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ETHNOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY THROUGH TIME

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VENUE (CONFERENCE):
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DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, September 10, 2026
Opening Reception

19.00–21.00 | Opening ceremony

Yugoslav Film Archive

Friday, September 11, 2026
Day I

08.00–09.00 | Participant registration

09.00–09.45 | Plenary lecture – Chris Hann

"Georgije Ostrogorski" Amphitheater

10.00–10.30 | Coffee break

10.30–12.10 | Session 1

- **Panel 1 – Discipline histories: global perspectives**
- **Panel 2 – Regional disciplinary transformations**
- **Panel 3 – Contemporary theory and epistemological issues**
- **Panel 4 – Digital and emergent anthropology**

12.10–14.00 | Lunch break

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Saturday, September 12, 2026
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09.00–09.45 | Plenary lecture – Michał Buchowski

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10.00–10.30 | Coffee break

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11.00–12.00 | Assembly of the Serbian Ethnological-Anthropological Society [EADS] – Elections (only for the EADS members)

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cca 16.00–18.00 | Excursion (optional)

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Room: 1

Zhang Jijiao, The Fifth Tradition in World Anthropology and Ethnology: Chinese Anthropology and Ethnology

Zhou Zixiang, Decolonizing Knowledge: Anthropological Disciplinary Transformation in China and the Global South

Xiaomin Zhang, Legacy, Innovation, and Dialogue: The Development of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and the Practice of the International Journal of Anthropology and Ethnology

Jiang Mei, Nation, State, and Society: Foundational Categories and Basic Problems in the Transformation of Ethnic Theory and Method

Moderator: Vesna Vučinić Nešković

10.30–12.10 | Panel 2 – Regional disciplinary transformations

Room: 2

Rajko Muršić, Enlightenment Ethnology, National Science, and Global Fundamental Science of Humanity: From Description of Peoples to Radical Anthropology in the 21st century

Mateja Habinc, Studying Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology in Contemporary Slovenia

Srđan Radović, Teaching Ethnology and Ethnological and Anthropological Content in Schools in Serbia

Branko Banović, Between Heritage and Anthropology: On the Limits of Disciplinary Transformation in the Montenegrin Context

Jelena Miljković Matić, The Debate Between Špiro Kulišić and Milenko S. Filipović in the Context of Communist Attitudes Toward the National Situation in Yugoslavia

Moderator: **Bogdan Dražeta**

10.30–12.10 | Panel 3 – Contemporary theory and epistemological issues

Room: 3

Lia Lola V. Kotnik, Anthropology in an Age of Open Lying

Jelena Ćuković, Reality as a Collective Hallucination? Contribution of Cultural Anthropology to Contemporary Studies of Consciousness

Marina Simić, Deleuze, Guattari, and Anthropology: Toward Viveiros de Castro's Poststructural Anthropology

Anđela Pumpalović, Anthropology of Everyday Morality: Gossip as an Analytical Concept in Anthropological Theory and Methodology

Mariyam Kerimova, Attitudes of Russian Scholars Toward the Theoretical Foundations of Ethnographic Science in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century

Moderator: **Marija Brujić**

10.30–12.10 | Panel 4 – Digital and emergent anthropology

Room: 4

Smiljana Antonijević Ubois, Why We Need Anthropology: When Human Life Becomes Training Data

Mladen Stajić, Thinking Like a Swarm: Translating Swarm Intelligence into Digital Anthropology

Anja Zlatović, Is the Future of Artificial Intelligence 'Green'? – Exploring the Use of Artificial Intelligence Among Young, Green Activists

Đorđe Stojanović, Ethnology and Anthropology in the World of Algorithms: Theoretical and Methodological Potentials of the Discipline on the "Invisible" Field

Krinka Baković, The Role and Importance of Video Games and Gaming in Contemporary Anthropological Research: Consideration of the Possibilities and Challenges of Studying the Practices and Experiences of the "Close Other"

Moderator: **Sonja Radivojević**

12.10–14.00 | Lunch break

SESSION 2

14.00–15.40 | Panel 5 – Transformations of anthropology in Europe and the region

Room: 1

Petko Hristov, New Ethnology in a New Europe. Construction of Identity and Cultural Memory in the Conditions of Pan-European Mobility

Aliki Angelidou, Toward an "Anthropological Federalism": Greek Anthropology in Comparative Perspective

Ioannis Manos, Reconfiguring Regimes of Anthropological Knowledge in Greece: Negotiating Disciplinary Frameworks between Reproduction and Transformation

Viktor Fehér, The Scientific Approach and Research Directions of Hungarian Ethnologists and Folklorists in Yugoslavia between 1945 and 1989

Ana Luleva and Ivanka Petrova, The Cooperation Between the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Ethnography at SASA – a Quarter Century of Partnership and the Development of Ethnology/ Anthropology

Moderator: **Mladena Prelić**

14.00–15.40 | Panel 6 – Comparative perspectives on teaching and canon

Room: 2

Miloš Milenković, Towards a New Curriculum in Ethnology and Anthropology: Between the Renewal of Interpretative Sovereignty and the Weakening of Global Evaluation Regimes

Vladimira Ilić, Vladana Ilić and Nina Kulenović, Ethnologists and Anthropologists in an "Ivory Tower"? (Self-)Positioning in the Domestic Public Sphere

Jevgenija Djuževa and Emilija Kartalija, Evgilije: The Popularization of Science and Art in Contemporary Society

Ljubica Vlahović, 120 Years Later: On the Possible Futures of Ethnology and Anthropology in Serbia

Sergej Avramov, Ethnology and Anthropology in Serbia and Russia

Moderator: **Srđan Radović**

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14.00–15.40 | Panel 7 – Subdisciplines and research fields

Room: 3

Gordana Gorunović, Literary Anthropology and/or the Anthropology of Literature? Problems of Defining a Subdiscipline

Jelena Marković, Folkloristics in Search of Its Own Name

Milan Tomašević, Ethnoastronomy as a Theoretical and Methodological Challenge in Serbian Ethnology and Anthropology

Biljana Anđelković, Orthodox Christianity in Serbian Ethnology and Anthropology: Towards the Formation of a Theoretical Framework for the Study of Orthodox Christian Religiosity

Bogdan Dražeta, Research on Bosnia and Herzegovina within Serbian Ethnology and Anthropology

Moderator: **Jadranka Đorđević Crnobrnja**

14.00–15.40 | Panel 8 – Youth, identity and popular culture

Room: 4

Armanda Hysa, Until We Meet First: K-Culture (South Korean Soft Power) and Albanian Youth

Nevena Milanović Minić, Negotiating Adolescence: Gen Z and Alcohol Consumption Practices

Mariya Slavcheva, Epistemic Transmission Beyond the University: Youth Research and the Reproduction of Ethnological Knowledge in a Post-Socialist Context

Nebojša Petrović, Tavern Narration of Late Socialism: Nervozni poštar as a Source for Ethnology and Memory Studies

Suzana Leković, A Contribution to the Study of the Acculturation of Scientific Migrants: Obstacles and Challenges in the Process of Acculturation During Scientific-Cultural Transfers in Non-Aligned Yugoslavia

Moderator: **Ivana Stojčetović**

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SESSION 3

16.20–18.00 | Panel 9 – Applied anthropology, activism, and consulting work

Room: 1

Vesna Vučinić Nešković, Is Applied Anthropology Possible in Neoliberal Postsocialism? Reflections from Urban Anthropology

Marijana Belaj and Tihana Rubić, Applied Anthropology in Croatia: Development and Challenges of Applying Academic Knowledge in Non-Academic Practice

Goran-Pavel Šantek, Anthropology Between Science and Social Action: Choosing the Discipline's Future

Radmila Djermanovic and Flavia Moens de Hase, Application of Ethnology and Anthropology in International Consultancy – a case study

Alexandra Desy and Diana Marre, Applying anthropology to Reproductive Medicine: Bridging Research and Patient Support

Moderator: **Vladimir Ribić**

16.20–18.00 | Panel 10 – Ethnographic movies, methodological innovations and collaborative fieldwork

Room: 2

Yang Jingyao, Transformations in Chinese Ethnographic Films: Paradigmatic Shifts, Marginal Strategies and Entangled Negotiations

Viktor Trajanovski and Simon Marić, A Visual Treasury: The History and Contemporaneity of Ethnographic Documentary Film in Macedonia

Ildiko Erdei and Magdalena Sztandara, Laboratory of Collaboration: Transformative Field Practices as a Space of Shared Knowledge Production

Mario Katić, Alenka Bartulović and Mirza Džananović, Ethnographic Laboratory (EtnoLab) as a Method for Teaching Ethnography

Branko Pjević, Applied Ethnology and Anthropology in Special Conditions

Moderator: **Slobodan Naumović**

16.20–18.00 | Panel 11 – Memory, war, historical narratives and public discourse

Room: 3

Yana Yancheva, Researches on Childhood and Pioneer Organizations in the Period of Socialism

Tanya Buchkova, The Crimean War on the Pages of Newspaper "Tsarigradski vestnik" (1848-1862) – Reception and Reflection

Yulina Mihaylova, Perspectives on the Jewish Past Through the Prism of Museum Narrative Concerning the Rescue of Bulgarian Jews During World War II

Maria E. Sysoeva, 'Reflections of the Ubykh. We exist': Strategies for Constructing Ubykh Identity

Moderator: **Branko Banović**

16.20–18.00 | Panel 12 – Gender studies, auto-reflexive ethnography, critical analysis

Room: 4

Miroslava Lukić Krstanović and Lada Stevanović, Research on Women and Gender: Confronting Experiences from Personal Perspectives

Lazar Barać, Grappling with Masculinity: Researcher Positionality and Methodological Challenges in the Anthropological Study of Masculinity

Egor Andreevich Krykov, The 'Object-Believer / Object-Researcher' Dilemma: Combining Participants / Observers in Object-Oriented Studies of Religious Conversion

Aleksandar Antunović, Participant Observation: Experiences in Researching the Relationship Between Music and Identity

Anđa Srdić Srebro, Between Serbia and France: Autoethnographic Reflections on Language, Writing, and Disciplinary Identity

Moderator: **Marko Pišev**

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Room: 1

Rini Useini, Ethnological Projects as Bridging Mechanisms between Ethnologists, the State, and the People (North Macedonia case)

Zlatina Bogdanova, Auto-reflexive Ethnography and the Study of Urban Activism in Post-socialist Southeast Europe

Mengxia Shi, Assembling into Being: Participatory Practice-based Research in Post-industrial Communities in Salford (UK) and Taiyuan (China)

Tamara Zarić, Between State Regulation and Experience: Towards New Approaches and Methodology in Kinship Studies

Bojana Bogdanović and Milena Jokanović, Between Science, Society, and Art: The Exhibition "Heroines: The Strength of Romani Women"

Moderator: **Ildiko Erdei**

10.30–12.10 | Panel 14 – Ethnography of organizations, communities and participation

Room: 2

Lea Vučić, Between Silence and Memory: "May Day" Factory in Pirot and the Ethnography of Post-Socialism "at Home"

Nina Zdravković, Research on Organizational Culture within a Scientific Institution: Challenges and Opportunities

Milica Stjepanović Kornilova, Methodological Challenges in the Anthropological Study of Non-Governmental Organizations: From Theory to Practice

Vesna Delić, "A Godmother Is No Button!" – An Anthropologist Among the Roma

Moderator: **Vesna Trifunović**

10.30–12.10 | Panel 15 – Ethnic communities, minorities and identity practices

Room: 3

Nenad Karamijalković, Scientific Hypotheses on the Origin of the Serbs in Public Discourse – Historical and Recent Challenges

Jadranka Đorđević Crnobrnja, The Pluralism of Identity Practices as an Intergenerational Process: The Case of the Gorani Community in Serbia

Aleksandra Đurić Milovanović, Recognized but Not Equal: Religious Minorities and Epistemological Shifts in Postsocialist Anthropology

Aleksandar Repedžić, Vlachs Through the Prism of Ethnology in Serbia, Then and Now

Irena Arsić, The Ragusan Luko Zore (1846–1906) in His Time

Moderator: **Ivan Đorđević**

10.30–12.10 | Panel 16 – Medical, biosocial and health anthropology

Room: 4

Lidija B. Radulović, Living with Inequality as a Person with a Disability: Research Perspectives of Anthropology in Serbia

Vesna Trifunović, Anthropological Engagement in Research on Vaccination Communication in Serbia: Experience and Results

Jelisaveta Fotić, A Critical View of the Concepts of Biosociality and Biosolidarity in Postsocialist Contexts

Ljiljana Pantović, Sara Nikolić, and Ivan Đorđević, Medical Deserts as an Ethnographic Problem: Mapping Access to Reproductive Healthcare in Rural Serbia

Ognjen Parojčić, Anthropology and Addiction: Application of Field Theory as a Methodological Framework for Treating the Phenomenon of Addiction in Sociocultural Anthropology

Moderator: **Nevena Milanović Minić**

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SESSION 5

14.00–15.40 | Panel 17 – Nature, space, landscapes, and cultural heritage

Room: 1

Yao Peng, A Different Perspective on Agricultural Cultural Heritage: From Heritage Sites to Heritage Empowerment

Miha Kozorog, Wildlife in Slovenian Ethnology and Anthropology, with Ethnographic Reflections on the Relationship between Wildlife and the State

László Mód, Changing Riverscapes in the Hungarian-Serbian Borderland

Ivan Rajković, Balkan "Mixed-Races": The Legacy of Modernization in Stara Planina

Saša Nedeljković, A Contribution to the Exoticization of Ethnological/Anthropological Research in Serbia: Duck Fights in Novi Pazar

Moderator: **Jelena Ćuković**

14.00–15.40 | Panel 18 – Heritage policies and protection of cultural assets

Room: 2

Nataša Mladenović Ribić, The UNESCO concept of "living heritage" as a "return to the roots" of the discipline: the application of ethnology and anthropology in the preservation of intangible cultural heritage

Robert Kapeš, From Theory to Fieldwork: The Role of Ethnologists in Shaping Cultural Policies and Heritage Preservation

Dušan Medin, Heritage as a Heated Political Field: Monuments, Dissonant Heritage, and Contemporary Culture of Public Memory in Montenegro

Ana Sibinović, The Work Methodology of Ethnologists/Anthropologists in the Context of Safeguarding Immovable Cultural Heritage

Jelena Milanković, Andjelija Ivkov Džigurski, Dragana Vuković Vojnović, and Vesna Bulatović, Montenegrin Folklore in Vojvodina: Preservation, Practice, and Cultural Identity

Moderator: **Miloš Milenković**

14.00–15.40 | Panel 19 – Museum collections, exhibitions and public anthropology

Room: 3

Danijela Đukić, Museums in the Age of Global Change

Marko Stojanović, A Decade in the Museum: Are Museum Professionals Exclusively Ethnographers or Also Anthropologists?

Miloš Matić, Can the Ethnographic Museum Be Anthropological?

Ivan Maksimović, The Social Significance and Role of European Ethnographic Museums Today – Overlaps and Differences

Aleksandra Kozarev, Between Production and Memory: Musealization of Socialist Industrial Heritage on the Example of the Ethnology Department of the National Museum Zrenjanin

Moderator: **Marina Simić**

14.00–15.40 | Panel 20 – Body, motion, materiality and art

Room: 4

Dunja Njaradi and Miloš Rašić, The Invisible within the Canon: Researchers and Research of Dance in the History of Serbian Ethnology

Ivana Katarinčić, Ethnochoreology Based on Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

Katarina Kuč, "The Artist as Ethnographer": Nadežda Petrović and Clara Sipprell

Katarina Mitrović Ražnatović and Sonja Radivojević, Between Documentation and Epistemology: Drawing as a Mirror of the Transformations of Ethnology and Anthropology through Time

Ivana Stojčetović, Domestic Ethnological and Anthropological Approaches Towards Visual Arts

Moderator: **Vladimira Ilić**

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SESSION 6

16.20–18.00 | Panel 21 – Cultural heritage in different places – theory and praxis

Room: 1

Hou Xiaochen, A New Perspective on Cultural Heritage Research: From Ontological Description to Empowerment Analysis

Petya Vasileva-Grueva, Kremena Yordanova, and Violeta Kotseva, Cultural practices for heritage transmission based on the example of several villages along the Mesta River Valley, Southwestern Bulgaria

Violeta Kotseva, Contextualization and Use of Sacred Places in Modern Times. The Case of Strandzha Mountain, Bulgaria

Mario Katić and Robert M. Hayden, Sedimentations and Erosions of Hybrid Religious Heritage

Iveta Rasheva, On the Connection between the Serbian and Bulgarian Songs about Kosara and Vladimir

Moderator: **Miloš Matić**

16.20–18.00 | Panel 22 – Heritage, ritual and transmission of cultural practice

Room: 2

Jelena Milićević, Professional Practice and the Social Role of Ethnologists-Anthropologists' Research on Village Patron Saint Celebrations and Sacred Trees in the Territory of the City of Čačak

Marta Nešković, Heritage in Practice: Between Continuity and Contemporary Changes in the Transmission of Physical Skills in China and Thailand

Andrey B. Moroz, Cult Sites Through Time: Heritage, Continuity, Conflicts

Snežana Šaponjić-Ašanin, "God Appears" – Epiphany in Contemporary Anthropological Practice

Sara Vukotić, Where Is Home When Ritual Travels? Slava among Serbs in Nova Gorica and the Place of Anthropology Today

Moderator: **Mladen Stajić**

16.20–18.00 | Panel 23 – Anthropological research of tangible cultural heritage and food

Room: 3

Mirjana Menković, Horses and Mental Puzzles: Positioning the Discipline through Museum Collections and Research on Dress Culture in Serbia in the Late 20th and Early 21st Century

Katarina Radisavljević and Ana Seč-Pinćir, The Use of the Ethnographic Museum Collection for Anthropological Purposes: Self-identification of Vojvodina Slovaks on the Example of a Men's Traditional Shirt

Saša Ivković, The Study of Material Culture in Domestic Ethnology and Anthropology

Ana Banić Grubišić, Development Directions of the Study of Nutrition in Serbian Ethnology and Anthropology

Anđela Milinković, Tara Šegrt, Nemanja Pavlović, and Stefan Jovanović, The Watermill in Senokos as a Marker of Local Identity

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