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09:00 – 09:30 | REGISTRATION

09:30 – 09:45 | OPENING SESSION – WELCOME ADDRESSES

09:45 – 10:45 **SESSION 1**

Mixed-Methods Approach to Multidimensional Poverty in North Macedonia: Spatial Mapping and Lived Experiences

Maja Gerovska Mitev, Viktor Stojkoski, Svetlana Trbojevikj, Suzana Miovska-Spaseva, Stefani Jovceska, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

Improving the Measurement of Poverty: Recent Advances in Consensual Methods

David Gordon, Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research, University of Bristol, UK

Beyond Single Metrics: Visualizing the Many Dimensions of Poverty

Karin Heitzmann, Julia Hofmann, Lena Rauscher, Martin Schenk, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

DISCUSSION

10:45 – 11:15 | COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:30 SESSION 2**Measuring Poverty Without Confusion: Separating Resources, Causes, and Consequences**

Björn Halleröd, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Enrique Delamónica, UNICEF: Florence, Italy, David Gordon, Bristol University, UK, Mary Zhang, University of Birmingham, UK

Multidimensional Child Poverty and Persistent Disparities Along Childhood and Adolescence

Enrique Delamónica (UNICEF, Florence, Italy), Oliver Fiala (Save the Children, UK), Alberto Minujin (Equity for Children, The New School, USA), Ludovica Tursini (The New School, USA)

Developing Poverty-aware Practice in High-Schools in Israel: A Research-Practice Partnership

Michal Krumer-Nevo, Einat Vager-Atias, Assaf Meshulam, Galia Zalmanson-Levi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Nutritional Inequalities Among Older People in Italy: An Empirical Analysis

Marco Arlotti, Marche Polytechnic University, Italy

DISCUSSION

12:30 – 13:30 | LUNCH

13:30 – 14:45 SESSION 3**How to Truly Understand Child Poverty and Inequality? The Case of Slovenia**

Urban Boljka, Tamara Narat, Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia

Poverty as a Complex and Multidimensional Determinant of Health

Maria Stoykova, South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Bulgaria

The Impact of Energy Poverty on the Most Vulnerable Groups: A Call for Action in Social Work

Vendula Gojová, Soňa Kalenda Vávrová, University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

Understanding Poverty Through Future Social Workers: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Causal Attributions

Zilan Uğurlu, Başkent University, Türkiye

DISCUSSION

14:45 – 15:00 | COFFEE BREAK

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15:00 – 16:15 **SESSION 4**

Beyond Income: Multidimensional Poverty and the Limits of Social Assistance in Kosovo

Ferdi Kamberi, Sherif Sejdiu, University "Fehmi Agani" in Gjakova, Kosovo

Combating Poverty by Translating Micro-Level Experiences of Long-Running Social Welfare Programs into Policy Learning for Newly Introduced Programs

Nozuko Hlwatika, PhD student, Wayne State University, USA

Economic Vulnerability and Social Policy Support in Households with Children with Disabilities: Evidence from Poland

Anna Wójcik-Lubzińska, PhD student, Wrocław University of Economics and Business, Poland

The Role of NGOs in Addressing Food Insecurity in the School Community of Ticheli Village in Northern Ghana

Paulina Graczyk, PhD student, Wrocław University of Economics and Business, Poland

DISCUSSION

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09:30 – 10:30 **SESSION 5**

Poverty, Economic Freedom, and the Limits of Redistributive Justice: A Critical Examination of Post-Socialist Economic Thought

Boshko Karadjov, Center for Humanities, North Macedonia

Constitutional Limits of Poverty Relief in the Czech Social Security System in the European Context

Filip Rigel, University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

Women's Poverty and Unpaid Care Work in Greece During Successive Crises: A Critical Social Work Perspective

Olga Katsiani, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece; Aikaterini Oikonomou, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece; Georgios Filippidis, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

DISCUSSION

10:30 – 11:00 | **COFFEE BREAK**

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11:00 – 12:00 **SESSION 6**

Regional-based inequalities in the children's rights and risk of poverty - a Portuguese case study

Elisete Diogo, Portalegre Polytechnic University, Portugal

Access to Rights and Social Security for Non-Citizens Raising Children of Slovenian Citizens on Their Own: The Overlooked Story of Single-Parent Families in the Slovenian System

Sara Pistotnik, Iryna Furst, Ana Marija Sobočan, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Who Deserves Support?": Perceptions of Poverty and Social Assistance in Migration Contexts in Türkiye

Merve Deniz Pak Güre, Çiçek Nilsu, Varlıklar Demirkazık, Başkent University, Türkiye

DISCUSSION

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SESSION 7

Choosing Work under Constraints: Employment Decision-Making among People Living in Poverty in Indonesia

Ahmad Ramadhani, PhD student; Ondřej Hora, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Poverty and Living Conditions of Families with Children Receiving Guaranteed Minimum Benefits in Croatia: Challenges and Implications for Social Policy

Sara Dželalija, PhD student, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Universal Child Benefits and Child Poverty in the Western Balkans: A Comparative Perspective

Maja Markovic, PhD Student, University of Lisbon, Portugal

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SESSION 8

Early Marriage and Multidimensional Poverty: A Child Rights-Based Qualitative Study in Van

Yasemin Gezer Tuğrul (Van Yüzüncü Yıl University), Belde Bayındırlı (Independent Researcher)

Institutions and Gaps: The Intermediary Role of Civil Society Organizations in Conditions of Poverty

Andon Damovski, PhD student, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia

Between Rights and Reality: Structural Barriers to Maternal Healthcare for Pregnant Women Who Use Drugs and Experience Homelessness

Graziela Alves de Sousa, Inês de Sousa Oliveira, Miguel Teixeira da Cunha, Programa de Consumo Vigiado, Portugal

DISCUSSION

15:45 | CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE