Call for papers

The Faculty of Education of “Aleksandër Moisiu” University of Durrës is proud to announce the organization of the Second International Scientific Conference “Development Problems Of Childhood And Adolescence In Transitional Societies.”

The main aim of the conference is to stimulate the debates among academics, researchers, policy makers, practitioners (therapists, neuropediatrics, educators, and sociologists), and postgraduate students to contribute in covering, understanding and giving solutions to different challenges of our time.

Major issues to be addressed in this conference are as follows:

1. General aspects of childhood and adolescent development in transitional societies
a. Aspects of physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of children and adolescents
b. Comparisons of physical, cognitive, social, emotional development of children and adolescents from transitional societies with children and adolescents from other societies

2. Development aspects of childhood and adolescent in minorities groups
   a. What is like to be raised in a minority group
   b. Discrimination and development
   c. Acculturation

3. Parenting styles in transitional societies
   a. What kind of parenting style is dominant in transitional societies
   b. The effects of permissive and authoritarian parenting styles
   c. How to enhance authoritative parenting style in a society of change

4. Family systems in transitional societies
   a. Dysfunctional families
   b. Divorce
   c. Enhancing healthy family systems

5. Educating the new generation in transitional societies
   a. Curricula transformation in daycares, kindergarten, schools and universities
   b. Education and the new technology
   c. Enhancing cooperative learning and interactive teaching
   d. Improving the performance of the teachers
   e. Inclusive education
   f. The role of educational institutions in the development of the new generation

6. Peers relationships in transitional societies
   a. Prosocial behaviors
   b. Peer pressures
   c. Bullying in schools

7. Psychosocial services in transitional societies
   a. Social centers and their functions
   b. Psychological centers and their functions
   c. How are psychosocial services perceived by those who need help, and others

8. Dealing with learning disabilities in transitional societies
   a. Dealing with dyslexia
   b. Dealing with ADHD
   c. Reading difficulties
   d. Dyscalculia
   e. Dealing with processing disorders
f. Dealing with developmental disabilities

9. Dealing with the adolescent’s identity crisis in transitional societies
   a. Mentoring adolescents: the role of family, school, peers
   b. Understanding identity crisis
   c. Addiction and identity crisis
   d. Resolving identity crisis

10. Dealing with conduct disorders in children and adolescents in transitional societies
    a. Juvenile delinquency
    b. Therapy treatments used with children and adolescents diagnosed with conduct disorders
    c. The role of family and school in helping children and adolescents with behavior disorders

11. Psychosocial interventions results in the schools and communities of transitional societies
    a. Identifying programs, interventions in schools and communities carried out by non-profitable organizations and their results
    b. Identifying case studies by child and adolescent therapists and their results;
    c. Future interventions

12. Perspectives on future research in childhood and adolescent development in transitional societies
    a. Researchers analysis of what might be the future research framework of childhood and adolescent development
    b. The importance of social policies in facing the future challenges

Note: The key speakers and high level officials from the country and abroad are invited to address the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstracts due                                      September 30th, 2011
Notification of acceptance                     October 15th, 2011
Papers due                                      October 30th, 2011
Conference date                                December 2th-3th, 2011

The working language of the conference is English and Albanian

Up to 400 word abstracts can be submitted to: konferencadurres@hotmail.com;
Conference Fee: 50 euros per author

Abstract guidelines for authors

Submitted abstracts have to be written according to the following instructions:

- The official language of the Conference is English, Albanian; abstracts should therefore be written in English and Albanian.

- Abstracts are to be typed in a Microsoft Word for Windows format, in letter quality type Times New Roman, font size 12, regular style, single spaced, alignment justified, margins all 2.5 cm.

- Abstract should contain approximately 300-400 words.

- Abstract should contain a clear indication of the purpose of the research and how it is related to the Conference topic, the approach used, the major results, and the implications.

Abstract and paper are to submitted by e-mail to: konferencadurres@hotmail.com;

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Abstracts Critical Requirements:

· Title: The abstract title should be 12 point Times New Roman and bold.
· Author name: full name of the writer(s), institution/affiliation and email address.
· Body: The abstract itself should be in 10-12 point, not bold, single spaced Times New Roman, and should be up to 300 words long. The abstract should be fully justified.
· Keywords: Keywords should be in Times New Roman, 10 point, and italicized.
· Format: Abstracts should be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .rtf).

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