

# ESA Research stream Sociology of Knowledge Mid-term Conference 2025

## Knowledge in Turbulent Times: Political Crisis, Social Transformations, and Cultural Practices

11–13. September 2025, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, Serbia

Thursday September 11

Room 434

**14:00 Conference opening** (greeting from the Head of the Sociology Department)

### **14:15 – 16:00 Session 1: Knowledge, Power, and the Production of Truth**

Focus: Epistemology, science, and power structures in knowledge production.

- **Ivana Spasić** – *Knowledge, Technology and Politics in Milošević's Serbia: Introducing Internet in Serbian Academia*
- **Meike Haken** – *Trust in Science: Turbulent Times for Popular-Cultural Science Communication*
- **Rastislav Dinić** – *Competitive Authoritarianism and Hostile Epistemology*
- **Miloš Jovanović & Predrag Cvetičanin** – *Make Ignorance Great Again: On Anti-Enlightenment*

**16:15 Book presentation with coffee**

- Ajit Singh, Christian Meier zu Verl, René Tuma (eds.)  
[\*Video-Analysis and Knowledge on Rewind: Contributions to Social Theory and the Sociology of Knowledge\*](#)

**16:45 Zoom hybrid discussion**

- How to establish the *Sociology of knowledge* ESA Research Network

Friday September 12

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### **10:00 – 12:00 Session 2: Memory, Crisis, and Social Transformation**

Focus: Political symbolism, migration, digital society, and crisis through cultural and analytical lenses.

- **Sezgin Sönmez & René Tuma** – *Vernacular Social Analysis - Between Scientific Analysis and Public Diagnoses of Societal Transformations*
- **Jelena Božilović** – *War-Centric Memory Culture and Its Political Symbols in Street Names: Case Study of the City of Niš*
- **Ana Mijić** – *Knowledge in Forced Migration: The Fragility of Knowing in Times of War and Displacement*
- **David Adam** – *Digital Sociology: A Case Study for Social Science Knowledge Crisis in the Era of Digital*

**12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break**

### **12:30 – 14:30 Session 3: Institutions, Psychology, and Political Thought**

Focus: Political science theory, upheaval, organizational behavior, personality dimensions, and academic traditions.

- **Milan Urošević** – *How to Research Political Upheavals – Foucault's Genealogy as a Method for Creating Engaged Knowledge*
- **Sofija Ljubišić & David Tadić** – *In Sync or Out of Step? A Comparative Analysis of Theoretical Frameworks in Political Science in Serbia and Globally (1980–2020)*
- **Petar Radović & Dušan Randelović** – *HEXACO Personality Dimensions and Their Role in Understanding Organizational Attachment and Job Security in Times of Crisis*

**14:45 Closing of the Conference**