



Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje  
Faculty of Philosophy



**Call for Papers  
for the  
Scientific-professional conference  
Multidimensional Poverty: Measurement, Trends and Challenges**

We invite scholars, researchers, PhD students and practitioners to submit research papers and insights to participate in a scientific-professional conference dedicated to current issues related to multidimensional poverty, its measurement, spatial distribution, and social implications. The conference aims to foster interdisciplinary academic debate and contribute to the development of more effective policies for poverty reduction.

Conference dates: 28-29 September 2026, Skopje  
Venue: Faculty of Philosophy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

*Thematic Areas*

Submitted papers should address one of the following five thematic areas:

*1. Measurement of Multidimensional Poverty*

This thematic area welcomes papers that explore theoretical and methodological approaches to measuring multidimensional poverty. Particular interest is given to the use of composite indices, innovative indicators, and comparative analyses across different measurement models. Papers may include empirical analyses at national or international levels. Critical evaluations of existing methodologies are also encouraged. Special emphasis is placed on analyzing the role of public policies in defining and applying poverty indicators.

*2. Spatial Mapping of Poverty*

Papers are expected to analyze the spatial distribution of poverty through the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other analytical tools. A particular focus may be placed on regional, urban-rural, and local inequalities. Contributions may include visualizations and spatial models of poverty. Additionally, analyses linking spatial factors with access to resources and services are welcome. The role of regional and development policies in reducing spatial inequalities is also encouraged.

*3. Educational and Health Aspects of Poverty*

This thematic area covers the impacts of poverty on education and health. Papers are expected to analyze inequalities in access to education and healthcare services, as well as their effects on quality of life. Policy analyses related to these sectors and their effectiveness are also welcome. Interdisciplinary approaches and case studies are particularly encouraged. Special attention will be given to the role of education and health policies in poverty reduction.



#### *4. Food Insecurity, Housing Deprivation and Poverty*

Papers in this thematic area should examine housing conditions and/or access to food as key dimensions of poverty. Expected contributions include analyses of housing availability and quality, overcrowding, infrastructure conditions, energy poverty, as well as issues related to food insecurity and nutritional inequalities. Research may address housing policies, preventive and nutritional public health programs, and social programs and their impact on vulnerable groups. Interdisciplinary and empirical studies are encouraged.

#### *5. Poverty among Beneficiaries of Social Assistance and the Role of Social Policy*

This thematic area focuses on analyzing the condition and characteristics of poverty among recipients of cash benefits within the social protection system. Particular emphasis is placed on the effectiveness of social protection systems in reducing poverty and social exclusion. Papers may include evaluations of existing measures, targeting mechanisms, and long-term effects on quality of life. Comparative analyses and policy recommendations are encouraged. The role of social policy in alleviating and preventing poverty is of key importance.

#### *Types of Accepted Papers*

The conference welcomes a wide range of academic and practice-oriented contributions, including:

- Research papers – empirical, theoretical, or methodological studies related to poverty, inequality, social protection, and social policy.
- Case studies – analyses based on concrete examples from communities, NGOs, public institutions, or field initiatives.
- Policy analyses – evaluations of social protection systems, labor markets, and social policy interventions.
- Research in progress – preliminary findings, ongoing analyses, or developing research.
- Conceptual and theoretical contributions – new models, analytical frameworks, and interdisciplinary approaches to poverty and social protection.

#### *Abstract Submission Guidelines*

Abstracts should be at least 500 words and include the following elements: title, research objective, methodology, main findings, and recommendations. Each author should also provide information about their institutional affiliation. Current doctoral students researching topics related to the conference themes are especially encouraged to apply.

#### *Important Dates*

Deadline for abstract submission: 31 May 2026

Communication of abstract acceptance: 15 June 2026

Deadline for full paper submission: 15 September 2026

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### *Costs*

Participation in the conference is free of charge (no registration fee).

Participants are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation expenses.

The organizers will provide meals and refreshments during the conference, as well as promotional conference materials for each participant.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

### *Additional Information*

Papers presented at the conference will be published in the Journal of Social Policy, published by the Faculty of Philosophy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje.

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