XIV YOUNG SOCIOLOGISTS CONGRESS

11-13 APRIL 2025

Dear All,

We would like to cordially invite you to participate in the 14th Young Sociologists Congress organized by the Students Scientific Association of Sociology and the Institute of Sociology of the Jagiellonian University, which will be held from April 11th to 14th 2025 within the walls of the Institute of Sociology UJ. Young Sociologists Congress is a unique conference that brings together the experience, knowledge and unique perspectives of young people interested in the problems and functioning of modern societies.

We are pleased to invite all those with an interest in sociology and related sciences to submit abstracts. Based on the decision of the Scientific Council, the conference program will be created from among the submitted abstracts, divided into panels concerning narrowed thematic areas. We especially invite those whose research relate to themes such as:

1. **Gender Studies** – despite the long existence of gender-based societal norms, their impact on individuals, society and culture is still the subject of academic research and interesting analysis. Those working in the gender studies field have been observing and working to change the constructs based on gender norms. At the Young Sociologists Congress, we want to lean towards the topics related to feminism, masculinity, queerness, intersectionality, gender role analysis and gender performativity in different contexts. We are interested in new research perspectives and works that link theory and practice.

2. **Sociological theory** – being a foundation of the field, sociological theory analyzes social structures and institutions in depth. We encourage submissions related to the philosophy of sociology, analysis of classical and contemporary concepts, their evolution, application in sociological research, as well as reflections related to critical sociology and new theoretical approaches.

3. **Sociology of urban and rural areas** – studying the diversity and conditions of local areas, this subdiscipline is a very broad one. From the study of functioning and crises to local communities, lifestyles, urbanization processes and equity in access to the city. We invite abstracts related to the study of social, cultural and spatial transformations in the context of urban and rural areas, urbanization and concerning the life of local communities. We especially appreciate analyses that demonstrate the dynamics of change and social challenges in these environments.

4. **Methodology and data analysis** - as an empirical science concerned with the study of a constantly evolving social reality, sociology requires the analysis of theses, the development of research tools and the reliable conduct of research. We therefore encourage submissions that address qualitative and quantitative research methodology, data analysis, innovative research approaches, and the development of analytical tools. We are also looking for papers reflecting on the practice of data collection and interpretation and combining different research strategies and new perspectives of analysis.

5. **Sociology of religion and spirituality** - religious and spiritual phenomena have been an important part of the functioning of many societies for centuries. The ongoing changes in the experience of religiosity and spirituality, secularization processes, spirituality, or new forms of religiosity are the subject of many sociological studies. As part of the Young Sociologists Congress, we encourage the submission of papers addressing the phenomena of religiosity, the role of spirituality in the functioning of individuals and communities, spiritualism, secularization, and the impact on cultural and social change. We invite you to present analyses of new forms of spirituality and the relationship between tradition and modernity

6. **Macrosociology** - as a field that studies large-scale social structures, macrosociology looks at such issues as power, political systems, law in a sociological perspective, labor, social economics, migration and social conflict. We encourage submissions of abstracts on mechanisms of governance, power relations, economics and its impact on social life, changes in the labor market, causes of migration, integration of migrants and the impact of the above on social structures and life. We value papers showing contemporary political and legal challenges in a social context, examining the relationship between the economy, labor, consumptionism and analyzing the relationship between migration and conflicts and their effects on human rights.

7. **Media and culture** - culture is one of the defying aspects of societies. It is one of many forms of communication, and in today's world it is omnipresent in the media and digital society. The conference is looking for papers on sociological analyses of artistic phenomena, love and emotions, the study of the impact of culture on social life, identity and human relations. We encourage submissions of papers concerning the role of media and communication in society with a focus on critical discourse analysis and PR, as well as analysis of the media, its impact on the formation of public opinion and communication strategies. We appreciate abstracts on the impact of new technologies, artificial intelligence and robotization on society, as well as surveillance capitalism, changes in work, privacy and changes in human relations, power structures and inequality in the digital age.

8. **Socialization, education, demographics** - the family as one of the first structures in which human beings function is an important subject of analysis. We invite you to send in papers covering the topics of socialization, education and its relationship to demography, changing family structures, social roles within families and educational systems, new forms of familism, the impact on identity formation and the response of family structures to social and demographic changes.

9. **Sociology of health and illness** - as an issue that affects everyone, the sociology of health and disease analyzes the social aspects of medicine, mental health, the determinants of disease, the social functioning and perception of people with disabilities and neuroatypical people, the operation of health care systems and its impact on reducing or increasing the risk of disease. We encourage the submission of abstracts on the above topics, analyses examining the impact of social factors on health and health care systems challenges.

10. **Anthropology** - we kindly encourage you to send papers related to ethnology, social and cultural anthropology. We are interested in the study of culture, identity and social structures in various cultural contexts. We are looking for analyses that explore the relationship between culture and society and social change in the context of globalization and local traditions.

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Important dates:

18.01.2025 – opening of the call
23.02.2025 – closing of the call
7.03.2025 - announcement of accepted papers
11-13.04. 2025 – 14th Young Sociologists Congress

Abstracts can be submitted via online form on Google Forms, the link to which will be posted on the Congress website on 18.01.2025.

Authors whose papers are accepted will be asked to make a payment, the exact amount of which is PLN 120 per person.

We sincerely encourage you to submit papers, actively participate in the conference and share your experience and reflections. We hope that with your participation, the 14th Young Sociologists Congress will become a platform for the exchange of knowledge and unique perspectives providing an opportunity for development for each participant.

Sincerely

Organizing Committee of the 14th Young Sociologists Congress