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## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Bosnia and Herzegovina entered the 21st century with two long-term, global and depopulation demographic processes – total depopulation (declining population) and demographic aging. This is also accompanied by a very pronounced spatial and regional as well as urban and rural polarization of the population. Since 2007, these demographic processes have been joined by the demographic process of natural depopulation (more deaths than live births), becoming extremely pronounced particularly with the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The population of Bosnia and Herzegovina is characterized by a very low fertility, negative natural change, emigration depopulation, total depopulation and distinct aging of the population. These processes have lasted long enough to be taken as a testimony of the very unfavourable demographic development of the population of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which has its direct implications in all spheres of life and work.

The international scientific conference – "Demographic challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the world" is dedicated to applied science. Population science researchers strive to understand the impact of natural and social phenomena on the population in the space that surrounds them. Therefore, the research is related to the objective world around us.

According to UN sources, on 15 November 2022, the world's population exceeded 8 billion people. Like other countries across the world, Bosnia and Herzegovina is facing numerous demographic challenges and problems. Science should offer timely solutions to these problems so that they can be incorporated into government policies. In this regard, the conference takes a special interest in comparative experiences and values from the neighbouring and other countries of the world.

The main goal of the conference is to inform scientists and the general public about the results of the latest scientific research by domestic and foreign experts, and thus enable a better transfer of scientific achievements to population development policies and practice. Our desire is to establish better cooperation among scientists from universities, scientific institutions and experts from various related disciplines and activities, as well as political decision-makers from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the world in the area of common interest in science and demographic practice.

An objective application of demographic research results must be widely represented in the overall development policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as of all other countries. In addition to the previously mentioned topics, issues such as social inequality, social conflict resolution, the development of culture and its geographical distribution, as well as the adoption of policies important for the development of a community are of special importance.

Scientists dealing with issues related to population development can and must significantly contribute to the understanding of natural and social processes in the context of the problems burdening the contemporary population. Based on these facts, we dedicate this Conference to applied science, aspiring for it to be much more present within the space we live and create in.

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**Sending applications, abstracts and titles of papers:** via e-mail **demobos@pmf.unsa.ba** or directly on the **Conference website** (Abstracts are sent in one of the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in English. Foreign authors send abstracts in English).

Presentation time: **15 minutes**

**Publication of papers:** In an edition of the Geographical Review Journal (<http://geografskipregled.pmf.unsa.ba/>)

**Registration: 50 KM (25 EUR).** The registration fee is paid immediately before the beginning of the Conference. The registration fee includes a certificate of participation, accreditations, a book of abstracts and two lunches. Paper presenters (speakers) do not pay the registration fee.

Registration via e-mail **demobos@pmf.unsa.ba** or directly on the **Conference website**.

**Registration deadline: 14 May 2023**

**Venue:** University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Science, Zmaja od Bosne Street No. 33-35, Sarajevo

## MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Data sources and methods
2. Population distribution
3. Population birth rate and fertility
4. Population mortality
5. Family planning and childcare
6. Internal migration
7. External migration
8. Diaspora
9. Aging population
10. Population and economy
11. Population and education
12. Ethnic/national, religious and other population structures
13. Population and environment
14. Population policy challenges



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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Programme	Time
<b>Thursday, 8 June</b>	
Arrival and registration of participants	9:00 - 9:45
Opening of the Symposium	10:00
Plenary presentations	10:30 - 11:30
Short break	11:30 - 12:00
Lectures by topics	12:00 - 14:00
Lunch break	14:00 - 15:00
Lectures by topics	15:00 - 16:00
<b>Friday, 9 June</b>	
Lectures by topics	09:00 - 10:30
Short break	10:30 - 11:00
Lectures by topics	11:00 - 13:00
Lunch break	13:00 - 14:00
Round table and conclusions of the Conference	14:00 - 15:30
Departure of participants	After 15:30

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