
UPF Albania partner in organizing International Scientific Conference

10 – 11 November 2023, Vlora - Albania

With the invitation of The Albanian Institute of Sociology, Universal Peace Federation was one of the 17 organizing partners of the International Scientific Conference held in Vlora – Albania on 10th and 11th of November 2023, entitled "Social Capital & Public Sphere in Contemporary Society".

The conference brought together representatives from 22 countries, including 154 papers from 245 authors, co-authors and contributors. The opening plenary and working sessions of the conference took place at the facilities of “Ismail Qemali” University in Vlora.

At the end of the opening ceremony of the conference, in the presence of over 250 professors, researchers, academic staff and students, with the proposal of the Albanian Institute of Sociology, Universal Peace Federation awarded seven professors with the title "Ambassador for Peace", for their contribution in the academic field.

The awardees presented their papers at the special session “Peace, the Balkan Context”, organized by the Universal Peace Federation and the Balkan Sociological Forum, which took place right after the opening ceremony. The session was moderated by the Chairwoman of IAAP Albania Dr. Saemira Pino, and several students participated along with professors. The papers presented by professors covered diverse aspects of peace, including:

1. “The Study Of War & Peace” – by Prof. Dr. Lek; Sokoli & Dr. Elda Sokoli Kutrolli
2. “Social Capital and Peace” – by Prof. Asoc. Dr. Brunilda Zenelaga
3. “Family - the first institution of Peace” – by Mr. Gani Rroshi
4. “Peace and religion” – by Prof. Dr. Irena Nikaj
5. “The Education and Peace” – by Prof. Asoc. Dr. Besim Gollopeni
6. “Spirituality and Peace” – by Prof. Asoc. Dr. Ernestina Gergji Halili
7. “The search for Peace in Apocalyptic Times: New and old Puzzles in the world and Balkans” – by Prof. Dr. Ali Pajaziti

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all professors for their papers and especially Prof. Dr. Leke Sokoli and the Albanian Institute of Sociology, for the organization of this very meaningful conference, along with other prominent partners.

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