

3rd INASEA CONFERENCE: URBAN LIFE AND CULTURE IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

International Association for Southeast European Anthropology (InASEA)

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Proceedings:

A selection of the refereed Conference papers will be published in two regular issues of *Ethnologica Balkanica*, the InASEA's annual journal (Vol. 9 and 10).

Travel and Accommodation:

The organizers of the Conference will cover at least a part of the travel and accommodation costs of the participants from the countries of Southeast Europe (with the exception of Greece). Accommodation for participants who qualify for financial support will be pre-arranged. Other participants will also be assisted in making hotel reservations. More information about the accommodation in Belgrade will be given on the Conference website in due time (<http://www.gewi.kfunigraz.ac.at/inasea/conference3.html>).

Registration Fee:

The Conference registration fee for InASEA members will be covered by their annual membership fee. The non-InASEA members will be asked to pay the on-site registration fee equivalent to 10.- EUR (participants from Southeast Europe) and 20.- EUR (participants from outside Southeast Europe).

Additional Information:

More information about InASEA is available at its website at <http://www.gewi.kfunigraz.ac.at/inasea>. News on the Conference will be announced at the Conference website at <http://www.gewi.kfunigraz.ac.at/inasea/conference3.html>

Aim of the Conference

Urbanization in modern times has been one of the salient features characterizing social change in Southeast Europe, especially during the post-World War II socialist period, and producing obvious novelties in the post-socialist period. However, despite the significance of cities and towns, anthropology and related disciplines have so far displayed only scant interest in the study of urban lives and cultures in Southeast Europe. Structures, dynamics and contingencies of contemporary urban milieus in Southeast Europe still await thorough investigation, and have yet to be brought into a comparative perspective with urban communities in other parts of the world.

The 3rd InASEA Conference therefore intends to initiate scientific debate on the fundamental questions related to anthropological investigation of contemporary cities in Southeast Europe. The aim is to determine what is »urban« in phenomena and processes taking place in a city vis-à-vis the countryside as well as how »urbaneness« varies in cities differing in history, size, demography, economy and culture.

The organizers invite papers that bring together different approaches to urban studies, such as those of anthropology, ethnology, ethnography, history, sociology and urban planning. The papers will discuss the phenomena, processes and narratives that define urban life and culture in Southeast Europe, and thus open new areas for basic and applied research. The intention of the organizers is to enable the exchange of experience in exploring cities and towns in Southeast Europe between scholars from the region and colleagues from other parts of the world and to facilitate the networking between scholars within the region, thus, to stimulate a more coordinated exchange of information about ongoing scientific and educational projects.

Themes

- Urbanization as a historical process in Southeast Europe: from nation-building to post-socialism
- City vs. village: ideological aspects of urbanization in the Balkans
- Migration to the city and adaptation to urban life
- Urban-rural ties
- Representations of the city in science, literature and art
- Exploring the city: methodologies and techniques
- Time in urban life
- Urban space and place: constructions, uses, divisions, behaviours, memories and identifications
- Family, kinship and gender relations in the city
- Urban ethnicity and religion
- Social exclusions and inclusions in urban society
- Urban class, culture and identity
- Pop culture, subculture and corporate culture
- Commodities and consumption in the city
- Feelings, risks and security in cities
- Anthropologists and the future of cities in Southeast Europe

Paper Proposals

The proposal ought to contain the paper title, a 200-250 word abstract as well as the author's name, institution, address, e-mail, and a brief academic CV. The paper proposal should be formatted in MS Word for Windows with Times New Roman, letter size 12 pts and single line spacing. The proposal should refer to the most appropriate Conference theme and should specify the technical equipment needed.