

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 12<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference

### *Material and Spiritual Culture of Serbs in Multiethnic and/or Peripheral Regions*

October 16–18, 2026 · West University of Timișoara, Romania

## Organized by

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- West University of Timișoara — Faculty of Letters, History, Philosophy and Theology, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Study Programme – Serbian Language and Literature
- University of Niš — Faculty of Philosophy
- Union of Serbs in Romania — Centre for Scientific Research and Culture of Serbs in Romania

## About the Conference

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The Study Programme Serbian Language and Literature at the Faculty of Letters, History, Philosophy and Theology of West University of Timișoara, in collaboration with the Centre for Scientific Research and Culture of Serbs in Romania (Union of Serbs in Romania) and the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Niš, cordially invites scholars to participate in the 12th International Scientific Conference on Serbian Material and Spiritual Culture in Multiethnic and/or Peripheral Regions.

The conference will be held on October 16–18, 2026 at West University of Timișoara. Prominent researchers from several European countries are invited, including from Romania, Serbia, the Republic of Srpska, Montenegro, Russia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, and others.

Working languages: Serbian, all Slavic languages, English, French, and Romanian.

## Topics

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### 1. Dialectological Research on the Serbian Language

- Linguistic interferences and influences in multiethnic/peripheral areas and their consequences
- Changes in Serbian dialects caused by foreign influences
- Contributions of Serbian and foreign Slavists to the study of peripheral Serbian dialects and/or Serbian dialects in multiethnic environments
- Pathways and specificities of Serbian dialect development in multiethnic settings
- Results of research on peripheral Serbian dialects and/or Serbian dialects in ethnically mixed environments

- Effects of bilingualism in multiethnic contexts

## 2. Ethnology and Ethnolinguistics

- Ethnological research on Serbs in Romania and other multiethnic regions
- Customs, beliefs, and superstitions
- Ethnolinguistic research contributing to knowledge of Serbian language and spiritual culture in mixed-ethnic environments
- Recording, processing, and publishing ethnological and ethnolinguistic materials
- Cultural interactions in peripheral multiethnic environments

## 3. Serbian Literature in Peripheral Areas of the Serbian Language Space

- Writers and their works in Serbian dialects
- The place and value of literary works by writers from the periphery of the Serbian language area
- History of Serbian literature in Romanian Banat
- The significance of Serbian diaspora writers for the promotion of Serbian literature, culture, and civilization
- The significance and contribution of dialectal literature to Serbian literary development and lexical enrichment
- World War I in Serbian literature

## 4. Journalism and Media

- Characteristics of the Serbian press (language, style, themes, etc.) in Romania and other multiethnic regions

## 5. History

- The historical past of Serbs from Romanian Banat and other peripheral areas of the Serbian ethnic territory
- History of Serbian settlements
- Serbs from Romanian Banat and other multiethnic peripheral regions in World War I and World War II

## 6. Church and Religious Questions

- History of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Romanian Banat and other Serbian peripheral regions
- Current issues of the Serbian Orthodox Church in fringe areas of the Serbian ethnic territory
- Relations between the Serbian Orthodox Church and other churches in multiethnic environments
- Religious questions past and present

## 7. Folklore and Musicology

- Serbian folklore and music in multiethnic peripheral areas — influences, interferences, and perspectives

## 8. Sociology

- Sociological questions pertaining to the Serbian population in multiethnic and/or peripheral areas

## Important Dates

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Milestone	Deadline
Abstract / Registration submission	<b>June 28, 2026</b>
Detailed conference programme distributed	<b>September 25, 2026</b>
Conference dates	<b>October 16–18, 2026</b>
Full paper submission	<b>December 31, 2026</b>

## Abstract / Registration Submission

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Please send your conference registration including the title of your paper and an abstract in a foreign language (English, French, German, Russian, or other, different from the language of the paper) — no later than June 28, 2026 to:

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Registration will be confirmed by email.

## Abstract Requirements

- Length: 200–250 words
- Language: A foreign language other than the language in which the paper will be written
- Content: Clear description of objectives, methodology, expected results, and conclusions
- Title: Up to 15 words, in capital letters
- Keywords: Up to 8 keywords
- Include: author name(s), institutional affiliation, and email address

## Publication

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All papers that pass peer review will be published in the journal *Ishodišta*. Publication costs are covered by the organizers.

Presentation time: up to 15 minutes; discussion: up to 4 minutes. Plenary presentations: 25 minutes.

## Paper Formatting Guidelines

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Full guidelines will be sent to all registered participants by June 30, 2026. A summary is provided below.

## General

- Length: Maximum 12 typed pages (approx. 24,000 characters)
- Font: Times New Roman, 12pt
- Line spacing: Single (Before: 0; After: 0)
- Margins: Top 2.5 cm, Bottom 2.7 cm, Left 1.5 cm, Right 1.5 cm
- Submit in: .doc/.docx AND .pdf formats
- Languages accepted: Serbian (in Cyrillic script), Romanian, Russian, other Slavic languages, English, French

## Structure

- Author name(s): italic, 12pt top-left of first page
- Institutional affiliation: 11pt Normal, directly below author name
- Email address: in a footnote linked to the author's surname
- Title: 14pt, bold, centred, all capitals — two lines below author name
- Abstract (in the paper's language): up to 200 words; placed between title and keywords
- Keywords: up to 7 words, 11pt, labelled 'Keywords' in italics
- Body text: 12pt
- References (Literature): 11pt, alphabetical order, at the end of the paper
- Summary (Rezime / abstract in another language): after References; preferably English, French, German, or Russian; 11pt
- Images: maximum 3; JPG, PCX, or PSD format, 300 dpi

For citation style and examples, consult previous issues of *Ishodišta* (1–11 / 2015–2025):

<https://izdanja.filfak.ni.ac.rs/casopisi/2025/ishodista-11-2025>

[www.ishodista.uvt.ro](http://www.ishodista.uvt.ro)

## Practical Information

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- Arrival: October 16, 2026, by 11:30 AM (Romanian time)
- Departure: October 18, 2026
- Accommodation for international participants: covered by the organizers
- Accommodation for domestic participants: self-funded
- Travel costs (to and from Timișoara): all participants (domestic and international) cover their own travel

## Important Notes

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- The journal's editorial board will consider submissions only from colleagues to whom a personal invitation has been addressed.
- Topics should preferably be submitted individually (not as co-authored proposals).
- Please indicate if your paper is related to a project funded by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Education and Research of Romania, or the Centre for Scientific Research and Culture of Serbs in Romania.

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*We look forward to welcoming you to Timișoara.*

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