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**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

By addressing some of the key issues of today's world – (un)certainty, (in)equality and hope(lessness) – the conference aims to provide a platform for discussion on complex social processes and on various challenges and possibilities they offer for anthropological research.

From the position between the opposites – certainty/uncertainty, equality/inequality, hope/hopelessness – we wish to explore how these modes of contemporary social life are constructed, valued and argued for. What are the forms and practices of uncertainty, inequality and hopelessness? How do people define and manage these feelings and conditions and how do they relate to one another? How are they institutionalized, and how are they defined in public discourse? What are the political, economic, social and ecological preconditions and implications of uncertainty, inequality and hopelessness? Can certainty, equality and hope be defined as utopian projects? What actions do people take to surpass inequalities? How do they speak about hope and how do they work on certainty? In spite of uncertainty and various inequalities, does hope still manage to find its place in everyday practices and narratives?

By shedding light on these topics, we also wish to discuss various challenges and possibilities they provide for anthropological research. How do anthropologists respond to these possibilities and how do they position themselves in complex research situations? What kind of research strategies and methodologies do they use and develop? What forms of reporting about their research do they choose? How do they work on visibility and applicability of their research projects?

The conference thus opens a space for interpreting concepts, practices and agents of (un)certainty, (in)equality and hope(lessness) and for debating responses produced by anthropologists that deal with them.

While discussing the main theme, the conference wishes to tackle various subtopics, such as:

- Concepts and practices of wellbeing, vulnerability, care, solidarity, humanitarianism, voluntarism, cohesion
- Concepts and practices of power, empowerment, authority, marginality, social justice
- Mobilities and immobilities in today's world, flows and borders
- Discourses and practices of crisis
- Discourses and practices of development and sustainability
- Hope between past and future, hope and heritage
- Discourses and practices of activism
- Methodological and ethical challenges of contemporary anthropological research
- (Re)thinking, (re)formulating and doing engaged anthropology
- Anthropological research and its social responsibility
- Anthropologists as researchers and anthropologists as activists.

## Friday, 22nd April

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8:30 – 9:30            REGISTRATION

9:30                    OPENING CEREMONY  
Welcome speeches  
Presentation of the Border Crossings Network

10:30 – 12:00        **EXPERIENCING AND CONSTRUCTING BORDERS:  
CONTESTED PERSPECTIVES ON (IM)MOBILITY**

*Discussant: Dr. Ivona Grgurinović (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)*

Eleanna AVOURI, Angeliki GAVRIILOGLOU, Georgia DIAKOU, Vasiliki EMMANOUILIDOU, Kalliope NTAFLOU, Eleftheria KAKOULIDOU, Artemis KEFALA, Chrysoula CHATZINIKOLAOU (Department of Modern and Contemporary History, Folklore and Social Anthropology, School of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

**3 contexts / 9 ethnographers / 12 weeks / 200.000 refugees: An overview of the anthropological project at Idomeni**

Eleanna AVOURI, Angeliki GAVRIILOGLOU, Georgia DIAKOU, Vasiliki EMMANOUILIDOU, Kalliope NTAFLOU, Chrysoula CHATZINIKOLAOU (Department of Modern and Contemporary History, Folklore and Social Anthropology, School of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

**Introducing Idomeni: The borders of Europe and its natives**

Angeliki GAVRIILOGLOU, Vasiliki EMMANOUILIDOU, Kalliope NTAFLOU (Department of Modern and Contemporary History, Folklore and Social Anthropology, School of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

**The refugees in the eyes of local authorities: The case of Idomeni, Greece**

Eleanna AVOURI, Georgia DIAKOU, Eleftheria KAKOULIDOU, Artemis KEFALA, Chrysoula CHATZINIKOLAOU (Department of Modern and Contemporary History, Folklore and Social Anthropology, School of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

**Volunteers at the Idomeni refugee camp: Identities and involvement**

Efstathia BEKIARI (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia)

**Experiencing the refugee crisis in Greece, summer 2015**

Giorgos KATRANTSIOTIS (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia)

**Representations of the refugee crisis: An ethnographic approach in the social media**

12:00 – 12:15        BREAK

12:15 – 13:45      **EXPERIENCING AND CONTRUCTING BORDERS:  
CONTESTED PERSPECTIVES ON (IM)MOBILITY**

*Discussant: Dr. Duško Petrović, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology,  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb*

Georgios SAITIS (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia)

**Refugees – a journey with no destination: Understanding the refugee experience in Thessaloniki**

Pigi KOUVARI (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia)

**“A society of solidarity”: The Refugees’ Center of Thessaloniki**

Lynn MUSIOL (Institute for Criminological Research, Hamburg University)

**Making space desirable: Elements of the border regime in Hungary**

Petra HAMER (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana)

**Autoethnography as method in temporary accommodation centre**

Aleksandra REZUCH (College of Inter-Area Individual Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Warsaw), Catalina PRISACARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi), Falia VARELAKI (Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean), Andreas PEATFIELD (School of History and Anthropology, Queen’s University Belfast), Konstantin GEORGIEV (Department of Anthropology, New Bulgarian University)

**Constructing personal space in non-places: Intermission as a way of life in nothingness**

Sofia PAPADOPOULOU (School of Psychology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

**Immigrant detention centers: Part of the solution or part of the problem? Citizen discourse in focus groups**

13:45 – 14:30      BREAK

14:30 – 16:00      **CULTURE, IDENTITY AND REPRESENTATION:  
RETHINKING PAST AND PRESENT**

*Discussant: Dr. Tibor Komar, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb*

Tia GLAVOČIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**(Un)certainty of living in “iron cage” of rationalization: Is there a hope for escape?**

Igor ZENZEROVIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**The role of hope with-in Theory: A theoretically anthropological analysis of anthropological theory and practice among anthropologists**

Iason XALKIDIS (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia)

**Border crossings and border encounters: Relations and interaction between Greeks and Bulgarians in the Eksochi – Iliden border region, at the Bulgarian-Greek border**

Sara MIKELIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**The question of traditional medicine in anthropological research**

Aliko APOSTOLIDOU (Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace), Jill POPE (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, EHESS), Aysel ISAEVA (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy)

**Food networks in a time of crisis: Molocha as a symbol of nature and self-sufficiency in a Greek mountain village**

Tomislav AUGUSTINČIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**“It can’t look like that”: Traditional clothing and identity between hope/lessness among Šokci Croats in Serbia**

16:00 – 16:15      BREAK

16:15 – 18:00      **CULTURE, IDENTITY AND REPRESENTATION:  
RETHINKING PAST AND PRESENT**

*Discussant: Dr. Valia Kravva, Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace*

George CHTENELIS (Department of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

**Preserving and disseminating tradition in Thessaloniki: An ethnographic study of a Greek dance cultural association**

Bogdan L. DRAŽETA, Damjan JUGOVIĆ SPAJIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

**Buklije from Drvenik: Wedding customs in the Makarska Riviera**

George VASILOGLOU, Theodoros THEOFANOUS (Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace)

**Objects of a neglected past generating multiple, conflicting discourses: The case of the basketry museum in Komotini**

Christou CHRYSANTHI (Department of History and Archaeology, University of Ioannina)

**Greek Macedonian worldviews through proverbs and sayings**

Katarina MITROVIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)

**Language and identity: Defense of identity through the perspective of Native American languages**

Karolis DAMBRAUSKAS (Central European University), Emilia POLAK (University of Warsaw), Hanna BEVAN WOOLLEY (Queen's University Belfast), Mariam HOVHANNISYAN (Yerevan State University)

**"Don't tell me that I don't exist": The construction of Macedonian national identity**

Lucija BOTICA, Ines SIUC (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**What kind of a surname is that? Ethnography of Jewish Youth identity in Zagreb**

18:00 – 18:15      BREAK



18:15 – 20:15

**EXPERIENCING (IN)EQUALITY:  
DISCOURSES AND EMBODIMENT OF MARGINALITY**

*Discussant: Dr. Hrvoje Čargonja, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology,  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb*

Maja KOVAČ (Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana)

**Between and without borders – home and foreign**

Eirini TZOUMA, Elisabeth THOMA (Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)

**We were born naked and the rest is drag: An anthropological approach of drag culture in 2016 Athens**

Christina ANAGNOSTOU (Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)

**Body liberation and bdsm practices through Greek society: A discourse about bdsm performativity**

Anna-Anastasia MANOUSAKI (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia)

**AIDS: Disease of the body or the society?**

Efstratia GOUNA (Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia)

**Both sides of the same coin...: An ethnographic encounter with the social aspects of drug use**

Marija VUKŠIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**Deviant embodiment: Stigmatization of a transgender person in a Hare Krishna community in Zagreb**

Niki AIVALIKLI (University of the Aegean)

**From the social margin to practices and discourses of empowerment in a moment of crisis: The case of “Genuine Orthodox Christians”**

Dimitrios GIANNAKOPOULOS (University of Ioannina)

**Legality, illegality and the economic crisis: The case of the illicit tobacco growers of Agrinio**

# Saturday, 23rd April

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9:30 – 11:15

## **POLITICS, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVISM: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES**

*Discussant: Dr. Sanja Potkonjak, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb*

Dajana DEBELJAK, Ivan GOLUBIĆ, Tea JELČIĆ, Christina JUKIĆ, Lucija MAROEVIĆ, Juraj REGUL, Sara ŠPRAJČER (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

### **Anthropology of disaster: Narratives and practices of dealing with floods in Gunja**

Željko POLJAK (Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb)

### **Advocacy coalition framework and social (in)equality**

Nuri DIAKAKI (Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)

### **When the transgressed body becomes transgressive: Activism in the case of Women in Black**

Petra MARČINKO (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

### **Between the engaged anthropology and environmentalism: Becoming a volunteer – activist of the local environmental non-governmental organisation (NGO)**

Varvara IAKOVOU, Korina KATSAOUNI, Antonis KOUKOULADAKIS (Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)

### **Movements of urban reclamation in Greece: A study through a comparative historical and anthropological lens**

Jozefina ĆURKOVIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

### **Poetry in the city – the construction of place by means of festival: The example of “50 Poems for Snow”**

Dens DIMIŇŠ (Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Iceland), Maxim MAKARTSEV (Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences), Georgia TSAMADIA (Department of History and Archaeology, University of Ioannina), Marko SINĐIĆ (Aalborg University)

### **Public concern and configuration of public opinion regarding urban landscape in Korça, Albania**

11:15 – 11:30

BREAK

11:30 – 12:45      **BETWEEN PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE:  
MEMORIES AND HOPE(LESSNESS)**

*Discussant: Dr. Ioannis Manos, Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies,  
University of Macedonia*

Katarina LUKEC (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**“For some he is a hero, and for others is criminal”: Gavril Princip 100 years after the Sarajevo assassination in popular culture**

Eirini AMANATIDOU (School of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

**Memories of the Greek Civil War’s brutality (1946-1949)**

Ena GRABAR (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**“Is there any hope for People’s Heroes in Mirogoj?”: Placing, narrativizing and commemorating People’s Liberation Struggle in Zagreb’s cemetery**

Vigor VUKOTIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**Traces of Yugonostalgia in Bitola**

Naddia TOSHMAKOVA (Department of Early-modern and Modern Bulgarian History, St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo)

**Traces of socialism in personal and collective memories (a case study – Bitola, Macedonia)**

12:45 – 13:15      BREAK

13:15 – 15:00      **EXPERIENCING (UN)CERTAINTY: ETHNOGRAPHIES OF MIGRATION**

*Discussant: Dr. Alik Angelidou, Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences*

Christina JUKIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**The case study of a migration as a refugee in the time of the War of Independence in Croatia**

Rachele BEZZINI (University of Sussex)

**Following ties and traces of migration: From Gjirokastra to Italy**

Rina GEČI (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**Blessed grandfather's homeland: Arrival of Croatian descendants from South America and their perspectives of life in Europe**

Ivan GOLUBIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**Identity and daily practices and rituals of common Croatian culture of temporary immigrants in Belgium**

Igor PETRIČEVIĆ (Faculty of Social Sciences, KU Leuven)

**Navigating the crisis and negotiating mobility: Trajectories of highly educated southern European youth in uncertainty**

Louisa VERGARA (Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)

**Choosing the Self: Home, embodied identities and the power of knowledge among Chilean migrants in Athens**

Rahela JURKOVIĆ (Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb)

**Chase for hope and certainty within Croatian initiative "Taste of Home"**