

# ACADEMY OF APPLIED STUDIES SIRMIMUM

Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia

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## INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC-PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE “Theory and Practice in the Contemporary Educational Context: Challenges and Perspectives” (TPCE 2026)

October 15–16, 2026 • Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING ABSTRACTS, FULL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### I. ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts must be submitted in **English**. Each author may submit no more than **two abstracts** for the Conference.

Authors choose one thematic area:

1. Area 1: Contemporary Education, Professional Development of Preschool, Primary and Secondary School Teachers – Integration of Theory and Practice
2. Area 2: Digital Technologies, IT Education, and Artificial Intelligence
3. Area 3: Education, Economy, Management, and Competences for the Future
4. Area 4: Medicine, Healthcare, and Multidisciplinary Education

#### General Instructions for Preparing the Abstract:

- The title should clearly reflect the content of the paper and contain up to 12 words.
- The abstract should contain up to 250 words.
- The abstract should include: context and significance of the problem • aim of the study • methodology • research findings with brief interpretation • conclusions and implications for educational policy and/or practice.
- When presenting research results, statistical values should be indicated where applicable.
- The abstract should not include references.
- At the end of the abstract, 3 to 5 keywords should be listed.

The completed application form should be submitted by **June 15, 2026**, and the abstract should be submitted by **July 5, 2026** to: [konferencija2026@vs-sirmium.sm.ac.rs](mailto:konferencija2026@vs-sirmium.sm.ac.rs)

Authors will receive notification of abstract acceptance no later than **August 15, 2026**.

#### II. FULL PAPER FORMATTING GUIDELINES

Full papers should be submitted after the Conference, no later than **October 31, 2026**, to: [konferencija2026@vs-sirmium.sm.ac.rs](mailto:konferencija2026@vs-sirmium.sm.ac.rs)

## Formatting Requirements:

<b>Paper length</b>	8–12 pages (including references, tables, and figures)
<b>Page size</b>	A4
<b>Font</b>	Times New Roman
<b>Font size (body text)</b>	12 pt
<b>Line spacing</b>	1 (single)
<b>Margins</b>	2.5 cm all sides
<b>Title font size</b>	14 pt, bold, centred
<b>Author(s) and affiliation</b>	12 pt, centred, below title
<b>Abstract in paper</b>	150–250 words at the start of the paper
<b>Referencing style</b>	APA 7th edition
<b>File format</b>	MS Word (.docx)
<b>Language</b>	English (Serbian also accepted)

Papers should include the following sections: Introduction, Theoretical Background / Literature Review, Methodology, Results and Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgements (if applicable), Funding Statement, Conflict of Interest Statement, References. Detailed author guidelines and a MS Word template will be available on the Conference website. Authors must use the official template. Figures and tables must be numbered consecutively, include a descriptive caption, and be cited in the text. Abbreviations: at first occurrence spell out the full term followed by the abbreviation in parentheses.

## III. PRESENTATION FORMATS

### a) Plenary Sessions

Plenary presentations are by invitation of the Program Committee. Duration: 30 minutes including discussion. Technical support for multimedia presentations (PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.) is provided.

### b) Oral Presentations

Authors present their papers in one of the thematic sections. Duration: **15 minutes** for the presentation + **5 minutes** for discussion. Authors bring their presentations on the day of the Conference. Technical support for multimedia presentations is provided.

### c) Poster Presentations

Poster presentations are prepared using graphic design software. Requirements:

- Maximum dimensions: 0.9 m × 0.9 m
- The poster must be readable from a distance of at least 1.5 metres
- Authors must be present at their poster during the designated thematic session
- Content should convey the main ideas through text, photographs, charts, tables, and drawings
- Authors bring printed posters to the Conference

*A special poster session will be dedicated to young researchers (students).*

#### **d) Virtual / Online Presentations**

Intended for participants unable to attend in person. Presentations are delivered via video link (synchronized video and PowerPoint/Prezi). All presentations will be available to participants during and after the Conference.

Deadline for submitting virtual presentations: **September 15, 2026**.

### **IV. ETHICS AND PLAGIARISM POLICY**

By submitting a paper, authors confirm that:

- The paper represents their own original work and has not been previously published (except as an abstract or part of a thesis).
- The paper is not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- All authors have agreed to its submission and publication.
- The paper does not contain plagiarised material. Authors are encouraged to use plagiarism-detection tools (e.g. Turnitin, iThenticate, Copyscape) prior to submission.
- The research has been conducted in accordance with ethical standards applicable to the field.

Papers found to contain significant plagiarism or to violate ethical standards will be rejected without review.

### **V. INDEXING AND PUBLICATION**

All accepted and positively reviewed papers will be published in the **Book of Abstracts** (with its own ISBN) and the **Proceedings of the Conference** (with its own ISBN), published after the Conference in online form. Proceedings will be submitted for indexing in relevant international databases (CEEOL and others).

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