

10th International “Border Crossings” Student Conference

26-29 April 2012, Istanbul, Turkey

(Re)Searching Europe: Narrating the Past, making the Present and imagining the Future

In the face of new economic and political developments in Europe and the European Union, we hope that the 10th International “Border Crossings” Student Conference will shed light on some of the most “hot” political agendas of our era and will contribute to the ongoing discussions of the “crisis” on a local, national, supra-national, and global levels. Reflecting on Giddens’s notion of “loss of ontological security”³a characteristic of post modernity ³the conference will explore the multiple cultural strategies by which people cope with this modern predicament. In this general situation of crisis there seem to be two Europes: the one developed with a few leading states and the other with many undeveloped countries who face the fear of economic, political and social disintegration. So, the title is quite indicative since we are situated at a point where Europe and European boundaries are to be questioned and thus in a way “searched”. The current situation seems like “Europe and the people without Europe”, who struggle to find their own paths, employ their pasts in the present, sustain images of cultural distinctiveness and struggle for a better future.

Conference subtopics:

- ✚ Local, regional, national and European identities
- ✚ Migration and transnational networks
- ✚ Globalisation, economic, political and social tensions and transformations
- ✚ Consumption and commodities in motion
- ✚ Tourism, cultural heritage and revalorizations of traditions
- ✚ Between tradition, modernity and vice versa
- ✚ Reflections on space, place and time making
- ✚ Remembering, forgetting and using the past as a point of reference
- ✚ Being “There:” Methodological and ethical issues raised in fieldwork
- ✚ Minorities and maintaining images of cultural distinctiveness
- ✚ Politicizing everyday life: eating, drinking, dancing
- ✚ The Other and the image of the Other

- ✚ Hardship and poverty
- ✚ Gender identities

Organizing Institutions:

- ✚ Border Crossings Network
- ✚ Department of Anthropology, Yeditepe University, Istanbul
- ✚ Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace
- ✚ Department of History and Archaeology, University of Ioannina
- ✚ Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, St Cyrill and Methodius University, Skopje
- ✚ Dept. of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana
- ✚ Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Belgrade
- ✚ Department of Ethnology, Sv Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia
- ✚ Department of Anthropology, New Bulgarian University, Sofia
- ✚ National School of Political Studies and Administration, Bucharest
- ✚ Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zadar, Zadar
- ✚ Department of Balkans Studies, University of Western Macedonia, Florina

Eligibility:

The conference is open to all undergraduate and M.A. and Ph.D. students from the universities which are members of the Border Crossings Network, as well as to other students from the area and beyond who might find the network interesting. There are capacities for approximately one hundred and twenty (120) participants. Students are expected to present their papers in any way related to the main topic of the conference. The presentation should not exceed ten (10) minutes (plus 5 minutes for discussion). Power-point and multimedia presentations are welcome.

Cost:

There is no conference fee. However, the organisers are not in position to cover travel costs and the cost of accommodation for participants. Participants will be accommodated in double hotel rooms. The cost for accommodation, including breakfast and one meal, is about 40-45 EUROS per night and per person.

Transportation:

Participants should make their own travelling arrangements. But should also let the organizers know about their arrival and departure dates if they want to stay at the Yeditepe University guesthouse. In addition, a bus for the conference participants will run from Thessaloniki to Istanbul on the 26th April and from Istanbul to Thessaloniki on the 29th April (participants will be notified on time).

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Deadline for submissions is the 20th February 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by the 15th March

Application procedure:

Applicants should send their personal data, including university affiliation, and paper abstracts (around 15 lines) to the following persons (***both***):

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