdalena Bregasi; Prof. As. Dr. Anilda Bozdo Scientific Committee of the Economics Panel: Prof. As. Dr. Eniel Ninka, Prof. As. Dr. Mateo Spaho, Dr. Besart Kadia Organizational Secretariat: Dokt. Elona Shehu

#### **■** Management Department

#### "Management of Albanian companies in recession"

Scientific Committee: Prof. Dr. Drita Kruja; Prof. As. Dr. Ermira Qosja; Prof. As. Dr. Arlinda Ymeraj; Prof. As. Dr. Oltjana Zoto; Elena Kokthi, PhD. Organizational Secretariat: Dr. Elvira Tabaku; Dr. Denisa Mamillo

#### ■ Department of Information Science, Mathematics, Statistics

#### "Applications of information technology in economy, business, and society"

Scientific Committee: Prof. As. Dr. Indrit Baholli, Prof. Dr. Adriana Gjonaj, Mimoza Durresi, PhD, Prof. As. Dr. Hysen Binjaku, Dr. Ani Sharko, Dr. Teuta XHINDI, Dr. Gentjan Hoxhalli

Organizational Secretariat: Dr. Erind Hoti, Dr. Ledina Kateri

#### ■ Department of Private Law

#### "Latest development on private law"

Scientific Committee: Prof. As. Dr. Migena Leskoviku; Prof. As. Dr. Edi Spaho; Prof. As. Endira Bushati; Prof. As. Dr. Juelda Lamce Organizational Secretariat: Dr. Blerta Aliu

#### ■ Department of Public Law

#### "Basic rights and liberties versus public power in Albania"

Scientific Committee: Prof. Dr. Ksenofon Krisafi; Prof. As. Dr. Migena Leskoviku; Prof. Dr. Romeo Gurakuqi; Mirgen Prence PhD. Organizational Secretariat: Dr. Sofiana Veliu

#### ■ Department of Education

#### "The psycho-pedagogical challenge of reforming Albanian education, from massive to quality education"

Scientific Committee: Prof. As. Dr. Tomi Treska, Prof. As. Dr. Ylljet Aliçka, PhD. Erika Melonashi; Organizational Secretariat: Valbona Nathanaili (Dr.)

#### ■ Department of Applied Social Sciences

#### International Relations Panel "Migration and identity questions - past and present"

#### Political Sciences Panel: "Representation, politics and anti-politics"

Scientific Committee: Prof. Dr. Ferit Duka, Prof. Dr. Përparim Fuga, Dr. Roland Lami, Prof. Dr. Kristaq Xharo, Dr. Enri Hide, Organizational Secretariat: Ervis Iljazaj, PhD

#### Department of Public Relations and Communication

#### "Communicating Albanian through today's political, cultural and social media"

Scientific Committee: Prof. Dr. Aleksander Dhima, Prof. As. Belina Budini, Lorena Licenji PhD, Gilman Bakalli PhD, Henri Cili PhD Organizational Secretariat: Dr. Irena Myzeqari

Conference sessions related to departments will take place on 30 April, at 10.00 – 13.00, 14:00 - 17:00

Participants Structure in Department Conference: 1 Keynote Speaker; 1 Albanian or foreign academic; 3 department lecturers or 3 papers which can be delivered by 2 or 3 lecturers; 2 professors from Pristina and Macedonia, 3-5 PhD lecturers;

We can accept also 5-6 works in poster form for each department conference.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

30/09/2015 Distribution of call for papers
29/01/2016 Final deadline for submission of abstract
19/02/2016 Confirmation of acceptance of abstract
31/03/2016 Final deadline for submission of complete work
11/04/2016 Confirmation of acceptance of complete work

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