Dear Madam / Sir,

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic is pleased to announce an international conference "Social Sciences and the Humanities: a New Agenda for Europe's Challenges" that will take place in Bratislava on 15-16 November 2016 with pre-conference events on 14 November 2016. The conference will be held during Slovakia’s EU Council Presidency and will offer a platform for open discussions on the current and future research in social sciences and humanities (SSH).

The programme will offer plenary and parallel sessions, which will be delivered by distinguished international speakers from all over Europe. The conference will bring together scholars from social sciences and humanities, companies, non-profit organisations, policy makers and media representatives in order to work towards a better visibility, integration and implementation of SSH into science and research policies.

The list of confirmed speakers includes: Peter Plavčan, Carlos Moedas, Josette Baer, Andre Gingrich, Russel King, Gilles Kepel, Anna Triandafyllidou, Michal Vašečka, István Tóth, Vladimír Baláž, Iveta Radičová, Adam Michnik and others.

Key topics:

✓ The role of SSH in addressing Europe’s challenges
✓ Migration and mobility
✓ Radical ideologies and extremism
✓ Growth, jobs and policies against inequalities
✓ Democracy, justice and stability
✓ Cultures, values, beliefs, motivations and citizenship
✓ Prospects of SSH research
Side events:

**Matchmaking: Net4Society Brokerage Event**  
(14 November 2016, 13:00 – 21:00)


**DANDELION Thematic Workshop**  
(14 November 2016, 13:00 – 16:00)

DANDELION thematic workshop will explore the dissemination and communication practices of Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies (IIRS) projects in order to increase their uptake and valorization by citizens, policy makers, businesses and civil society.

**Launch of the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities**  
(15 November 2016, 18:30)

EASSH would love to invite members of the research community to support the Alliance purposes and aims and generate a much wider conversation about science policy. If you wish to share your views on research policy and discuss more about challenges for the next generation of researchers, we would like to invite you for a networking drink.

**Poster Exhibition**  
(14-16 November 2016)

The best poster will be awarded! We invite poster submissions presenting ongoing or recent projects, current developments and highly relevant results in SSH research.

For registration, information about the conference and side events, please visit [www.ssh2016.eu](http://www.ssh2016.eu).

The registration for the event is **free of charge** and will be open in September. Should you have any questions, please contact ssh2016@cvtisr.sk.

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Present your Poster

The "Social Sciences and the Humanities: a New Agenda for Europe's Challenges" Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for poster presentations. We invite poster submissions presenting ongoing or recent projects, current developments and highly relevant results in SSH research. Poster presentations will enable authors to reach a broad and diverse audience, exchange ideas and receive feedback on their work from other researchers.

All accepted posters will be included in the SSH poster competition, which will start on 14 November at 15:00 at the Conference venue. The posters will be voted for by all SSH Conference participants as well as by the International Scientific Board. There will also be a special Best Online Poster Prize.

The award ceremony takes place on 16 November 2016 during the closing plenary session of the Conference.

Poster submission instructions

Interested authors are invited to submit a short abstract (1 page max) of their poster, which clearly indicate:

- The poster title
- The authors affiliations
- The problem area/ research issue
- The objective of the work/ main idea
- The contributions/ outputs/ research results
- The conclusions and perspectives/ steps further

The text must be in English.

The submissions must be in PDF format. Authors of accepted posters will be asked to prepare their posters in portrait format with the A1 format (594 mm × 841 mm). Please send your submission to Jana Kunicka: jana.kunicka@umb.sk

Deadlines for poster submissions

- October 10, 2016: Submission Deadline for Poster Abstract
- October 15, 2016: Acceptance Notification for Authors
- November 1, 2016: Online Poster Submission
- November 14, 2016: Submit your hard copy in person at the Conference registration
- Wish to have your poster printed in Bratislava? Please arrange with us!

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