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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

“Strengthening Governance through Rule of Law and Psychological Resilience through Contemporary Education in the Western Balkans during the EU Integration Process”

**Wednesday, 29 April 2026, 10:00 a.m. CET
Albanian University, Conference Hall
Blvd. “Zogu I”, Tirana, Albania
Website: www.albanianuniversity.edu.al**

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Faculty of Social Sciences at Albanian University (AU) is pleased to announce the organization of the International Scientific Conference titled “Strengthening Governance through Rule of Law and Psychological Resilience through Contemporary Education in the Western Balkans during the EU Integration Process”, in collaboration with Kirchliche Pädagogische Hochschule in Vienna, to be held in Tirana on 29 April 2026.

The conference aims to explore how governance, psychosocial resilience, and contemporary education interact in shaping democratic development and social cohesion in the Western Balkans during the EU integration process.

Academics, researchers, experts and practitioners from the region and beyond are invited to gather in an interdisciplinary and inclusive forum to exchange ideas and experiences on the intersections between good governance, human development, and transformative education, within the context of the European Project.

We welcome contributions that explore, but are not limited to, the main conference themes:

I. Rule of Law and Institutional Reform

- Governance, Rule of Law, and Anti-Corruption Measures in the Western Balkans
- EU Integration and Regional Policy Implementation Challenges
- Constitutional Rights and Crisis Management in Post-Conflict Societies
- Restorative Justice and Rehabilitation Practices in the Balkans
- Protection of Fundamental Rights under EU Legal Frameworks
- Fighting against Organized Crime and Cross-Border Legal Cooperation
- Environmental Law and Sustainable Governance in Line with EU Standards
- Political Stability and Governance Challenges in the Western Balkans

II. Psychosocial Dynamics and Cohesion

- Mental Health and Social Resilience in Post-Conflict Communities
- Youth Migration and Its Socio-Psychological Impacts
- Interethnic Relations and Building Inclusive Communities
- Stress, Well-being, and Adaptation in Transitional Societies
- Multiculturalism challenges in psychological perspective

III. Transformative and Inclusive Education

- Education for Civic Engagement and Democratic Participation
- Multilingual Education Policies in the Western Balkans

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- Digital Literacy and Lifelong Learning Across Generations
- Innovative Teaching Methods for Interdisciplinary Competences
- Special Education
- Linguistics Role for Instrumental and Integrative Reasons
- Collaborative Online Learning (COIL)

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts (maximum 250 words) should be submitted in English no later than **13 April 2026**, and must include:

- Title of the contribution;
- Author's name, affiliation, and email;
- Up to five keywords;
- Formatted in Times New Roman font, 1.5 spacing, 12 pt.

The abstract should clearly outline the research question, methodology, and preliminary results if available. Submissions and queries should be sent to the official conference email address: konferencafshsh2026@albanianuniversity.edu.al

Key dates and information:

Abstracts due:	13 April 2026
Notice of acceptance:	20 April 2026
Conference organizer:	Faculty of Social Sciences, AU
Conference language:	English
Conference venue:	Albanian University & Online (Hybrid)
Conference fee:	N/A
Conference date:	29 April 2026
Full paper submission:	20 May 2026
Publication type:	Book of Proceedings (ISBN)
Contact information:	konferencafshsh2026@albanianuniversity.edu.al

We look forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you to an engaging, collaborative, and impactful discussion on strengthening governance, resilience, and education in the EU integration process!

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