



University of Library Studies and Information Technologies – ULSIT, Sofia
"Culture, Historical Heritage and Tourism" Department
Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Partnership

12TH "HARMONY IN DIVERSITY" SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
December 10th, 2025
University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, Sofia

First Call for Papers

The 12th "Harmony in Diversity" Scientific Conference is organized by the "Culture, Historical Heritage and Tourism" Department at the ULSIT in partnership with the Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Partnership.

The Conference will be held in person and online in Sofia on the Human Rights Day (December 10th) – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The conference aims to enable an academic dialogue between academic scholars and experts from the practice of topics such as:

- *human rights and their protection;*
- *religious communities, religious dialogue, religious pluralism;*
- *cultural dialogue, cultural influences, cultural transfer;*
- *cultural differences and human rights;*
- *ethnic communities, ethnic cohabitation;*
- *cultural differences as a value related to age, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, physical or mental health, etc.;*
- *social distances and stereotypes*
- *the image of the Other*

The interdisciplinary studies and practically oriented papers sharing experience and best practices are welcomed.

We encourage participation of scholars, lecturers, postgraduates and doctoral students from universities and scientific institutes, experts from public sector and NGOs, leaders and members of religious and ethnic communities, media representatives and others.

Original papers, which not been presented in other forums and not been issued before, will be accepted. Participation with one own and one joint paper is permissible. No participation or web access fees are required. Organizers do not cover travel and accommodation costs.

Paper proposals will be accepted up to **April 25th, 2025** at the following link

<https://forms.gle/6FnmkYz7nvuVhB4S9>

Paper proposals will be selected by the Editorial Board of the "Harmony in Diversity" Series.

Approved papers are published **before** the Conference in a peer-reviewed digital volume, indexed at the Central and Eastern European Online Library (CEEOL).

The selected papers should be submitted **by July 31st, 2025**.

Important deadlines

- sending the paper proposal – **April 25th, 2025**
- notification of acceptance or rejection - **May 25th, 2025**
- sending of the selected papers – **July 31st, 2025**
- sending the Conference program – **November 15th, 2025**

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