



West University of Timișoara and the National Museum of Timișoara

organize:

The International Conference

Politics and Society in Central and South-Eastern Europe. Multicultural diversity and accessibility from ancient times to the present

The aim of this conference organized by the Department of Romanian Studies of the Faculty of Letters, History and Theology at the West University of Timișoara and the National Museum of Banat is to contribute to the exchange of cultural experience, to the knowledge of the results carried out by specialists in history and archaeology from neighbouring countries in areas of common interest and, last but not least, to the establishment of new collaboration and finding research projects with common themes. On the occasion of the designation of Timișoara as European Capital of Culture in 2023, it was decided that the fifth edition of the international symposium **Politics and Society in Central and South-Eastern Europe**, organised by the National Museum of Banat, and the third edition of the **International conference**, organised by the West University, should be combined into a single event bringing multiculturalism and diversity to the fore.

"By designating Timișoara as European Capital of Culture for 2023, the city has shaped its objectives by focusing on the influence people have on the community they live in. Over the centuries, the Banat region has developed a diversified cultural palette that adds value to the city" (Timișoara 2021-European Capital of Culture Association).

Central and South-East Europe has been a space of contacts and conflicts and, at the same time, a model of cohabitation. Timișoara represents probably the best this cultural model, where diversity was and is at home. From Late Antiquity to the present day, people and communities in Central and South-East Europe, regardless of language and ethnicity, have lived together and influenced each other.

We welcome all those papers that discuss political, religious, cultural interference or social history of communities in the area, exchange of ideas and trade, religion, mentalities,

mobility and accessibility. There are no chronological barriers, any contributions from Antiquity to the present are welcomed.

Proposals may include, but are not limited to the following topics:

- Communities: political, ethnic, religious situations
- Cultural interferences
- Relating to others: otherness
- Natural space
- Institutional mechanisms and power relations
- Law, justice and judicial practice
- Conflict and cohabitation
- Trade, merchants and the economy
- Exchange of ideas in a changing world: culture, education, art and heritage
- Mentalities, mobility and accessibility

The conference will take place in Timisoara, between 19th and 21st of May 2023, accommodation and meals are provided by the organizers.

Depending on the proposals received, the themes of the sessions and their composition will be determined. **The deadline for paper titles and abstracts is 1st of April 2023.** Titles and abstracts of about 100-150 words should be sent to one of the following persons and email addresses: Adrian Magina (adrian.magina@e-uvv.ro), Simona Regep (simona.regep@e-uvv.ro), Adrian Cîntar (adrian.cintar@e-uvv.ro), Zsuzsanna Kopeczny (zsuzsakopieczny@gmail.com), Călin Timoc (calintimoc@gmail.com).

Each participant will be allotted 15 minutes for presentation. The language of the conference is English, except for the sections where only Romanian participants will be present, in which case the discussions can take place in Romanian.

The programme with the titles of the proposed sections will be available after 1st of May 2023 on the website of the Faculty of Letters, Theology and History (<https://litere.uvt.ro/>) and on the website of the National Museum of Banat (<https://mnab.ro/>).

Event page: <http://litere.uvt.ro/cs-events/conferinta-internationala-politics-and-society-in-central-and-south-eastern-europe-multicultural-diversity-and-accessibility-from-ancient-times-to-the-present/>.