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## Qualtrics Research Suite

Since 15th of December 2020, the Faculty of Philosophy has obtained the licence for Qualtrics Research Suite Core. Qualtrics is a cloud-based survey tool that makes it quick and easy to design own surveys. It's useful for creating research surveys and general purpose surveys. Qualtrics provides more sophisticated survey functions, analysis and cross-tabulation of data than many other tools.

The year of the pandemic has forced our faculty staff, researchers and students to continue most of their research online. With Qualtrics, this demand will be eased, as the platform meets variety of needs. Some of the platform functionalities include: creating questionnaires from scratch or use of pre-made questionnaires, editing questionnaires by selecting from a vast library of question types and response options; incorporating skip patterns and other types of logic; branded faculty url for the survey links; export of tables and graphs in PowerPoint, Word, Excel, or PDF formats; possibility of downloading data to Excel or SPSS for additional analysis.

Access to Qualtrics is enabled via self-enrolment to all students and staff with a valid faculty email address (accepted domains: fzf.ukim.edu.mk; fzf.ukim.mk and students.fzf.ukim.mk). The platform can be accessed via: <https://fzfukim.qualtrics.com>



## Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first academic class at the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje



A century ago, on the 16th of December 1920, the first academic class at a higher education institution was held in our country, in front of only 35 students enrolled in the first academic year. The Faculty of Philosophy was established in Skopje, which marked the institutional development of the higher education in our country.



Belief in the future of the faculty, in the prophetic speech published on December 16, 1946 today is a reality. From the initial 140 students, today the Faculty of Philosophy is a large family of over 20,000 graduates and 2500 active students and a large number of former and current professors and staff. We continued the tradition of our former professors. Even today, the development of all levels of education, the institutions created by former students and professors, are linked to the development of the faculty, and thus to the development of higher education and science in the country.

During the ceremony, which was held both in person and as an online event, speeches were delivered by the Dean of the Faculty - prof. Ratko Duev, the Rector of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje - prof. Nikola Jankulovski and the President of the Macedonian Academy of Science and Arts - prof. Ljupco Kocarev. Other distinguished invited speakers, which addressed the audience via the online link, included: the President of North Macedonia - Mr. Stevo Pendarovski, the President of the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia - Mr. Talat Djaferi and the Minister of Education and Science - Ms. Mila Carovska. The event was also used for the promotion of the 73rd issue of the Annual of the Faculty of Philosophy, published in December 2020.



## Marking the International Day of People with Disability

Following its annual tradition, on the 3rd of December 2020, the Institute of Special Education and Rehabilitation has marked the International Day of People with Disability. The occasion was used to promote the recent activities undertaken by the students and staff related to promotion of the rights of people with disabilities. This included the: Erasmus project - Fostering Accessible Study Technologies (FAST), which adapted the Moodle platform with plugins for three groups of students with disabilities: students with impaired vision, students with impaired hearing and students with specific reading disabilities – dyslexia; awareness raising video clip produced by the students at the Institute of Special Education and Rehabilitation and others. During the event awards were presented by the Foundation "Prof. Dr. Ljupco Ajdinski" for the best student of the generation 2015/2016 (to Ms. Hristina Petrevska) and for the best ranked students in the enrolment in the first year for the academic year 2020/2021 (to the students Sanja Ilievska and Alejna Gerala). Also the school POU "Maca Ovcharova" from Veles was awarded for the most successful school, and the best professional in the field award was given to Vasilka Galevska from the Institute for Hearing, Speech and Voice.

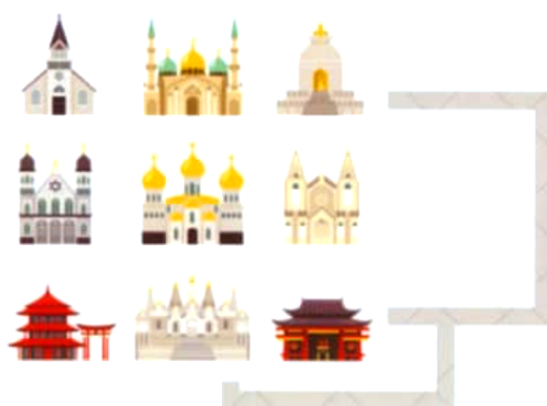


# New journal "Religious Dialogue and Cooperation"



The Journal "Religious Dialogue and Cooperation" is published by the Centre for Intercultural Studies and Research at the Faculty of Philosophy at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, which is conceived as an international scientific journal for all areas of religion. The journal publishes original scientific papers (statements from original empirical research on religion) and reviewed scientific papers (systematic reviews, analyses, processes, and interpretations of research findings and theoretical knowledge from a particular area of religion).

The idea for establishing this Journal, emerged after the First European Conference for Religious Dialogue and Cooperation, which was held in Struga in 2019. The Journal publishes papers in the fields of Sociology of Religion, History of Religion, Philosophy of Religion, Psychology of Religion, Anthropology of Religion and Theology. Through the publication of its papers, the Journal seeks to absorb European scientific research thought, which deals with religion as a very important and current phenomenon in global society. In order to compare the religious situation in Europe with other parts of the world, the Journal also publishes papers from other continents in the world. The journal papers are reviewed by members of the International Editorial Board, which has representatives from fifteen countries, thirteen of which are from Europe. The first issue of the Journal is published in December 2020.



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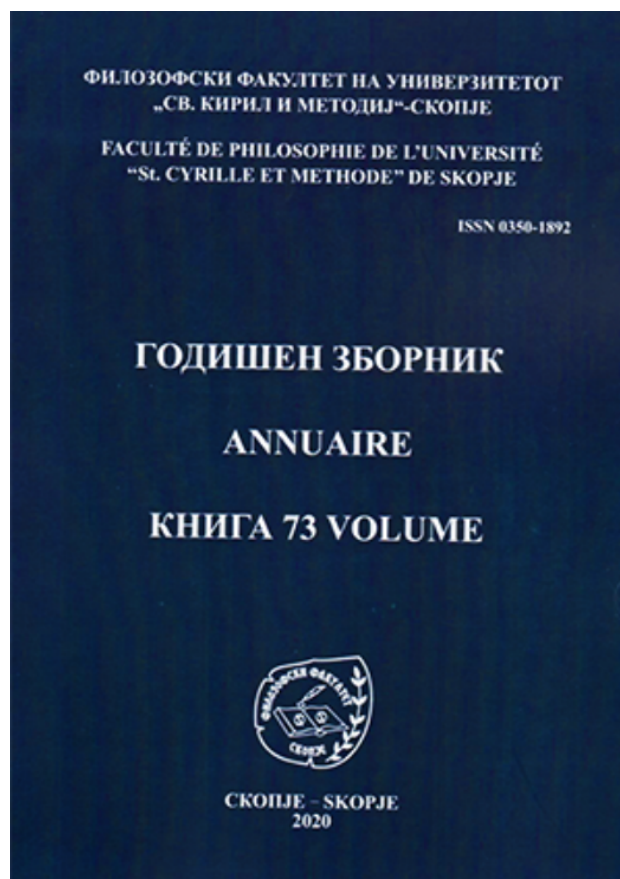
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## New issue of the Annual of the Faculty of Philosophy

The 73rd issue of the Annual of the Faculty of Philosophy was published in December 2020. The Annual is the first academic journal in the country published continuously since 1948. The latest issue encompasses 24 papers, out of which 12 are original research papers and 12 are review articles. The published papers are in the field of humanities (history, philosophy) and social sciences (pedagogy/education, psychology, sociology, security defence and peace, social work and social policy, special education and rehabilitation, family studies). The interdisciplinary character of each issue of the Annual is one of its biggest strengths.

The Annual represents an accurate development of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje, both from an institutional and from an academic perspective, and, as such, it follows the said evolutionary trends. Content-wise, the journal is open to articles concerning the research carried out by the teaching staff and the associates of the Faculty of Philosophy, not setting any specific topics. Since its establishment in 1948, approximately 1300 articles have been published in the Annual. Starting from 2017, all the articles in the Annual are published in Macedonian and in English language. The year 2018 marked the complete digitalization of the journal, and all the issues with the full contents are now accessible via <http://periodica.fzf.ukim.edu.mk/godzb/issues.html>







## Cooperation agreement signed between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Balkan History Association



The Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje has signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Balkan History Association. The purpose of this agreement is to promote research on historical, political, and cultural aspects of the Balkan region from ancient times to the present day.

The Balkan History Association (BHA) is a non-profit, apolitical, and independent organization that aims to develop and promote at both national and international levels the interdisciplinary and comparative study of the Balkan region, and, more generally, of South-East Europe. The main fields of interest include various sub-disciplines of history—political, cultural, military, economic, urban, literary, oral, or the history of science communication—art history, history of religions and archaeology. The objectives of the association are to facilitate the formation of a community of scholars specialized in the study of the region, as well as to engage in the formation and professional development of their younger peers. BHA's audience is composed of researchers, professionals and academics from a secondary and tertiary education background, students at any level of the university trajectory (BA, MA, PhD), high-school and college students, in addition to anyone interested in the study of the art, history, or archaeology of the Balkans.

Hiperboreea is the official journal of the Balkan History Association. It publishes articles, book reviews, and evaluations of scholarly conferences. Without limiting its scope to a specific historical period or approach, the journal covers a wide range of topics, such as Cultural History, Political History, Military History, Social History, Economic History, and Archaeology, and encourages work on any historical period and with a multidisciplinary approach. Hiperboreea is one of the few Romanian journals that have built a solid presence in the online environment, being indexed in most of the significant international databases and libraries. Starting from 2020, Hiperboreea is published by the Penn State University Press.

