



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual South East European Doctoral Student Conference**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Thessaloniki - Greece  
<http://www.seerc.org/dsc2010>

Building on the success of the four previous Doctoral conferences which each attracted over 100 papers from countries all over the SE European region and beyond (UK, France, Germany, Holland, Slovenia, Hungary, Poland and as far as Ukraine), we are pleased to announce the organisation of the 5<sup>th</sup> SEERC Doctoral conference.

The aim of the conference is to further facilitate the exchange of knowledge between young researchers and to consolidate the established network of scholars currently undertaking research in and around the topic of South East Europe. Having identified academic isolation as a problem that many doctoral students face today, SEERC aims to bring researchers together with the purpose of establishing collaborative links between disciplines, for testing the ground with innovative ideas and for engaging the wider academic community.

The Conference is open to young researchers currently undertaking doctoral study, or in the early years of their research career (up to 2 years following the award of their PhD degree). It has an inter-disciplinary focus and the themes and topics reflect the organisation of research by tracks of interest within SEERC. More information on the topic areas covered by the conference can be found on the page that follows.

All papers presented at the Conference will be evaluated by an expert panel of academics and other PhD Conference participants. Each presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and comments/feedback from the panel members. The accepted submissions will be included in the electronic and paper Proceedings published by SEERC. In addition, there will be a general discussion session guided by the panel discussants and participants, addressing various issues on PhD work and the experience of carrying out research. There will also be a number of general presentations focusing on useful skills development for doctoral students

**Important Deadlines:**

**Abstract submission (500 words):** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Notification of acceptance:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Submission of FULL - camera ready paper:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Publication of Conference Programme:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010

FEE: 50 Euros including attendance, coffee and lunch, paper copy of the proceedings

For specific author guidelines and style sheet information, please visit <http://www.seerc.org/dsc2010/rt3.html>

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Research Track 3 encourages and conducts research upon a variety of issues pertaining to international politics, education, language, governance and culture.

The following topics are encouraged, but are not exclusive:

**Politics**

- EU Policy and Integration,
- International Relations,
- Migration,
- Public Administration,
- Nations and Nationalism,
- Conflict and Peace,
- Geo-Politics,
- Regional Development,
- Environment
- Parties and Party Systems

### **Sociology**

- Religiosity,
- Ethnicity, Identity,
- Social Policy,
- Genocide Studies,
- Post-Socialist Transformation,
- Europeanization,
- Family and Community Life

### **Language Policy and Practice**

- Intercultural Communication,
- Ethno-linguistics,
- English as a Lingua Franca,
- English-Only Europe,
- The EU and Language,
- Language Testing,
- Language Teaching

### **Media and Journalism**

- Media Representation in the Balkans,
- Media Interaction and Globalization,
- Media Governance,
- Media Commercialization,
- War Reporting: Archiving of War Crimes,
- Media Freedom,
- Media Corruption

### **Scientific Committee for abstracts review**

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