



**INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
AND HUMANITIES  
SKOPJE**

# Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, Skopje

*A scientific research institution and a graduate school with  
strong commitment to internationalization*

[www.isshs.edu.mk](http://www.isshs.edu.mk)

## International networking in research and informal study advanced programs

ISSHS is member of the global Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (headquarters in US), the European Consortium of Humanities Institutes and Centres, International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs led by the Critical Theory Program of the University of Berkeley – California, signatory of multiple memoranda of understanding with European HE institutions and research institutes such as University of Utrecht (NL), University of Giessen (DE), University of Pantheon-Athens (GR), to name a few, as well as of several bilateral intra-European Erasmus Mobility agreements (Utrecht Uni, CEU-Budapest, UoM-Thessaloniki, FMK-Belgrade, Plovdiv University, Giessen University from Germany, to name a few).

Linking and internationalizing research and advanced study, including informal study

Through a number of informal study programs of experimental theory, philosophy and sciences and their intersections as well as applied studies research related events, the Institute has gained significant international visibility, in particular in Europe:

School of Politics and Critique for Southeast Europe 2014- (featuring schools on xenofeminism, accelerationism, eco-socialism), panels on illiberal democracy co-organized with the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen - Vienna, joint project initiatives on deep integration of social sciences, humanities and the STEM sciences (with Utrecht University), a digital study platform for advanced and graduate level informal education founded with Arizona State University-Center for Philosophical Technologies and the Institut Für Architekturwissenschaften-Technology University Vienna, to name a few.

## Erasmus+ Charter for HE in Europe 2021- 2027 awarded to ISSHS

- Upon the award of the Charter ISSHS received a panel's letter of assessment grading ISSHS with 100 points out of 100 precisely due to its commitment to both formal and informal research oriented education with a strong international component and commendable understanding of the Erasmus program:

Erasmus+  
Charter for HE  
in Europe  
2021-2027  
awarded to  
ISSHS

[Quote from the letter of evaluation for the ECHE award]

The application reveals that the applicant's policy and overall strategy are aligned with the principles of the Programme. Its Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS) is sound and clear in describing the strategy and the plans for engaging in the Programme activities.

The relevance of Programme within the institution's internationalisation strategy is well demonstrated and clearly related to the Strategic plan of the institution.

It also shows a good knowledge of the new Programme priorities in the field of Higher Education, which are embedded in their EPS.

# The Study Programs at ISSHS

- The three currently available second cycle study programs offer a wide array of international visiting professors, and all of them are available in both English and Macedonian. Detailed descriptions of the programs are available at <http://www.isshs.edu.mk/graduate-study-programs/> A shorter description is available at the Fair's page of the Institute <http://universityexpo.online/page19370765.html>
- It ought to be noted that original research, experimentation (theoretical or applied), as well as applied social research in the form of policy analysis – transformability of the academic into an actually applicable knowledge – is the philosophy and style defining the study experience at ISSHS.

The motto  
defining both  
research and  
study at ISSHS

ISSHS' "triple A" motto (analysis, activism, academia) has been redefined along the lines of the processes described in this Update to the Commitment. Thus our triple A motto is appended by a triple D:

- Democracy in line the European Twin Transition;
- Digitalization of education, economy and governance;
- Development through innovation and societal transformation.

## The scientific and educational philosophy of ISSHS

The Institute's main type of activity consists in applied research in social sciences and humanities. We are committed to demonstrating that the dichotomy between theory and practice is a false one if the underpinning quality is scientific rigor and methodological consistency. We believe that political and social theory must be corroborated and justified by data as well as applicable. That is why political studies, social theory and theorizations in the humanities we undertake are always transformed into policy studies. Policy studies, on the other hand, most often serve as the point of departure for building new theories, its trajectory being: from the concrete toward the abstract. Practice and applicability justify theory, not the other way around.



To get to know us better in an international context, sign up for School of Materialist Research (SMR)

- The School of Materialist Research (SMR) is an informal graduate and post-doc level program that offers seminars and workshops that address the materialisms running through contemporary science, philosophy, art, mathematics, design, architecture, and politics. SMR is an international platform, founded by the Center for Philosophical Technologies at Arizona State University, Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, Skopje and Department for Architecture Theory and Philosophy of Technics at TU Wien that functions as a global online school combining education, research, and mentorship to advance academic study at the intersection the Social Sciences and Humanities and the STEM sciences.
- Throughout the summer advanced graduate level courses free of charge are offered at our platform by cutting edge scientists and philosophers  
<https://www.schoolformaterialistresearch.org/aboutsmr.html>
- On our page you will find a link to our YouTube channel with all of the uploaded seminars.

Before you  
apply at ISSHS  
see you at  
SMR!

**School of Materialist Research**

**Strange(r) Dialectics**

June 15  
Reid Kotlas  
"Why was Marx's Materialism 'Dialectical'?"

June 18  
Jonathan Fardy  
"From Estrangement to the Stranger: Marx after Laruelle"

**Life, Computing and the Friction of the Real**

June 23  
Giuseppe Longo  
"A World of 'Instructions': The Computational Myths in Cognition and Life vs. Alternative Paths for Invention and Understanding"

June 25  
Alexander Wilson  
"Real Non-Patterns and the Automation of Science"

**Mathematics, Complexity, and the Limits of Algorithmic Ontologies**

June 17  
Jan Overwijk  
"Simple Rules, Complex Behavior: Paradoxes of Cybernetic Rationalization"

June 29  
Chantelle Gray and Aragorn Eloff  
"The Fourth Ecology: Hikikomori, Depressive Hedonia and Algorithmic Ubiquity"

**Aesthetics and the Architectures of Novelty**

June 26  
David Roden  
"The Aesthesis of Unworlding: Against Aesthetic Inferentialism"

June 30  
Ben Woodard  
"Lancelot Hogben and the Bio-Aesthetics of Utopia"

**School of Materialist Research**

**Strange(r) Dialectic**

June 15  
Reid Kotlas  
"Why was Marx's Materialism 'Dialectical'?"

June 18  
Jonathan Fardy  
"From Estrangement to the Stranger: Marx after Laruelle"

**Life, Computing and the Friction of the Real**

June 23  
Giuseppe Longo  
"A World of 'Instructions': The Computational Myths in Cognition and Life vs. Alternative Paths for Invention and Understanding"

June 25  
Alexander Wilson  
"Real Non-Patterns and the Automation of Science"

**Mathematic, Complexity, and the Limits of Algorithmic Ontologies**

June 17  
Jan Overwijk  
"Simple Rules, Complex Behavior: Paradoxes of Cybernetic Rationalization"

June 29  
Chantelle Gray and Aragorn Eloff  
"The Fourth Ecology: Hikikomori, Depressive Hedonia and Algorithmic Ubiquity"

**Aesthetics and the Architectures of Novelty**

June 26  
David Roden  
"The Aesthesis of Unworlding: Against Aesthetic Inferentialism"

June 30  
Ben Woodard  
"Lancelot Hogben and the Bio-Aesthetics of Utopia"

The avant-garde units are small but mobile, that is how we see ourselves!

Contact us at

[www.isshs.edu.mk](http://www.isshs.edu.mk)

Address: Street "20 Oktomvri," nr.8, second floor

1000 Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

Phone/Fax: +389 2 3113 059

Email: [info@isshs.edu.mk](mailto:info@isshs.edu.mk)

Find us on google

maps: <https://tinyurl.com/yagylf57>