Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“ | Faculty of Philosophy

Jubilee international scientific conference

50 years of sociology at Sofia University

November 20 – 22, 2026

New Conference Hall, Main Building of Sofia University

PROGRAM

(parallel to the academic sessions there is a section with poster scientific presentations)

November 20, 2026 (Friday)	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	**Opening of the conference**
10:00 – 11:00	**Session 1: Sociological Knowledge and Its Limits**
	Georgi Fotev, Prof. *New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria* Sociology in the Context of Post-Classical Science
	Pepka Boyadjieva, Prof. *BAS – Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Sofia, Bulgaria* (Im)Possible Sociologies: Sociology of the Name
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	**Session 2: Directions and Dilemmas of Sociological Research**
	Albena Yaneva, Prof. *Polytechnic of Turin, Turin, Italy; Columbia University, New York, USA* The Venetian Experiment: Sociology at Two Speeds
	Ivan Chalakov, Prof. *Plovdiv University „Paisii Hilendarski“, Plovdiv, Bulgaria* Social Studies of Outer Space: Practices and Imagination
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	**Sessions 3: Sociology and the Current Political Moment**
	Milena Yakimova, Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* The Quest for Recognition and The Political Technology of Narcissistic Phantasm
	Hans-Peter Muller, Prof. *Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany* Polycrisis and the Contestations of the Liberal Script



15:30 – 16:30	**Session 4: Places, Mobility, Migrations**
	Marina Liakova, Prof. *Karlsruhe University of Education, Karlsruhe, Germany* Migration and Re-migration between Bulgaria and Germany – Challenges for Empirical Sociology **Simon Stewart**, Prof. *Portsmouth University, Portsmouth, Great Britain* Buses, Cars and Airport Lounges: The Practice of Cultivated Invisibility among Migrants Experiencing Homelessness in the UK
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 19:00	**Session 5: Education, Family and Socio-Historical Trajectories in Bulgarian Society**
	Maya Grekova, Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Secondary Education in Bulgaria Today: Access and Motivation **Gergana Nenova**, Chief Assistant Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Intimacy and Family: Results of a Study Among Heterosexual Youth **Martin Ivanov**, Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* The Last Builders of Modern Bulgaria: Social Profile of the Bulgarian Elite circa 1943. **Veronika Dimitrova**, Assoc. Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Prostitution during the Socialist Period in Bulgaria
19:00	Cocktail

November 21, 2026 (Saturday)

09:30 – 11:00	**Session 6: Social Inequalities/Social Inequalities and Digital Technologies**
	Jean-Louis Fabiani, Prof. *EHESS, Paris, France; CEU, Vienna, Austria* Material and Symbolic Inequalities: How Can We Consider Them Together? **Rumiana Stoilova**, Prof.; **Kamelia Petkova**, Assoc. Prof. *BAS, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Sofia, Bulgaria* Sociology of the Digital Transformation: Inequalities, Life Chances and Social Stratification



	Svetlomir Zdravkov, Chief Assistant Prof. *BAS, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Sofia, Bulgaria* Class, Labour Logic, and Artificial Intelligence: The Inversion of Digital Inequality in European Information Repertoires
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	**Session 7: Nationalism, Antisemitism and the Violence in the Public Space**
	Petia Kabakchieva, Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* The Anti-Human Nationalism **Boyan Znepolski**, Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Public space and public violence **Georgi Medarov**, Assoc. Prof. *BAS, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology; University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria* About the Impossibility of a General Definition of Antisemitism
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	**Session 8: Sociological Perspectives of the Cultural Studies**
	Bertrand Tillier, Prof. *University Panthéon Sorbonne I, Paris, France* Are Masterpieces Our Most Precious Possessions? Reflections on the Just Stop Oil Movement and the Museum in the Age of Globalisation **Milla Mineva**, Chief Assistant Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Once Upon a Time… Or How the Media Shape Identity Stories **Nadège Ragaru**, Prof. *University Sciences Po, Paris, France* Virtual Holocaust in Museums: From the Era of the Witness to the Era of the User
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	**Session 9: Theoretical and Empirical Problems of Social Stratification**
	Svetlana Sabeva, Prof. *Plovdiv University „Paisii Hilendarski“, Plovdiv, Bulgaria* Socially-Reflexive Habitus: A Sketch of an Open Concept **Svetla Marinova**, Assoc. Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Declassifications and Social Losses. Social Losses as Reclassifying Practices



	Dimitar Blagoev, Chief Assistant Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Subjective Social Mobility: Challenges to the Knowledge and Empirical Paradoxes
18:00 – 19:00	**Discussion: France Today – What Is at Stake in the Protests?** Discussion moderated by Nadège Ragaru
19:30	Official dinner

November 22, 2026 (Sunday)	
09:30 – 11:00	**Round Table: The Creation of the Sociology Department and the Intellectual Climate During the 1970s and 1980s in Bulgaria** Featuring faculty from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski," Sofia, Bulgaria: Georgi Fotev, Prof., Lilyana Deyanova, Prof.; Ivan Stefanov, Prof.; Petya Kabakchieva, Prof.; Albena Taneva, Assoc. Prof. and others.
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	**Session 10: Graduates of the Department of Sociology in Historical Perspective**
	Antoaneta Getova, Chief Assistant Prof.; **Elena Stoykova-Doganova**, Chief Assistant Prof. *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* Professional Trajectories of Sociology Graduates at SU (2004–2024)
	Student Sociology Club"Pelican Sociale" *Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria* A Study on the Association of Sociology Students at Sofia University
13:00	**Closing of the conference**