**7th International Graduate and Undergraduate Student Conference**

**Call for Papers**

The conference aims in developing cross-border cooperation in the areas of social anthropology, Balkan studies and other social science disciplines. Eventual subtopics might comprise (though are not limited to):

Locality, nationalism and globalisation;

migrants and refugees;

cultural heritage and cultural diversity;

disciplinary crossings and boundaries, past and present;

space and place in SE Europe;

emerging anthropological fields;

social memory;

urban and rural studies;

visual cultures;

crossing cultures (ideas, social networks, practices);

culturalism, racism, exclusivism and intolerance;

transnational networks and connections;

work and leisure;

ethnic minorities and nationalities;

folk traditions, invented traditions, popular cultures.

**Organizers**

Border Crossings Network

Municipality of Plovdiv

Balkan Ethnology Department, Ethnographic Institute with Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia

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Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, New Bulgarian University Sofia

Department of Ethnology, St. Cyril and Methodious University, Skopje

Department of Balkans Studies, University of Western Macedonia, Florina.

**Eligibility**

The conference is open to all undergraduate and M.A. 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 one hundred 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 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: [bordcross09@yahoo.com](mailto:bordcross09@yahoo.com) as well as to the responsible coordinator at the home university.

Deadline for submissions is February 28th, 2009. Successful applicants will be notified by March 20, 2009.

**Cost**

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

Participants will be accommodated in triple hotel rooms at a three stars Hotel in Plovdiv. The cost for accommodation, including breakfast, lunch and diner, is 40 EURO per night for participants coming from EU countries (excluding Romania and Bulgaria) and 20 EURO per night for participants coming from other countries.

**Transportation**

Participants should make their own travelling arrangements. The closest to Plovdiv international airports are those of Sofia, Thessaloniki and Skopje. A bus will run from Thessaloniki to Plovdiv on the 9/4/2009 and from Plovdiv to Thessaloniki on the 12/4/2008.

**Other conference activities**

Excursion around the Plovdiv region, visit to the Bachkovo Monastery and the town of Assenovgrad.

Excursion visits to the old town of Plovdiv.

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