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International Conference

Towards a Good Society – European Perspectives

24th - 26th of October, Bucharest

Dear Colleagues,

We have the great pleasure to invite you to the international conference *Towards a Good Society – European Perspectives*, which will be held between the 24th and the 26th of October in Bucharest at the Romanian Academy headquarters (Calea 13 Septembrie, nr 13).

The conference is organized by the *Romanian Sociology Association*, *The Quality of Life Research Institute*, and the *Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the University of Oradea*, and will take place with the support of *International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS)*, *International Sociological Association (ISA)* and *International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI)*.

Topic. After more than 20 years since the fall of communism and 9 years since the biggest enlargement in its history, the European Union is facing an economic crisis, which proves that the economic process in itself does not bring social welfare. The fact that we must extend the concept of social welfare becomes more and more clear, and the problems and uncertainties that our society is facing need new solutions. The international conference „Towards a Good Society – European Perspectives” will bring together theoretical and empirical contributions on this topic, from sociology as well as related fields, such as social work, political sciences, demography and anthropology. Scholars and professionals from the above-mentioned fields are expected to present their own work and to take part in the discussions.

Sections: (in order to visualize co-ordinators and a short presentation of the sections you are kindly asked to access www.conference.arsociologie.ro/sections/lista-sectiunilor)

1. Quality of Life and its Sustainability
2. Child Well-Being
3. Changes and Constants: Understanding European Societies Using Qualitative Research Methods
4. Convictions about the Social World in Times of Crisis: Entitlement and Other Expectations towards People, Institutions and State.
5. Ethnicity and Politics in Central and Eastern Europe.
6. Societal Security and Community Risks in the European Union
7. Violence and Crime. Trends, Risk Factors, Prevention and Social Control
8. Patterns of Family Models and Roles in Contemporary Society

9. Community and Health
10. Quality of Life, Inequality and Vulnerability
11. Standard and Style of Life
12. The Contribution of Social Work Services to a "Good Society"
13. The Economy of Welfare and Contemporary Society: Theoretical and Empirical Approaches, Critical Analyses and Interdisciplinary Perspectives.
14. (Re)assessing the Language of Rights and Solidarity
15. The Left, The Right and Welfare Ideologies
16. Communication and the "Good Society".
17. e-Europe 2.0. - An Information Society for All?
18. Media and Children: Uses, Perceptions, Risks and Opportunities.
19. Adolescents and Youth. Is Society "good" for Them (too)?
20. New Methodologies in Approaching the Social Phenomenon . The Study of Ethnic Relations.
21. Contributions of the Minority Groups to Cultural, Urban and Scientific Heritage in the Common Space
22. Identity and Interculturality in the European Social Space
23. The Romanian Transition in the Perspective of the Actual Crisis
24. The Romanian Village. Session in Honour of Professor Gheorghe Şişeştean
25. Social Responsibility and Social Entrepreneurship
26. Forms of Social Economy and the Construction of a "Good Society".
27. Moral Values for a "Good Society".
28. The "Good Society" – Classic or New Philosophical Models?
29. Education between Quality and Equality
30. Organizational Culture. Current Research in the Field of Human Resources.
31. Methodology. Recent Themes and Approaches in Social Research
32. History of Romanian Sociology.
33. The Church and Social Services.
34. A Developing Social Experiment: Socialist Market Economy
35. Geopolitics and Globalization

Roundtables:

- Social Economy: Gained Experience and Opportunities
- Strategies for Romania to Overcome the Crisis
- Opinion Polls
- Globalization and the Good Society
- Regionalization
- Natural Resources: Ecologic, Economic, Social and Political Controversies

Workshops

- Building Synthetic Indicators of Wellbeing
- How to Write a Scientific Paper in Order to Be Published in the Romanian Sociology Journal

Papers proposals. The abstracts of your papers, written in Romanian or English, which should not be longer than 250 words, must be uploaded online until the **30th of September 2013**. The registration form can be accessed at the following link:

www.conference.arsociologie.ro/Online-abstract-submission. The participants will be notified online regarding the acceptance of their papers until the **4th of October 2013**.

The registration of the participants. Participants must register until the **18th of October 2013**, confirming the payment of the conference registration fee (the bank account details will be displayed on the web page of the event). The 150 RON/35 EUR (100 RON/25 EUR for Masters Degree and PhD students) covers the presentation folder of the conference, as well as the meals and coffee breaks during the event. Organizers can offer lodging for free or at special prices for participants, in the order of requests and according to available places. People who have paid their Romanian Association of Sociology membership fee to date will be absolved from paying the participation fee.

Publishing. A selection of the presented papers will be published in a volume edited by Springer publishers and in special issues of the journals Sociologie românească, Calitatea vieții and Inovația socială. The papers will be selected through a process of double blind peer-review.

Contact. We invite you to check the web page of the conference www.conference.arsociologie.ro or to e-mail your queries at the following address: conference@arsociologie.ro