

INVITATION LETTER

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION "EDUCATION TODAY: BETWEEN TRADITIONAL VALUES AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES"

Dear colleagues,

It is our honor and pleasure to invite you to participate in the international scientific conference entitled "Education Today: Between Traditional Values and Contemporary Challenges." The conference is organized to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Department of Pedagogy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš. This significant jubilee presents an opportunity to critically reflect on past achievements, as well as to inspire new topics, dialogue, and research in the field of pedagogical theory and practice. The conference will be held on December 6, 2025, at the Faculty of Philosophy in Niš, in a hybrid format.

The conference will cover the following topics:

- The relationship between traditional and contemporary values in education,
- The educational process and youth development within the context of digitalization, globalization, and social change,
- Various directions in the development of pedagogical theory and practice,
- Interdisciplinary aspects of educational activities,
- Innovative strategies and models of educational work,
- The role of family, school, and society in the upbringing and education of children and youth,
- Other topics relevant to the conference theme.

The working languages of the conference are Serbian and English. Presentations may be delivered in any language from the former Yugoslav region or in English, but papers must be submitted in either Serbian or English.

Important dates:

- **Abstract submission deadline:** September 1, 2025.
- **Notification of abstract acceptance:** September 15, 2025.
- **Deadline for conference fee payment:** November 15, 2025
- **Full paper submission deadline:** December 1, 2025

Authors wishing to participate in the conference "Education Today: Between Traditional Values and Contemporary Challenges" are invited to submit an abstract including the following information: title of the paper, full name(s) of author(s), name of institution, country, and e-mail address. Abstracts should be between 150 and 250 words long and written in Serbian (in Cyrillic or Latin script) or English. The abstract should include: the aim of the study or paper, methodological approach (if applicable), key findings or main theses, and theoretical and practical significance of the topic.

Please submit the abstract in Word format (.doc or .docx) using the following formatting: Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, 1.5 line spacing, and 2.5 cm margins on all sides. The file name should follow this format: LastName_Abstract_2025 (e.g., Jovanovic_Abstract_2025.docx).

Submissions should be sent to: vaspitanje.danas@filfak.ni.ac.rs

The conference welcomes both theoretical and empirical papers. Presentations may be delivered in any language from the former Yugoslav region or in English. Presentations will be organized into plenary and thematic sessions, with a 15-minute time limit per presentation. Papers that successfully complete the peer review process will be published in 2026, either in the conference proceedings or in the Pedagogy Annual (Godišnjak za pedagogiju) journal of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Niš (an M52-category journal), based on the decision of the reviewers and the editorial board.

The conference fee is 5000 RSD (Serbian dinars), or 50 EUR for international participants. The fee is paid per paper (not per author). If a paper has multiple authors, the fee is paid only once. Payment instructions will be sent upon confirmation of abstract acceptance.

We extend our warmest greetings and look forward to your participation and contributions to this significant jubilee.

Sincerely,
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