

Based on Article 21 of the Statute of the Institute for Serbian Culture Prishtina - Leposavic, with temporary headquarters in Leposavic No. 770 as of 07.10.2020 of the Scientific Council of the Institute for Serbian Culture Prishtina - Leposavic, with temporary headquarters in Leposavić, at the session of the Scientific Council held on February 23, 2024, under item 11 of the agenda, the Program of the meeting was discussed entitled **"WE AND OTHERS THROUGH THE PRISM OF KOSOVO AND METOHILJA"** The Council reached the following decision on the organization of the international scientific meeting

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Based on the Statute and Work Plan of the Institute for Serbian Culture Prishtina-Leposavic, the director and president of the Scientific Council proposed to the Scientific Council of the Institute, in accordance with the Public Invitation of the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the RS for the year 2024, to make a decision for the Institute to organize the international scientific meeting in 2024, on the topic **"WE AND OTHERS THROUGH THE PRISM OF KOSOVO AND METOHILJA"** which will include studies in the field of social sciences and humanities.

The aim of the meeting is to perceive Kosovo and Metohija, as a territory and an integral part of the Republic of Serbia, in its geographical, political, economic, cultural and historical significance, which is a centuries-old center of conflicts, intersecting interests and (un)resolved political and other issues in the context of the relationship between self-feeling and feelings of the other and different, that is, the social groups we belong to and those we face to a greater or lesser extent. 'We' stands TOGETHER WITH other and others, but also AGAINST them, and our goal is to study the dynamics of those relations on a broad level, both in social and political life, as well as in the framework of art, which expresses this problem, but also analysis it, with the aim to destroy stereotypes, shed light on the fluidity of identity and help expand ideas about it. From the point of view of historical, political, legal, economic, philological, sociological, military, security, ethnological, ethnomusicological, anthropological and other sciences and scientific disciplines, we will shed light on this great topic with the intention of pointing out the interdependence of the image of ourselves and the image of the other with the democratic principles and their implementation and advancement. The relationship between US and OTHERS is still one of the key issues in Kosovo and Metohija today, just as the area of Kosovo and Metohija was the one where this issue was resolved in the past, sharpened to the limit and raised to a cosmic level. Our task is to look at these issues over time, but also in the context of a possible, (un)desirable coexistence, because the transformation of the way we evaluate ourselves and others is at the beginning of every true dialogue.

Incentive subtopics:

1. Fluidity of identity and destruction of stereotypes
2. Other, same and different: cultural and postcolonial approaches
3. Engagement in literature and art: engagement and empathy
4. Literature and nationalism

5. The responsibility of literature for war
6. Linguistic and speech diversity as a basis for (re)shaping identity
7. Language as a house of being V.S. language as a sign system
8. Image of the other in literature, art and science
9. Monological and dialogic representation of the world
10. Social, political and legal position of Kosovo and Metohija
11. Economic importance of Kosovo and Metohija
12. Sociological approach to Kosovo and Metohija through the centuries
13. Migrations in the territory of Kosovo and Metohija
14. Importance of Kosovo and Metohija from the aspect of security sciences
15. War conflicts in Kosovo and Metohija yesterday
16. UN Security Council Resolution 1244 and its impact on political processes

The gathering will last two days, on June 19 and 20, 2024, in Leposavic. Presentations will be arranged according to thematic areas, in three sessions.

The Institute will publish the papers from the meeting in a special thematic collection.

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