



## CALL FOR PAPERS

University American College Skopje is proud to initiate the 10th annual international academic conference on European integration

### **EUROPEAN INTEGRATION – NEW PROSPECTS**

**Skopje, Thursday 21 May 2015**

This inter- and multi-disciplinary one-day conference seeks to explore new and alternative prospects of European integration from a fresh, critical and forward looking perspective - one that goes beyond the current stalemate in the debate over federalist vs. nationalist tendencies and the delayed EU enlargement.

Major issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Economic, political, regional, minorities, and migration issues concerning the future of European integration
- Bridging the North-South divide within Europe
- Secessionism within the EU
- European commitment to the EU future of Western Balkan countries: freezing the enlargement process – solutions or additional problems?
- Achieving economic growth, creating employment opportunities, and building social cohesion
- Overcoming the digital divide in Europe
- Digital tools for achieving political participation and social equality
- European education: challenges to the Bologna process
- The growing importance of cities as engines of economic, regional and territorial development
- Opportunities for sustainable urban development: how do EU policies affect the integration at urban level?

Case studies comparing at least three countries (including but not limited to those of South East Europe) as well as research-based policy recommendations are encouraged.

#### *Key note speakers:*

Prof. Dr. Hildegard Schneider, Dean of the Law School, Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Riccardo Ventre, University of Naples Federico II, Italy

#### *Important dates:*

Abstracts due	Tuesday, 20 January 2015
Notification of acceptance	Tuesday, 27 January 2015
Papers due	Tuesday, 31 March 2015
Review feedback	Tuesday, 28 April 2015
Revised papers due	Tuesday, 12 May 2015
<b>Conference date</b>	<b>Thursday, 21 May 2015</b>

The working language of the conference is English. Looking to encourage an informed dialogue, we welcome papers (max. 4500 words) by scholars and professionals from any discipline including but not limited to economics, finance, management, law, political science, international relations, environment, sociology, information science, education, media, liberal arts, architecture, language and cultural studies. PhD students are also encouraged to take part. Maximum 300 word abstracts can be submitted by email to [conference@uacs.edu.mk](mailto:conference@uacs.edu.mk) Abstracts should be written in Word or RTF formats, font Times New Roman size 12, following this order: author(s), affiliation, email address, title of abstract, body of abstract, 5-7 key words. A short biography (up to 100 words) is also required.



All papers need to be submitted and will be peer-reviewed prior to the conference. The number of participants presenting at the main sessions will be limited to those who submit papers of the highest quality and relevance. We will consider papers written by a maximum of three authors, and not more than two papers of the same author (regardless whether she or he appears as first, second or third author). Following an additional review process, a selection of the best quality papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in an ISBN e-book and/or hard copy volume. To avoid copyright infringements, the program and organizing committee will review and publish only original works which are not currently under consideration elsewhere. The papers that are accepted will require a copyright release form in order to be published. The volume will be also published on the EBSCO database.

The conference fee is 50 Euro (or 3000 Macedonian denars) for each paper (this covers the costs for one presenter; second and third co-author can register to attend for 15 Euro, or 1000 Macedonian denars each). While all authors are encouraged to register and attend the conference, at least one author per accepted paper must register and attend the conference for the paper to be considered for publication. The registration fee includes access to all sessions, conference kit with program and other materials, lunch buffet, and two coffee breaks. PhD and MA students can register for 15 Euro (or 1000 Macedonian denars). For conference attendees only, the fee is 15 Euro (1000 Macedonian denars). UACS students wishing to attend the sessions may register for free (lunch buffet excluded). Following the notification of acceptance, registration fee should be paid no later than 12 May 2015. Once paid, the registration fee is not refundable.

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation booking and expenses. The organizers can offer advice, if needed. For abstract & paper guidelines, conference program, key note speakers, registration fee payment and other updates, please visit our web page: <http://www.uacs.edu.mk/conference>

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