

2<sup>nd</sup> Warsaw AIESEE International Workshop

# "The Balkan Jews & the Minority Issue in South-Eastern Europe"

Organized by the Polish Commission of Balkan Culture and History

Faculty of "Artes Liberales" University of Warsaw



Warsaw 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Call for Papers

The Polish Commission of Balkan Culture and History as a full member of Association Internationale d'Etudes du Sud-Est Européen (AIESEE) has existed since the 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of AIESEE in Paris held in 2009. In 2011, the Commission organized the first AIESEE Conference "The Image of Russia in the Balkans".

The second AIESEE Warsaw Conference designed as an educational workshop is dedicated to the topic of Balkan Jews. The minority issue should not only be considered as a significant context for the main topic but also as an exemplification of Balkan specific and unique character which is a result of linguistic and cultural convergence.

In the Balkans a multilevel network of mutual cultural relations has been created including language, tradition, religion, literature as well as identity. It seems that in the region which has functioned as a multiethnic and multireligious whole for the centuries, a specific model of multiethnic relations appeared, based on balancing between preserving own ethnic distinctness and integrating with the dominant culture.

The aim of this workshop is to discuss the character of relations in the Balkans and to understand tolerance in mutual interethnic relations. During the discussion we would like to focus on the following topics:

- Jews' status in the Ottoman Empire and interethnic relations in the Balkans

- Sephardic culture and its intercultural relations in the Balkans: literature, language, religion
- Legacy of multiethnic empire and the minority issue in the Balkan countries as a context for Shoah
- Jews' identity in the Balkans after Shoah, Yugoslav context
- Jewish minorities in the contemporary Balkan countries (EU policy toward minorities and current authorities' attitude toward Jewish communities contexts)

Sessions will take place in the morning and afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Faculty "Artes Liberales" of the University of Warsaw. The guests speakers on this occasion will be:

Dragi Gjorgiev (Institute of National History Republic of Macedonia)

Agnieszka August-Zarębska (Faculty of Philology, Institute of Romance Studies, the University of Wrocław)

Nadège Ragaru ( Sciences PO CERI – France )

Konstanty Gebert (Gazeta Wyborcza)

**The working language of the Workshop is English. Each academic paper of aforementioned topics that is accepted will be allocated a slot of a maximum 20 minutes.**

We kindly ask each Committee member of AIESEE to recommend specialists for this conference. **All proposals should be sent to the General Secretariat of AIESEE: [office@aiesee.org](mailto:office@aiesee.org) and to the Secretary of the Polish Commission of Balkan Culture and History, Mrs. Marzena Maciulewicz: [ma.maciulewicz@gmail.com](mailto:ma.maciulewicz@gmail.com).**

**We kindly ask all interested applicants to submit abstract (approximately 1000 words) as well as personal and represented institution data.**

**Deadline for sending topics: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Deadline for submitting abstracts: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**Announcement for successful paper: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Accommodation, travel and food expenses are expected to be covered by the participant or its affiliated institution.**

**We plan to publish material in the book series "Colloquia Balkanica"**

**Looking forward to receiving your recommendations, we send you the warmest regards.**