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**The Philosophy of Science: How Seminal Works in Research  
Methodology Shape Our Understanding of Science and the  
Interpretation of Results**

*International Conference*

*Prishtina, Kosovo*

*14-15 December 2012*

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

*Venue:*

**Victory University College  
Perandori Justinian #3, Pejton, Prishtinë**

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# PROGRAM

## Friday, 14 December 2012

### 10:00-10:45 Opening Remarks

**Faton Bislimi**, Managing Director and Senior Fellow, Kosovo Public Policy Center / University of Alberta

**Besnik Bislimi**, AUK Research Center Director, American University in Kosovo

**Bedri Selmani**, Rector, Victory University College

### 10:45 – 11:00 Welcome Address

**Hajdin Abazi**, Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sports, Government of Kosova

### 11:00 – 11:45 Keynote Speaker

**Steve Fuller**, Auguste Comte Chair in Social Epistemology, Dept of Sociology, University of Warwick, UK

### 11:45 – 12:45 Guest Speakers

*Epistemology of Social Sciences: An Analytical Overview*

**Kadri Metaj**, Professor, Dept of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina

*Kuhnian Understanding of Incommensurability and its Reflection in Conception of Knowledge in International Relations*

**Veton Latifi**, Professor, South East European University

### 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Break

### 14:00 – 15:30 Session One: Some Key Debates

*Chair: Faton Bislimi*

*Science as Philosophy of Living and the Philosophy of Science*

**Hysamedin Feraj**, Head of Political Science Department, University of Tirana

*The Stapler Affair in the Light of Philosophy of Science*

**Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen**, Full Professor, Semiotics, University of Helsinki

*Resolving the hitherto Unresolved Popper-Kuhn-Lakatos-Feyerabend Debate?*

**Alex Charles Bellamy**, Retired Lecturer, Editor of LSE Lakatos website, London School of Economics and Political Science

*The Metaphor of Narrative Woods in Eco's Work*

**Bujar Hoxha**, Professor, South East European University

**15:30-16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00-17:30 Session Two: Influence of the Philosophy of Science in Research Areas**

*Chair: Veton Latifi*

*Explanation, Understanding, and the Private Language Argument*

**Mandeta Minxhozi**, Head of Philosophy Department, University of Tirana

*The Research Area and Questions in Social Sciences*

**Hasan Jashari**, Full Professor, South East European University

*Foundations of The Life Sciences and Their Ethical Consequences: Stem Cell Research*

**Luca Marelli**,\* SEMM - European School of Molecular Medicine, IEO - Istituto Europeo di Oncologia, University of Milan

\* will submit a paper, but cannot participate

*New Vistas to the Past: How Changes in Research Methodology Have Influenced the Field of Archaeology*

**Pia Anderson**, Professor, American University of Sharjah

*Options and Opportunities in Drafting Scientific Research Questionnaires*

**Vlora Sylaj** and **Elmaz Isufi**

**19:00 Dinner (for presenters and special invitees only)**

**Saturday, December 15, 2012**

**10:00-11:00 The Annual Conference Lecture**

*A New Founding of Philosophy of Science*

**Hajdin Abazi**, Professor, Victory University College / University of Tirana

**11:00-12:15 Session Three: Philosophy of Science and Learning**

*Chair: Luca Umberti*

*Scientifically Based Research and Teaching in the Distinctive Line Between the Traditional and the Modern in Education*

**Arafat Shabani**, Professor, and **Fadil Zendeli**, Professor, South East European University

*L1 Interference in the Learning and Acquiring of the English Simple Future Tense, Its Form and Many Usages by Albanian Speaking Learners*

**Teuta Saliu**, Lecturer, and **Argentina Saliu**, MA Student, South East European University

Good Teaching Practices: Do They Really Affect Quality Assurance?  
**Rufat Osmani**, High Lecturer, South East European University

**12:15-14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00-15:15 Session Four: Some Philosophical Characteristics in Social Sciences and Research Methodologies**

*Chair: Hajdin Abazi*

*Feminist Epistemologies and Objectivity*

**Maja Muhic**, Professor, Department of Languages, Cultures, and Communications, South East European University

*Alienation of Man*

**Drita Mehmedi**, Lecturer, State University of Tetovo

*Political Communication of the Women Politicians and Students' Perceptions in Republic of Macedonia*

**Biljana Sazdanovska**, SEE University Skopje Campus

***The following papers will be submitted for publication, but the authors cannot participate in the conference:***

*The Forming of Child's Character: Some Philosophical Observations*

**Valdeta Zenuni-Idrizi**, State University of Tetovo

*The Philosophy of Communication in the School and the Educational Process Problems*

**Ardita Ceka**, Lecturer, State University of Tetovo

*Determinants and use of social science methodologies and relevance of application in agricultural research in the Kisii region of Kenya*

**Dymphina Andima** and **Samwel A Maina**, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute

**15:15-16:30 Coffee Break**

**Concluding Remarks – Publication Process**

**19:00 Dinner (for presenters and special invitees only)**