



EUROPE IN CRISIS

Threats and Opportunities

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The working language of the conference is English. Looking to encourage an informed dialogue, we welcome papers (no less than 3000 words) by scholars and professionals from any discipline including but not limited to economics, law and political sciences, IT, sociology, philosophy, religion and cultural studies. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by email to: conference@uacs.edu.mk. Abstracts should be written in Word or RTF formats, font Times New Roman or Arial size 12, following this order: author(s), affiliation, email address, title of abstract, body of abstract, key words.

Information: <http://www.uacs.edu.mk/conference>

This inter- and multi-disciplinary one-day conference seeks to explore the current global crisis and its consequences for the future of European integration. The underlying assumption is that a crisis poses threats to existing structures, values and achievements, but also opens opportunities for critical reassessment and improved solutions to exigent problems. As a hosting academic institution of this conference we aim to emphasise and explore the contribution that academia can make to catalyse an adequate response to the crisis.

Key issues to be addressed include:

- What are the defining characteristics of the current economic crisis and what distinguishes it from earlier ones?
- What impact does the economic downturn have on international relations and the process of EU integration in particular?
- How does the current crisis change the perception of Europe and the policy of EU enlargement both within the EU and in the accession countries?
- What kind of business strategies can be adopted for economies in the downturn? Does the crisis create opportunities (e.g. low transport costs and fast delivery; use of IT solutions and open software, etc.)?
- Are interventions in the financial sector sufficient to prevent further instability? Does a crisis of this magnitude trigger critical reconsideration of the idea of Europe and the value systems which inform its materialisation?
- How can political, social and cultural considerations contribute to comprehensive solutions to the new reality?

By tradition, key speakers and high level officials from the country and from abroad are invited to address the conference.

Due to overwhelming response to previous conferences, this year the number of participants presenting at the main sessions will be limited to those who submit papers of highest quality and relevance. In addition, short poster sessions will be organised for other selected participants. All papers accepted for the conference will be peer-reviewed and considered for publication as conference proceedings in an ISBN e-book. To avoid copyright infringements, the Organizing Committee will review and publish original works which are not currently under consideration elsewhere. The papers that are accepted will require a release form in order to be published in the proceedings book. University American College Skopje will cover all costs for editing and publishing. No fees will be granted to the authors. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the University American College Skopje on as-needed basis only for the selected presenters who need to submit a bursary form.