

## Call for Papers

Two contemporary developments – the recent paradigm turn in the social sciences, arts and humanities as well as the revitalization, due to the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, of the theoretical frames of 1990s such as of the history of ideas and of the colonial and postcolonial studies – stimulated us to devote the forthcoming 2025 issues of the *Balkanistic Forum* to the ongoing debates on the War, Peace, Justice. We intend to focus on the affects and their potential to change and challenge the norms and conventions, the political order and social institutions by fostering and hindering the progress of the individuals and communities, on the one hand. On the other hand, we seek in this research context to address in micro and macro perspective the matters related to the Cold War and their ensuing effects on the contemporary societies.

The first thematic issue “War, Sorrow, and Justice” will be available at the end of April 2025 in print and online at CEEOL.

The editors of the second thematic issue of the *Balkanistic Forum* journal (ISSN 1310-3970 Print; ISSN 2335-1265 Online) – “War and Peace: Experience and Representations”, will welcome original papers in English language from different fields of the social sciences, arts and humanities and are inviting scholars to send their reflections on the following research topics, relevant to the Balkans and Central and East Europe: the experienced war (with emphasis on the refugees, veterans, prisoners, interned civilians), the humanitarian organizations and their “political neutrality”, the peace as an idea, ideology and practice. The special interest will be paid to the policy of memory at all institutional levels (family, community, society, and state) and to the process of actualizing and ritualizing post memory due to the current war conflicts. We expect also contributions on the dynamics of the representations of war and peace and their role in forming the cultural and political identities, including papers with specific research on the war correspondents.

We welcome the papers of the researchers coming from different spheres, working within specific analytical perspectives and approaches.

The deadline for submission of the papers is 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

Please send your papers to [bforum@swu.bg](mailto:bforum@swu.bg)

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