



INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

***ANTI-FASCISM BETWEEN MEMORY AND OBLIVION
(ON THE OCCASION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SESSION OF ANTI-FASCIST
ASSEMBLY FOR THE NATIONAL LIBERATION OF MACEDONIA)***

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MACEDONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Marking significant anniversaries is an occasion to recall successes and victories, but also to note losses and defeats and to pay tribute to the victims. For these reasons, in 2024, when 80 years have passed since the First Session of ASNOM, the Institute of National History and the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts are organizing the International Scientific Conference “Anti-Fascism between Memory and Oblivion (on the Occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the First Session of Anti-fascist Assembly for the National Liberation of Macedonia)”.

The focus of the international Scientific Conference will be on topics related to the First Session of ASNOM, but also on the victory achieved in the National Liberation and Anti-Fascist War. Naturally, other events from 1944 will also be covered, such as the enemy’s winter offensive in Meglen, the February military campaign, the Spring Offensive, the final operations for the liberation of Macedonia, the establishment of the authorities of the people’s power and important state-building institutions. In addition, it is expected that the conference will address events significant for the history of global anti-fascism in general and the perspectives on the contemporary treatment of fascism and anti-fascism from various aspects will be presented.

Today, eight decades after the holding of the First Session of ASNOM, it is difficult to express all the values of this key historical event given the multifaceted, lasting, and universal nature of the decisions made at the Session. Therefore, the Organizing Committee of the International Scientific Conference invites scholars from various scientific disciplines to contribute to the marking of the jubilee of this significant historical event.

Papers are welcomed to the following theses of discussion:

- Anti-Fascist ideas, movement and practices
- Global anti-fascism and various national and local contexts
- Anti-Fascist principles and cultural interpretation
- Manifestations of anti-fascism
- Anti-fascism, holidays, and monuments
- Anti-fascism and historical reinterpretation
- Concepts, programs, and projects for the state formation of Macedonia
- State concepts of the Macedonians in the 1930s
- The anti-fascist movement in Macedonia (1938 – 1941)
- The Macedonian national liberation movement before and during the World War II
- The Balkans, Yugoslavia, and Macedonia in the World War II
- Yugoslavia between the idea of Monarchy and Republic
- The uprising and development of the NOAVM (1941 – 1945)
- The organs of the people's power in the NOAVM
- From AVNOJ to ASNOM
- AVNOJ and the creation of Macedonia as a state within the frame of the Yugoslav Federation
- Individuals as participants in the NOAV in Yugoslavia and in Macedonia
- Macedonians in the anti-fascist struggle in Greece and Bulgaria
- Anti-Fascism and the Macedonian state continuity
- Anti-Fascism as the basis for the idea of a Balkan federation
- The First, Second, and the Third Session of ASNOM
- The Macedonian language up until its official proclamation as the official language in the Macedonian state at the First Session of ASNOM
- The Macedonian national question in the World War II
- The Macedonian question in international relations at the time of the First Session of ASNOM

- ASNOM and the organization of the government system (economic, cultural-educational, healthcare, social, etc. policies)
- The reaction to ASNOM among other Yugoslav and Balkan peoples
- Human losses, military and material damages in the Balkans, Yugoslavia, and Macedonia in World War II
- Legal proceedings against members of the defeated forces in the NOAV in Yugoslavia and Macedonia
- The Paris Peace Conference, the Balkans, Yugoslavia, and Macedonia
- Reconstruction and rebuilding of Macedonia after World War II
- State policy and the recollections of the NOAV in Yugoslavia and Macedonia
- The State Security Service and members of the defeated forces in the NOAV in Yugoslavia and Macedonia
- NOAVM and ASNOM in historiography and in history teaching
- NOAVM in collective memory
- ASNOM and historical memory
- Traditions of ASNOM in the Macedonian diaspora
- NOAVM and ASNOM as inspiration in Macedonian artistic creation
- Historical and state traditions of ASNOM
- ASNOM as a foundation for human rights and freedoms in the Republic of Macedonia
- The contemporary Macedonian state – two stages in the process of its formation and development: 1941/1991 – 1991/2024

Registration:

The title and abstract (maximum of 300 words) of the presentation should be sent to the Secretary of the Conference, prof. Aleksandar Simonovski to the following address: a.simonovski84@yahoo.com

The abstracts should include the author's name and surname, affiliation, and contact email address.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **30th June 2024.**

Notification of acceptance: **15th July 2024.**

The time allocated for presenting papers is limited to 10 minutes.

Working languages: Macedonian and English.

The conference will take place in a hybrid format (in-person and via an online platform).

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Positively peer reviewed papers will be published in a Proceedings of the Conference.



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