**5th International Border Crossings network students' conference**

**Call for Papers**

On behalf of the Border Crossings Network, a network established by academics and students from various universities in South-Eastern Europe, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, is organising the 5th international student “Border Crossings” conference on the topic of Crossroads and Boundaries: Challenges for Anthropology in South-Eastern Europe.

**Topic**

The conference will follow the aim of the Border Crossings Network, which is developing cross-border cooperation in the area of Balkan studies, with emphasis in the social sciences and the humanities. The organizers will at the same time dedicate the conference to the memories of their late colleague Borut Brumen who contributed much to discussions of boundaries and social memories.

The activities of the network are aimed to counter fears, mistrust and prejudices and offer students a better understanding of their common heritage and how to use it to the advantage of the region through cross-border cooperation.

Although the conference focuses on anthropology in its subtitle, contributions from other disciplines are also welcome.

**Eventual subtopics might comprise** (though are not limited to):

social memory;

urban studies;

visual cultures;

(post)imperialism and (post)colonialism;

crossing cultures (ideas, social networks, practices);

culturalism, racism, exclusivism and intolerance;

transnational networks and connections;

work and leisure;

ethnic minorities and nationalities;

conflicts and history;

folk traditions, invented traditions, popular cultures;

cultural heritage, cultural diversity and copyright;

disciplinary crossings and boundaries, past and present;

emerging anthropological fields.

**Eligibility**

The conference is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students from universities members of the Border Crossings Network as well as other students from the area and beyond who might find the network interesting. There are capacities for approximately eighty students and twenty professors who will accompany students from their departments.

The students are expected to present their papers in any way related to the main topic of the conference. The presentation should not exceed ten minutes (plus 5 minutes for discussion). Power-point and multimedia presentations are welcome.

**Application procedure**

Applicants should send their personal data, including university affiliation, and paper abstracts (around 15 lines) to the following e-mail address: eika@ff.uni-lj.si as well as to the responsible coordinator at the home university.

Prolonged deadline for submissions is 5 April 2007. The applicants will be informed of the success of their application by 15 April 2007.

Deadline Extended till 5 April!

**Costs**

There is no conference fee. However, the organisers are not in position to cover travel costs and the cost of accommodation for all participants. Under the request, the organisers might subsidize basic accommodation costs for students from lower-income countries.

Students will be accommodated at a student dormitory in Murska Sobota, in the vicinity of Šalovci, where the conference will be held. The cost for accommodation, including breakfast, will not exceed 16.50 EUR per night. The organizers will cover costs for lunch as well.

Professors will be accommodated separately, in the small town/village Šalovci.

**Other conference activities**

Some student ethnographic films will be presented and a workshop on online ethnographic exhibitions will be organised. The excursion around the Prekmurje region will be organised as well.

For additional information please contact Andreja Mesarič ( jumalena@yahoo.com) or Rajko Muršič ( rajko.mursic@ff.uni-lj.si).

**Participating institutions**

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Department of Balkan Studies, University of Western Macedonia, Florina, Greece

Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Sts. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia

Department of Balkan, Slavic, and  Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University, Athens, Greece

Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Department of Social Anthropology, Aegean University, Mytilini, Greece

Department of Musicology, University of Tirana, Albania

Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia