

ACADEMY OF APPLIED STUDIES SIRMIMUM

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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

INVITATION LETTER

The **Academy of Applied Studies Sirmium** from Sremska Mitrovica, in cooperation with the **Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade**, and with the support of the **Provincial Secretariat for Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina**, cordially invites you to participate in the:

International Scientific-Professional Conference “Theory and Practice in the Contemporary Educational Context: Challenges and Perspectives” (TPCE 2026)

The aim of the Conference is to bring together researchers, practitioners, educators, policy makers, and students from various scientific fields in order to exchange knowledge, experiences, and good practice examples related to current challenges and development perspectives in contemporary education.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We invite:

- University and college faculty involved in educating future educators and professionals
- Researchers and scientists from the fields of education, digital technologies, economics, medicine, and related disciplines
- Policy makers and representatives of relevant institutions and ministries
- Practitioners working in preschool, primary, secondary, and higher education institutions, and in healthcare
- PhD, master's, and specialist students presenting the results of their research
- Representatives of professional associations and civil society

ACCREDITATION

The Conference will be submitted for accreditation as a form of continuing professional development (CPD) for education practitioners and academics, in accordance with applicable regulations.

THEMATIC AREAS

Thematic Area 1: Contemporary Education, Professional Development of Preschool, Primary and Secondary School Teachers – Integration of Theory and Practice

- Interdisciplinary approaches to the development of educational programmes in various educational contexts
- Professional identity, reputation, and continuous professional development of educators in contemporary society
- Innovative teaching methods and the integration of theory and practice in enhancing the quality of educational institutions
- Inclusion, equity, and media literacy in the educational context and upbringing
- Reflective practice and practitioner research in the function of improving educational work

Thematic Area 2: Digital Technologies, IT Education, and Artificial Intelligence

- Contemporary approaches to teaching programming, software engineering, and connecting education with the IT industry
- Application of artificial intelligence, ICT, and educational technologies in teaching
- Digital transformation of education and the development of digital competences
- Application of digital technologies in the educational and family context: opportunities, risks, and contemporary trends

Thematic Area 3: Education, Economy, Management, and Competences for the Future

- Financing models in education, lifelong learning, upskilling, and reskilling
- Education as a factor of sustainable economic development and social responsibility
- Management in education and leadership in a changing environment and the development of key competences for the future
- Marketing in education and strategic positioning of educational institutions

Thematic Area 4: Medicine, Healthcare, and Multidisciplinary Education

- Contemporary models of education in the field of healthcare: challenges, perspectives, and the integration of theory with clinical practice
- Connecting theory, clinical practice, and digital innovations in healthcare
- Interdisciplinary cooperation between educational and healthcare institutions in the promotion of health and disease prevention
- Neurophysiological, cognitive, and biopsychosocial aspects of physical activity in the context of health and education
- Kinesiological aspects of physical activity and their importance for health and education

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

PRESENTATION FORMATS

- Plenary sessions (30 min) — by invitation of the Scientific Committee
- Oral presentations (15 min + 5 min discussion)
- Poster presentations (max. 0.9 m × 0.9 m)
- Virtual / online presentations (via video link – 15 min + 5 min discussion)

IMPORTANT DATES

Application for participation (application form)	June 15, 2026
Abstract submission	July 5, 2026
Notification of abstract acceptance	August 15, 2026
Virtual presentation submission deadline	September 15, 2026
Conference dates	October 15–16, 2026
Full paper submission deadline	October 31, 2026
Publication of Proceedings	After the Conference

CONFERENCE FEE No conference fee

PUBLICATION

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

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages of the Conference are **English** and the languages in official use in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Croatia.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants requiring accommodation are recommended to contact the following hotels in Sremska Mitrovica:

- Hotel Srem, Fruškogorska bb, tel: 022/638-216, www.hotelsrem.com
- Hotel Gracian, Kralja Aleksandra Karađorđevića 16B, 0222444555, <https://hotelgracian.rs/>
- Santa Villa & restaurant, Kuzminska 9, 022636999, <https://santa.rs/>
- B & B Atrium, Kralja Petra I 5/11, tel: 022/612-613, www.atriumprenociste.rs

DATA PROTECTION

By submitting the application form, participants consent to the processing of their personal data exclusively for the purposes of organizing the Conference, in accordance with applicable data protection regulations (GDPR and the Law on Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Serbia).

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