

# Call for papers

## “New” Europe and Challenges of Sustainable Development

The Second Forum of Social Science PhD Students International Conference

Bratislava, Slovak Republic, **June 5th-8th, 2008**

### Aims

We invite you to participate in the second PhD students' international conference, organized under the auspices of Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Vice-President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and President of Proforum – Progressive Forum. The conference provides a forum for PhD students from different research areas to present and discuss their research findings. All panels will be chaired by senior academics/researchers who will lead the discussion and give young panelists very valuable feedback on their research. Selected papers will be published in the conference proceedings. In addition to the workshops there will also be a useful network and cultural program for all participants.

### How to apply

Submission is open to any PhD student. **Admission is free.** Conference attendance is limited to about 40 participants who will be the authors of the accepted abstracts.

Please fill in the attached questionnaire and send it along with a short abstract for your paper (500 words maximum, 300 words minimum) to this e-mail address: [conference@fes.sk](mailto:conference@fes.sk). Accepted applicants will be asked to give a 15 minute presentation at the conference, followed by discussion. From final papers some will be selected and published in a collection of papers after a regular review process. Details related to paper formatting and submission will be announced at the conference.

#### Important dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline    March 31, 2008  
Author Notification                      April 18, 2008

#### Accommodation, food, travel expenses

The accommodation and food, as well as travel expenses, of successful applicants will be covered by the organizer.

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## Topics of interest include

### 1. Economic Dimension of Sustainable Development

#### A. Government's policies and business strategies towards sustainable development

- Strategies and investments of multi-national enterprises in new EU Member States and their impact on sustainable development
- Automotive industry and sustainable development
- Small and medium size businesses in competition with global players

#### B. Deepening economic transformation and integration of the new EU Member States

- Enlargement of Eurozone: expected social and economic impacts on newcomers
- Strong business and weak public services in new EU Member States
- Transformation to knowledge-based economies in „New“ Europe

### 2. Environment and Sustainable Development

#### A. Environmentally friendly economy in the global context

- Entrepreneurial sector and green jobs
- Sustainable energy policy
- Renewables and global warming
- Sustainable production patterns
- Biotechnologies: pros and cons

#### B. Environmental human rights

- Common environmental perspective in the age of individualism
- Environmental degradation vs. social cohesion
- Health care issues and sustainable development

### 3. Social and Cultural Dimension of Sustainable Development

#### A. Cultural aspects of sustainable development

- Socio-cultural inclusion and exclusion in „New“ Europe
- Ethnic/national identity and assimilation/integration
- The role of religion and church in sustainable development
- Cultural diversity and strategy for sustainable development

#### B. Livelihood strategies and sustainable development

- Consumer society and sustainable consumption patterns
- Migration as a strategy and its impact on society
- Livelihood strategies of the poor in „New“ Europe

### 4. Sustainability and the future of Europe

#### A. European external policies towards sustainable development

- EU neighbourhood policies and sustainable development
- Non-capitalist economic practices (“community economies”) vs. global capitalism
- EU as a global player in sustainable development
- EU Reform Treaty and national policies of sustainable development

#### B. European Social Model: Solidarity, social justice and the sustainability of democracy

- Future of European social model and alternatives to neo-liberalism
- European labour market, capital and decent work
- Education, long-life learning and formation of human capital
- Women and sustainable development: different aspects of women's contribution to environmental, economic, social and cultural development
- Democratic challenges and sustainable development