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**1st Announcement**

**9th INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

***CITIZENSHIP, EDUCATION AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION***

***Encouraging active citizenship in the era of artificial intelligence***

**Heraklion, 26-28 May 2023**

The Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, after the successful organization of eight panhellenic/international conferences, is found at the pleasant position to announce to its members, associates, friends, to the scientific and educational community and to any interested party, that it programs the organization of the 9th International Scientific Conference on the central theme:

***CITIZENSHIP, EDUCATION AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION***

***Encouraging active citizenship in the era of artificial intelligence***

**PROBLEMATICS OF THE MAIN THEME**

The conference embraces a wide and cohesive family of fields and concerns which rotate around the crucial concept of citizens and their involvement in the political community. More specifically, we are interested in studies of different approaches and attitudes regarding the role of the citizens’ identity in everyday complex political systems and of the relationship between education and political participation, particularly in an era where new technologies gradually form new roles not only in communication but also in the relations of citizens with the state.

The identity of the citizen or citizenship is simultaneously a legal identity and a political ideal which is fulfilled with the essential involvement in the political community. The modern political thought tends to place emphasis on the identity of the citizen as a matter of rights: citizens have the right to participate but they also have the right to choose a degree of relevant removal from public affairs, even to place their own private concerns above the public commitment and the political participation. However, as the liberal streams tended to give more and more emphasis on these characteristics of modern approaches for the citizen’s identity, a series of critical approaches and juxtapositions gradually started to point out. Through these approaches, we are called to re-estimate aspects of classical, renaissance and modern political theories which judge the neglection of political duties and highlight the crucial importance of active citizens.

At the same time, new technologies, digital governance and, generally, artificial intelligence form a constantly important role in today’s current, social and developmental course but, potentially, in shapes of political involvement, as well. People, more and more, have expectations from the development of artificial intelligence and its entrance into their everyday life, despite the fact that many times, fears and worries are expressed for the irrepressible and uncertain perspective which is formed in social, cultural but mainly in political level, in relation to the liberal or authoritative trends in different political systems.

The basic aim of the 9th Conference of the Institute of Humanities and Social Studies is the critical investigation and the development of a scientific dialogue around these matters. Regarding both the opportunities that appear and the problems that probably arise, the knowledge and the preparation of the citizens for the aspects of co-existence with artificial intelligence and the new relations that will be formed among the citizens and the state are really important. Education, learning and political involvement have a lot of determinant roles to play in this course.

**THEMATIC AREAS OF THE CONFERENCE**

Having the central theme as a starting point, the Conference focuses its interest on the following thematic areas, without excluding all those areas that proceed from its general title:

**Social, political and economic life**

* Artificial intelligence and aspects of upgrading political participation
* Identity of the citizen and political participation in Greece and in Europe
* Digital governance and citizen rights
* Artificial intelligence and liberal state
* Artificial intelligence and arbitrary regimes
* Studies of the impact of emigration to the approaches of citizenship
* Different experiential models of citizenship acquisition
* The roles and the influence of citizens’ civics – comparative analysis
* Communication and information in public life
* Identities and political communication
* Interpersonal relations and communication
* Challenges, concerns, matters of ethics
* Publicism and politics
* Update, vocation and economy
* Communication and information on culture, art and religion
* Communication and entertainment

**Modern education and vocation**

* Education and citizenship
* The role of education
* The role of state education
* Information and communication in education
* Pedagogic, educational and didactic theory
* Policy for education, orientations and structures of education
* Curricula, supportive and teaching materials
* Teaching methodology and strategies
* Didactic suggestions, teaching scenarios
* General education, scientific specialization and vocational training
* European, innovative programs
* New technologies and education
* Education for sustainability
* Professional orientation
* Special and inclusive education
* Non-typical education, lifelong learning
* Educational researches.

**THE CONFERENCE CAN BE ATTENDED BY**

* Researchers, scientists, scholars
* Education executives and teachers of all levels serving in public or private education, active or retired
* Faculty members and scientific staff of Higher Education Institutions
* PhD candidates, PhDs, postdoctoral researchers
* Executives and employees in the fields of culture, economy, politics and self-government
* Adult educators
* Undergraduate and postgraduate students
* Any interested party who wishes to contribute with a fruitful reflection in relation to the central theme and the thematic areas of the Conference.

**STRUCTURE OF WORKS - ACTIVITIES**

The following structures of work can be presented at the Conference:

* **Presentations**, with physical presence of the speakers
* **Online presentations,** through a web conferencing application
* **Posted digital announcements** (digital presentations or video presentations)
* **Workshops,** with physical presence or online.

The above includes scientific announcements, research, studies, good practices, teaching scenarios, presentations of educational software and materials, etc., related to the central theme and the thematic areas of the Conference. The full texts of all the works approved by the judges are published in the proceedings of the Conference, regardless of the form of their presentation. Detailed instructions for the structure and format of the presentations and announcements will be posted on the websites of the Institute of Humanities and Social Studies (Ι.Α.Κ.Ε.).

In addition, the works of the Conference include:

* **Presentations** by **special invited speakers**
* **Thematic symposia**
* **Competition** for the best scientific work and the best didactic scenario
* **Parallel events.**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION**

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| **Starting date for submission of abstracts:** November 20, 2022  **Closing date for submission of abstracts:** February 20, 2023  **Update for acceptance of abstracts and participation:** March 20, 2023  **Closing date of the abstracts’ submission for the competition:** March 20, 2023  **Conduct of the Conference Works:** 26-27 March, 2023 |

Those who wish to participate in the Conference as speakers - by presentation or posted announcement or workshop - should send **a summary of their work** through the special form on the website: <http://www.iake.gr> or <http://iake.weebly.com>, where all the required instructions can be found. The text of the abstract should be **up to 300 words** and accompanied by the authors data, as well as the indication of the type of work and the thematic area it belongs to.

**Each paper can be submitted by one or maximum four speakers. Each presenter may participate with a maximum of two papers, in the capacity of the first, second, third or fourth presenter.**

**Acceptance or not of the abstract will be announced by February 20, 2023.**

**PARTICIPATION COST**

* The cost of participation in the Conference for **each presenter/co-presenter** is **50 euros** and it covers: the conference file, presenter certificate, the digital book of abstracts, digital minutes of the Conference, coffee during breaks.
* The cost of participation for **participants without a presentation** is **10 euros** and it covers: the conference file, the digital book of abstracts, certificate of attendance and coffee during breaks.
* **Simple attendance** at the Conference is **free**.

The presenters **will deposit the amount due after the approval of their abstract**, on the dates that will be announced in the next announcement.

**COMPETITION - PAPER AWARD**

The Institute of Humanities and Social Studies will award the best scientific works, per thematic area of the Conference, in the categories:

**Α. Best scientific work**

**Β. Best didactic proposal**

In order to support young researchers and scientists, the most valuable works submitted by: a) **undergraduate students,** b) **postgraduate students**, c) **young scientists** presenting a scientific paper for the first time, will be awarded, in an auxiliary manner.

The results of the competition will be published by the Scientific Committee based on the general results of the anonymous judgment of the final texts of the works. The process of judging the final texts follows the evaluation of the abstracts. The full texts of the works are evaluated based on their qualitative characteristics in the criteria of: a) originality, b) methodology, c) structure, d) content and e) documentation.

**Only works submitted by March 20, 2023 will be accepted in the award competition.**

The awards and distinctions will be presented at the closing ceremony of the Conference.

Instructions for the preparation of the full texts of the final works are available on our websites: <http://www.iake.gr> and <https://iake.weebly.com>

**PARALLEL EVENTS**

Within the framework of the Conference, a series of parallel activities and events are planned, aiming at the acquaintance, the entertainment and the interaction of the participants and their attendants.

* **1st parallel event:** Guided tour of historical-archaeological monuments of the area.
* **2nd parallel event:** Entertaining evening to get acquainted with the music and gastronomic delicacies of Crete, on the 2nd day of the Conference.
* **3rd parallel event:** Day trip to an archeological-nature-loving destination of Crete, on the 3rd day of the Conference.

More information about the Conference, accommodation in the city and other relevant topics can be found on the websites of IAKE: <http://www.iake.gr> and <https://iake.weebly.com>

Yours sincerely,

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