



**The International University Seminar for Balkan Studies and Specialization
to the South-Western University “Neophyte Rilsky”, Blagoevgrad**

Invites you to take part in

the 24rd International Round Table

GROWING UP ON THE BALKANS

which will be held on 23. 04 - 25. 04. 2015

The topic is dedicated to children and young people of different times, societies, religions and classes. The aim is to discuss living conditions, children worlds, the places of children in the family as well as in the Balkan societies, the historical forms of relationships between parents and children: motherhood and fatherhood, adoption and foster care in their cultural context.

A special attention is paid to biopolitics toward children and mothers: measures to reduce the infant mortality, to improve children and maternal health, as well as to eugenic ideas about classifying children.

We offer to discuss:

- The state of art of the child history researches on the Balkans.
- Children in families, neighborhoods and small entities on the Balkans.
- Children realms: games, labor, school in the process of modernization.
- Growing up in poverty. Child care and surviving in the past.
- Children in the different religions.
- Childhood and youth in villages and towns.
- Growing up as a girl/boy. Gender aspects of education on the Balkan.
- Children without parents. Historical forms of adoption and foster care. Neglected children.
- Educating children emotions. Arts and children. Children and young people in media, advertisements and industry.
- Children and “classifying thinking” in the modern time: “gifted” children and “children with special needs”. Educational models of childhood and their implementation.
- Children in risk. Deviant behavior of children and youth. Combating juvenile criminality.
- Visualization of childhood. Visible and invisible groups in society.
- The state and the children: political uses of children and youth. The “happy childhood” in the political propaganda.

Please send your proposals and abstracts in English to e-mail: bforum@swu.bg

Deadline 15.03.2015

We would like to inform you that the program of the conference will be on the web site of the Balkanistic Seminar (www.bf.swu.bg) after 15 of March 2015.

The materials of the conference will be published in the Journal "Balkanistic Forum" after being reviewed. The Editorial board of the Journal is entrusted to select the material to be published.

The working languages of the conference are Bulgarian and English.

The colleagues who will present their papers in Bulgarian language have to provide a detailed abstract in English or Power point presentation in English.

The travel and accommodation expenses should be covered by the participants themselves or by the institutions they are working in.

The participation fee is 40 leva (20 Euro) to cover the conference materials, coffee brakes, and cocktail.

If you need assistance in booking hotel in Blagoevgrad please contact us by mail bforum@swu.bg
