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PROGRAM

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9.00 – 10.00	Registration of participants
10.00 – 12.00	Opening of the Congress and Plenary Session - Aula
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PANEL SESSIONS

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9.00 – 10.30	Third session
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Fourth session
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Fifth session
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
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09.00 – 10.30	Seventh session
11.00 – 13.00	Closing of the Congress

Presentation time – 10 minutes

Panel 1

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

Moderators: Professor Irina Zinovieva, Professor Stanislava Stoyanova, Associate Professor Penka Hristova, Associate Professor Zornitsa Totkova

FIRST SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 41

09.00 – 10.30

A PILOT STUDY OF THE SOTO AND JOHN'S BIG FIVE INVENORY BFI-2 PSYCHOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS ON A BULGARIAN STUDENT SAMPLE – *Polina Goudeva*

DRIVING ANGER AND ITS EXPRESSION IN BULGARIA: PSYCHOMETRIC PROPERTIES OF THE MAD AND DAX INSTRUMENTS – *Zornitsa Totkova*

APPROBATION OF A SHORT PROPENSITY TO TRUST AI SCALE IN A BULGARIAN CULTURAL CONTEXT – *Elena Tsankova, Ergyul Tair*

A PILOT STUDY OF THE PSYCHOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ANTISOCIAL ATTITUDES SCALE IN A BULGARIAN SOCIOCULTURAL CONTEXT – *Adelina Yankova, Nikolay Ivanov*

MONETARY DECISION-MAKING UNDER RISK – *Valentin Stoilov, Damyana Ivanova*

RELATIONAL NEEDS SATISFACTION SCALE: ADAPTATION OF THE BULGARIAN VERSION – *Sezgin Bekir, Svetlana Velkova*

PSYCHOMETRIC PROPERTIES IN A BULGARIAN CONTEXT OF THE DICKMAN IMPULSIVITY INVENTORY, SHORT FORM (DII-S) – *Rumyana Kareva*

SECOND SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 41

11.00 – 12.30

MORAL TRADE-OFFS IN EVERYDAY AI USE: NEGOTIATING CONVENIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND INTEGRITY – *Daria Khodakivska, Yolina Petrova*

MIND OR MACHINE? DISTINGUISHING AI-GENERATED FROM HUMAN THERAPIST RESPONSES – *Lora Winkler, Yolina Petrova*

MEANING IN LIFE AND THE WORLD (OF WARCRAFT): THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEANING IN LIFE AND TIME SPENT PLAYING MMORPGs – *Pavel Petkov, Yolina Petrova*

THE VACCINE CONSPIRACY BELIEFS SCALE: PSYCHOMETRIC PROPERTIES AND VALIDATION OF A BULGARIAN ADAPTATION – *Maurice Grinberg, Evgeniya Hristova*

A SHORT SCALE FOR MEASURING THE FACETS OF THE BIG FIVE (IPIP–NEO–60): INITIAL DATA ON THE PSYCHOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BULGARIAN VERSION –*Martin Yankov*

MORAL CHOICES IN ALLOCATING SCARCE LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT: THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS – *Evgeniya Hristova, Maurice Grinberg*

PERSONALITY, MUSICAL PREFERENCES AND MOOD REGULATION WITH MUSIC – *Viktor Milkov, Daniel Petrov*

THIRD SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 41

14.00 – 15.30

NARCISSISM, NEED FOR UNIQUENESS, AND CONSPIRACY BELIEFS: AN EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF THE ROLE OF SOCIAL CONTEXT – *Veselina Kadreva, Doriana Stoyanova*

STUDYING THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN NARCISSISM AND BELIEF IN CONSPIRACY THEORIES – *Stefani Petkova, Veselina Kadreva*

DREAMS, ATTACHMENT, AND PERSONALITY: AN INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC DIFFERENCES – *Krista Peneva*

APPLICATION OF BIOFEEDBACK FOR HEART RATE VARIABILITY IN COGNITIVE PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY – *Julian Haralampiev*

SOCIAL SUPPORT AND EMOTION REGULATION AS FACTORS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE – *Galina Kabadzhova*

TO GIVE ONE'S TONGUE TO THE CAT: SOMATIC VOCABULARY AS A COGNITIVE SCAFFOLD FOR INFERRING THE FIGURATIVE MEANING OF UNFAMILIAR IDIOMS – *Sophia Simeonova, Elena Andonova*

Panel 2

PSYCHOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

Moderators: Professor Yoana Yankulova, Associate Professor Kamelia Hancheva, Associate Professor Svetlina Koleva, Chief Assistant Professor Ekaterina Dimitrova

FIRST SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 2

13.30 – 15.00

WHEN THE CHILD KNOWS THE CORRECT ANSWER BUT DOES NOT INTERNALIZE IT. A PSYCHOLOGICAL FORMULATION OF SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES IN A SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL – *Vesela Krusteva-Simeonova, Svetlina Koleva*

ALONG THE PATH OF THE DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS – *Desislava Maslinkova, Dora Simeonova, Lyubomir Manolov*

FORMS OF AGGRESSION AND CYBERVICTIMIZATION IN EARLY ADOLESCENCE: GENDER DIFFERENCES AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS – *Joana-Maria Bochukova*

SCHOOL BULLYING AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION AS CHALLENGES TO INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AMONG STUDENTS – *Gabriela Trendafilova, Hristo Yordanov*

SCHADENFREUDE OR SYMPATHY? AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EMOTIONAL RESPONSE IN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN – *Svetlina Koleva*

BEYOND PARENTING STRESS: COPING WITH THE DEMANDS OF RAISING A CHILD WITH A NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER– *Daniel Bosilkov*

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE IN CHILDREN TRANSITIONING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERVENTION THROUGH THE “HOME OF MY EMOTIONS” PROGRAM – *Boryana Teodosieva*

SECOND SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 2

15.30 – 18.00

PARENTING STRESS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE AMONG PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ADHD: A COMPARATIVE STUDY – *Elissavet Giannopoulou, Constantina Demetriou*

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CATEGORISATION SKILLS AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS IN 5-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN – *Vania Dimova, Milena Mutafchieva*

MEASURING THE EFFECT OF PSYCHODRAMA WITH CHILDREN AS A THERAPEUTIC METHOD ON EXTERNALISED PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 12 – *Maksimiliana Yanakieva, Milena Mutafchieva*

EXAMINING THE RELATIONSHIP OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE IN TWO KINDS OF RELATIONAL MATCH-TO-SAMPLE TASKS AND RECEPTIVE VOCABULARY SIZE – *Margarita Pavlova, Stefka Yoncheva*

CAN A BRIEF TRAINING INCREASE RELATIONAL MATCHING IN PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN? – *Margarita Pavlova*

THE IMPACT OF THE PHENOMENON OF VOLUNTEERISM THROUGH THE LENS OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY ADULTHOOD – *Ekaterina Ivanova-Petrova*

ATTITUDES TOWARD KINDERGARTEN AND SOCIO-EMOTIONAL SKILLS IN PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN – *Mihaela Barokova, Elena Andonova, Sophia Simeonova*

THIRD SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 2

11.00 – 12.30

ROBOTIC TECHNOLOGIES IN MEDIATION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT: FORMS, LEVELS AND BOUNDARIES OF TECHNOLOGICAL MEDIATOR PARTICIPATION – *Denis Nikiforov, Majana Mitevska*

SCALES FOR MEASURING OPTIMISM AND LOCUS OF CONTROL: A STUDY OF MOTIVATION AMONG STUDENTS – *Denis Nikiforov, Majana Mitevska*

HOW CAN TRAINING CHANGE 4-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN'S UNDERSTANDING OF AN UNFAMILIAR LIVING OBJECT? RESULTS FROM AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY – *Radostina Stoyanova-Shyrayev*

PROBLEMATIC INTERNET USE AMONG ADOLESCENTS: LINKS TO PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING AND ACADEMIC MOTIVATION – *Yoana Yankulova, Hristiyana Dzhumadanova, Petar Tsvetkov, Magdalena Stancheva, Aneliya Todorova, Viktor Botsov, Georgi Demirov*

PROBLEMATIC INTERNET USE AMONG ADOLESCENTS: THE ROLE OF PERCEIVED PARENTAL AUTONOMY SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC MOTIVATION – *Yoana Yankulova, Hristiyana Dzhumadanova, Petar Tsvetkov, Mihaela Laleva, Preslava Nikolova, Radoslav Dzhumaliev, David Georgiev*

PSYCHOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF NEURODEVELOPMENTAL INDICATORS IN 9-MONTH-OLD CHILDREN – *Elena Timova, Ivan Ivanov, Radka Masaldzhieva, Angel Dzhambov*

HUMAN–ARTIFICIAL AGENT INTERACTION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE: THE POTENTIAL OF AN AI-BASED VIRTUAL AGENT WITH ACCESS TO RELIABLE KNOWLEDGE SOURCES – *Paulina Tsvetkova*

FOURTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 2

14.00 – 15.30

PARENTAL BURNOUT AND ASSESSMENT OF CHILD FUNCTIONING WITH ASEBA – *Camellia Hancheva, Aneta Atanasova, Boyana Petkova, Boryana Teodosieva, Vania Racheva, Svetlana Kraleva, Pavlinka Popova, Rosica Demireva*

AGE DYNAMICS OF PROBLEMS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSED WITH ASEBA – *Aneta Atanasova, Camellia Hancheva, Pavlinka Popova, Svetlana Kraleva, Boryana Teodosieva, Boyana Petkova, Vania Racheva, Rosica Demireva*

THE MEDIATING ROLE OF PERCEIVED PEER ACCEPTANCE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMOTIONAL SELF-EFFICACY AND SELF-ESTEEM IN ADOLESCENTS – *Veronika Mihaylova, Kristina Gotseva-Balgaranova*

DON’T PASS ON PASSIVE LEARNING: READING EXPLANATIONS PROMOTES LEARNING OF COMPLEX CAUSAL CATEGORIES – *Yoana Velikova, Margarita Pavlova*

APPLICATION OF TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS IDEAS IN TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL ACTYVITY – *Gergana Slavcheva-Andonova*

RELATEDNESS SUPPORT, COMPETENCE SUPPORT, AUTONOMY SUPPORT, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SENSE OF SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AMONG ADOLESCENTS: A PILOT STUDY – *Iliyana Kiradzhieva, Stiliyan Krastev*

DARK TRIAD, SCHADENFREUDE AND SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING IN ADOLESCENCE – *Maria Ilieva*

FIFTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 2

16.00 – 18.00

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE SOEMOEI PROJECT: REASONS FOR REJECTION BY PEERS IN EARLY YEARS EDUCATION – *Paula Molinero-González, Luis J. Martín-Antón, Raquel Martínez Sinovas, Irene González Díez, Luisa María Arias Lozano*

IMPACT OF A TRAINING PROGRAM ON THE REDUCTION OF PEER REJECTION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – *Luis J. Martín-Antón, Paula Molinero-González, José Luis Rodríguez Sáez, Angela Pascual Miguel, Diego Olivar-Aldudo*

SHORT VERSION OF THE HORNEY-COOLIDGE INVENTORY FOR ADOLESCENCE – *Plamen Kalchev*

RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE AMONG BULGARIAN YOUTHS – PILOT STUDY – *Maria Ivanova, Ilina Nacheva, Maria Stoykova*

PERSONALITY TRAITS, MUSIC PREFERENCES, AND EMOTION REGULATION STRATEGIES IN EMERGING ADULTHOOD. A PILOT STUDY – *Veneta Tomova*

ACADEMIC PROCRASTINATION AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: THE ROLE OF TRAIT ANXIETY AND SELF-ESTEEM – *Martin Tsenov*

THE „FATE OR DESTINY“ BOARD GAME: A GAMIFICATION OF EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE – *Krasen Ferdinandov*

SIXTH SESSION

1 November 2026, Hall 2

09.00 – 10.30

HOW COGNITIVE STYLE CONTRIBUTES TO THE FLOURISHING? – *Krasen Ferdinandov*

PICTURE TEST FOR ANXIETY ASSESSMENT (PAT): RECONSIDERING THE DEGREE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHILDREN AND PARENTS – *Mihaela Churusinova, Svetlina Koleva*

WHAT DO CHILDREN TELL US? BULGARIA'S FIRST PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING "CHILDREN'S WORLDS" (ISCWeB) – *Nadia Koltcheva, Lyudmila Tsvetkova, Ivanka Shalapatova, Dimitar Atanasov, Victoria Petrova*

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND THE PRESCHOOL YEARS IN BULGARIA: COMMON PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES (2017-2023) – *Nadia Koltcheva, Svetla Staykova, Mihaela Barokova, Dimitar Atanasov*

PROMOTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING THROUGH TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: THE BE-SELF PROJECT – *Nadia Koltcheva*

BULGARIAN ADAPTATION OF AN INSTRUMENT FOR MEASURING THE MUSICAL ENVIRONMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: PILOT DATA – *Svetla Petrova*

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IN THE PERCEPTION OF BULGARIANS IN ADULTHOOD – *Plamen Minchev*

ADHD AND DIGITALLY RELATED ATTENTION DIFFICULTIES IN ADOLESCENTS – *Vanesa Filipov*

Panel 3

CLINICAL, COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

Moderators: Professor Vanya Matanova, Professor Emilia Alexieva, Professor Rumyana Pesheva, Associate Professor Rositsa Racheva

FIRST SESSION

30 October 2026, Conference Hall

13.30 – 15.00

BETWEEN THE LINES AND THE BODY FROM LITERARY IMAGE TO ROLE, BODILY EXPERIENCE, AND SYMBOLIZATION – *Adriana Dacheva, Ana Boyadzhieva*

NEUROFEEDBACK AS A TOOL FOR OPTIMIZING BRAIN FUNCTIONS – *Natasha Angelova, Gergana Stanoeva, Vanya Karadimova*

PSYCHOLOGICAL VULNERABILITY, MEDICAL TRAUMA, AND MALADAPTIVE BEHAVIORS IN PATIENTS WITH ACUTE AND CHRONIC ILLNESSES – *Stanimira Kamcheva*

WHEN THE "BABY BLUES" CEASES TO BE AN ADAPTIVE RESPONSE – *Zdravka Anina, Rumyana Krumova-Pesheva*

CLINICAL OBSERVATION AND PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC VALIDITY IN ADOLESCENTS – *Valeria Ivanova*

ОЦЕНКА IMPACT EVALUATION OF THE EVIDENCE-BASED TRAUMA STABILISATION PROGRAMME (EBTS) FOR REFUGEEYS, ASYLUM SEEKING AND IMMIGRANT FAMILES – *Milena Mutafchieva, Vania Dimova*

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TRANSFORMATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL GAME AS A TOOL FOR GROUP WORK: RESULTS FROM A PILOT COMPARATIVE STUDY – *Yulia Glushkova*

SECOND SESSION

30 October 2026, Conference Hall

15.30 – 18.00

PRAGMATIC COMPETENCE AND CONVERSATIONAL SUPPORT IN MID-STAGE DEMENTIA – *Marie Todorova, Felix Diaz*

THE THERAPIST IN THE ERA OF AUTONOMOUS AI AGENTS: COMPETENCIES, ETHICS AND THE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF FUTURE PSYCHOTHERAPY – *Bartłomiej Głowacki*

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL INTERVENTIONS DURING THE MENOPAUSAL TRANSITION – *Velislava Truhcheva*

SUPEREGO FORMATION: FIRST ENCOUNTERS WITH AUTHORITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LATER AUTHORITARIAN ATTITUDES – *Angel Grigorov*

DIFFERENCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND SKILLS AMONG PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 5–7, DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF SETTLEMENT – CITY/VILLAGE – *Stefka Gigova*

POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH AND RELIGIOUS FACTORS IN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT OF PEOPLE CARING FOR A LOVED ONE WITH A SERIOUS DIAGNOSIS – *Dimitar Tsvetkov, Teodora Stoeva*

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES – *Rositsa Racheva*

THIRD SESSION

31 October 2026, Conference Hall

09.00 – 10.30

PERSONALITY ORGANIZATION AS A PREDICTOR OF THE EMOTIONAL AND COGNITIVE ASPECTS OF SLEEP – *Krista Peneva*

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE: HISTORICAL ROOTS, THEORETICAL DEBATE, AND CONTEMPORARY DEFENSE – *Nataliya Shulika, Rositsa Racheva*

ADAPTATION AND VALIDATION OF QUESTIONNAIRES FOR SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS AND VICARIOUS POSTTRAUMATIC GROWTH – *Mina Nedelcheva-Datsova*

MORPHOLOGICAL AWARENESS AND READING MODELS IN DYSLEXIA – THEORETICAL AND CLINICAL CHALLENGES – *Ekaterina Todorova*

STEPFAMILIES: A SYSTEMIC PERSPECTIVE ON CHILD ADJUSTMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS FOLLOWING PARENTAL SEPARATION – *Michaela Kontou*

THE POWER OF BELONGING: THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY IN MENTAL HEALTH – *Michaela Kontou*

C-SCORE-26: AN INSTRUMENT FOR ASSESSING COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS – A PILOT STUDY OF THE BULGARIAN VERSION, COMMUNITY SAMPLE – *Anna Joukivskaia, Camellia Hancheva, Anneta Nikolova*

FOURTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Conference Hall

11.00 – 12.30

TRUST IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS A TOOL FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AMONG PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOTHERAPISTS:A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN BULGARIA AND THE NETHERLANDS – *Anna Kechedzhieva, Ivanka Georgieva*

DIGITAL PLEASURE #SEXANDTHESOCIAL. A NEW ERA – *Michele Spaccarotella*

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE AND BURNAUT IN THE SPHERE OF SOCIAL SERVICES – *Aneliya Miloshova, Natasha Angelova*

AUTISM IN GIRLS AND FEMALE ADOLESCENTS: CHALLENGES IN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT – *Diana Gergova, Svetla Staykova*

AFFECTIVE NEUROSCIENCE PERSONALITY SCALES (ANPS) IN INTEGRATIVE CLINICAL PRACTICE: A NEUROPSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH TO CLINICAL FORMULATION – *Martin Kolev, Elena Shahanova*

THE AB MODEL: THE GAIN AND LOSS PRINCIPLE IN PSYCHOTHERAPY – *Atanas Atanasov, Blagorodna Bouneva*

FROM SILENCE TO DIGITAL SHARING: GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES IN THE EXPERIENCE OF GRIEF – *Ventsislav Angelov*

FIFTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Conference Hall

14.00 – 15.30

MENTALIZING, EMPATHY AND COPING STRATEGIES IN ADOLESCENCE: AN EXPLORATORY PROFILE ANALYSIS – *Camellia Hancheva, Simona Dikova*

IMPLEMENTING A DIMENSIONAL MODEL OF PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT IN A UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING CENTER: INTEGRATING PERSONALITY FUNCTIONING, MALADAPTIVE TRAITS, AND PROBLEMS IN LIVING – *Camellia Hancheva*

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BODY IMAGE AND PERSONALITY FUNCTIONING – *Boris Dzhazhev, Nikolay Bonev*

PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA AND DISSOCIATIVE STATES: INITIAL RESULTS OF THE ADAPTATION OF THE DISSOCIATIVE SYMPTOM SCALE – *Elka Angelova, Georgi Karastoyanov*

LANGUAGE AND TERMINOLOGY ON AUTISM IN THE BULGARIAN CONTEXT: INITIAL RESULTS FROM A DOCUMENT ANALYSIS WITH AN INCLUSIVE PERSPECTIVE – *Svetla Staykova, Milena Mihaylova, Katerina Shtereva, Maria Stancheva, Gabriela Stoyanova, Nikolay Balev*

EXPERIENTIAL APPROACHES IN CONTEMPORARY CLINICAL PRACTICE: INTEGRATING SOCIOMETRY AND SCHEMA THERAPY – *Violeta Azis, Atanaska Katrandzhieva*

CLINICAL INTERNSHIP AS A MODEL FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAINING IN PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION WITH HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS – *Violeta Azis*

A PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC APPROACH BASED ON THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM – *Stanka Mihalkova*

SIXTH SESSION

1 November 2026, Conference Hall

09.00 – 10.30

ALEXITHYMIA AND DIFFICULTIES IN EMOTIONAL REGULATION IN IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME - PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF A CLINICAL CASE – *Fotka Georgieva*

PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT OFFICE AT BURGAS STATE UNIVERSITY "PROF. DR. ASSEN ZLATAROV" – REVIEW AND PERSPECTIVES – *Bilyana Velikova-Tsonkova*

WHEN THE BODY SPEAKS: ATTACHMENT AND SOMATIZATION IN CHILDHOOD – *Vanya Matanova*

THE RITUAL OF PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC VISITS – "PARACLINICAL" PHENOMENA – *Rumyana Krumova-Pesheva*

THE EMERGENCE OF SUBJECTIVITY WITHIN THE PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP IN PSYCHOSIS: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF A CASE OF DELUSIONAL PREGNANCY – *Miglena Kalendzhieva*

ACCEPTABILITY AND SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCES FOLLOWING PROGRESSIVE MUSCLE RELAX ATION AMONG PATIENTS IN A PSYCHIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL – *Miglena Kalendzhieva*

TWO THEATRES OF ADDICTION: FROM PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE USE TO THE HEMODIALYSIS APPARATUS. A PSYCHOANALYTIC PERSPECTIVE – *Valentin Sabev, Rumyana Krumova-Pesheva*

THE COVID EFFECT – BETWEEN REALITY AND EXPERIENCE – *Margarita Atanasova, Emilia Aleksieva*

EXAMINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INHIBITION DIFFICULTIES AND AGGRESSION IN INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: A SCALE DEVELOPMENT STUDY – *Nilay Colak, Gulbahar Bastug, Erguvan Tugba Ozel Kizil, Koray Hamza Cihan*

PERCEIVED STRESS AND SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, AND STRESS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES – *Ida Vokshi*

Panel 4

CRIMINAL AND LEGAL PSYCHOLOGY

Moderators: Associate Professor Nedelcho Stoychev, Associate Professor Emil Madjarov

FIRST SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 2

09.00 – 10.30

SPECIFIC FEATURES OF THE PERSONALITY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF OFFENDERS ENGAGED IN PROFITEERING IN MEDICINES – *Emil Madzharov, Emelina Zaimova-Tsaneva, Teodora Toneva*

AGGRESSION AND RISK OF RECIDIVISM IN CONVICTED OFFENDERS OF PROFIT-DRIVEN CRIMES – *Emil Madzharov, Emelina Zaimova-Tsaneva, Stanislava Yancheva*

THE THEORY OF MIND PERSPECTIVE IN EVALUATING VICTIMIZATION OF ADOLESCENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND TYPICALLY DEVELOPING ADOLESCENTS – *Beyza Nur Sarı, Gulbahar Bastug, Fatma Ucar Boyraz, Nilay Colak*

SOCIAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF YOUTH CRIME – *Greta Gavrailova*

A METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING CURRENT PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE THROUGH VOICE AND SPEECH ANALYSIS OF CALLS TO THE 112-EMERGENCY SERVICE – *Ivailo Panov*

Panel 5

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Moderators: Professor Antoaneta Hristova, Professor Ivan Ivanov, Associate Professor Nikolay Dimitrov, Associate Professor Yuri Yanakiev, Associate Professor Ilina Nacheva

FIRST SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 41

15.45 – 18.00

INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ATTACHMENT STYLE AND ATTACHMENT TO DIGITAL COMPANIONS WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILES – *Vili Ilarionova*

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HABITS, ROUTINES, AND MEANING IN LIFE AMONG ADULTS – *Martin Zherkov, Valeria Vitanova*

FROM DISRUPTION TO BELONGING: AN INTEGRATIVE SOCIAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL MODEL OF IDENTITY, RESILIENCE, SOCIAL COHESION, AND DEMOCRACY IN COMMUNITIES WITH MIGRATION DYNAMICS – *Antoaneta Hristova, Diana Bakalova, Ilina Nacheva, Tsvetelina Tsvetanova, Valentina Dolmova*

RELATING INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS OF DEMOCRACY TO CITIZENS' EVALUATIONS OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF BULGARIA, FRANCE, AND HUNGARY – *Ivanina Filipova, Nayden Nikolov*

ADAPTATION OF THE CONFORMITY TO MALE NORMS INVETORY QUESTINNAIRE IN A BULGARIAN SETTING – *Lachezar Velev*

SECOND SESSION

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09.00 – 10.30

CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF USER BEHAVIOR IN DATING APPS – *Avrora Slavova*

INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNICATION AS A RESOURCE FOR WELL-BEING IN LATER ADULTHOOD – *Katerina Valcheva*

THE IMPACT OF BODY IMAGE PERCEPTION AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY ON DISORDERED EATING BEHAVIORS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE – *Dara Tzvetkova, Valeria Vitanova*

THE EMOTIONS OF SOFIA CITIZENS IN THE LIGHT OF JAMES RUSSELL'S CIRCUMPLEX MODEL. DIFFERENCES BY SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS (SEX, AGE, EDUCATION, MARITAL STATUS, HOUSEHOLD INCOME) – *Metodi Koralov*

Panel 6
WORK AND ORGANIZATIONALPSYCHOLOGY

Moderators: Professor Snezhana Ilieva, Professor Ergul Tair, Professor Valeri Stoyanov, Professor Velislava Chavdarova, Assoc. Prof. Irina Topuzova

FIRST SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 1

13.30 – 15.00

MEASUREMENT INVARIANCE OF A BULGARIAN ADAPTATION OF THE SHORT NETWORKING BEHAVIOR SCALE (SNBS) – *Hans-Georg Wolff, Snezhana Ilieva, Sonya Karabeliova*

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, INNOVATION CLIMATE AND INNOVATIVE WORK BEHAVIOR – *Snezhana Ilieva, Dobrin Dobrev*

ORGANIZATIONAL ADDICTION TO CHANGE – MANIFESTATIONS THROUGH ROLE, STRUCTURAL, AND GENERATIONAL ASYMMETRIES – *Polina Yanis*

ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY ASSESSMENT TOOL – THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS AND METHODOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES – *Andrey Simeonov*

TESTING A BULGARIAN ADAPTATION OF THE LEADERSHIP PRACTICES INVENTORY (LPI) BY J. KOUZES AND B. POSNER – *Alexander Pozharliev*

WORK-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE AND PERCEPTIONS OF ARTICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)[THIS RESEARCH PAPER IS PART OF THE PROJECT: RESILIENCE, PSYCHOLOGICAL CAPITAL AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE DIGITAL ERA] – *Bilyana Lyubomirova*

MOTIVATION: JOB SATISFACTION, ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT, PERCEIVED ORGANIZATIONAL JUSTICE AND SUPPORT, JOB STRESSORS AND LEVELS OF STRESS AMONG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR EMPLOYEES – *Irina Yaneva-Damyanova, Andrey Simeonov*

SECOND SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 1

15.30 – 18.00

COMPARISON BETWEEN REAL AND IDEAL PROFILES OF MANAGERS AS A METHOD FOR ASSESSING MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS IN AN ORGANIZATION – *Tsvetelina Bankova, Velislava Chavdarova*

GENERAL AI ATTITUDE EFFECTS ON BURNOUT SYNDROME AND WORK ENGAGEMENT – *Ergyul Tair, Valeri Tododrov, Sezgin Bekir*

ROLE OF PERSONALITY TRAITS IN ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS DEPENDING ON GENDER AND EMPLOYEE POSITION – *Ergyul Tair*

WORK ETHIC AND CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING – *Valentin Stoilov, Damyana Ivanova*

ANTICIPATORY INTEGRATION OF TRAINING AND DIAGNOSTICS. A UNIVERSAL METHODOLOGY FOR DIAGNOSTICS, TRAINING, MOTIVATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BUILDING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS AT WORK – *Sava Dzhonev*

FACTOR STRUCTURE AND RELIABILITY OF THE MANAGEMENT SKILLS ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT: A PILOT STUDY IN THE CONTEXT OF ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE IN THE SECURITY SECTOR – *Simeon Madzharov*

ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND WORKFORCE AGILITY – *Ivailo Iliev*

THIRD SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 1

11.00 – 12.30

CHANGE READINESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL AGILITY – *Ivailo Iliev*

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE IN SMEs: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH OF ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP APPROACHES – *Momchil Stanishev, Kostadin Kolarov, Stanimir Andonov*

THE EFFORT-REWARD IMBALANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (SIEGRIST, 1996) - INITIAL PSYCHOMETRIC EVALUATION AMONG BULGARIAN EMPLOYEES – *Valery Todorov*

THE HIDDEN POTENTIAL OF CURIOSITY IN THE MODERN ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT: AN INITIAL ADAPTATION OF THE BULGARIAN VERSION OF THE FIVE-DIMENSIONAL CURIOSITY SCALE REVISED (5DCR) – *Sonya Dragova, Lilyana Tsolova*

ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND RESILIENCE – *Margarita Kumanova*

TECHNOSTRESS AND WORK ENGAGEMENT IN THE BULGARIAN ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT – *Vihra Naydenova, Antoaneta Getova, Kaloyan Haralampiev*

QUALITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH ON WORK IN ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXTS: DIGITALIZATION AS AN EMPIRICAL EXAMPLE – *Vihra Naydenova*

FOURTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 1

14.00 – 15.30

HUMOR AS A RESOURCE FOR COPING WITH STRESS: GENDER AND AGE DIFFERENCES – *Petar Tsvetkov*

PILOT TESTING OF A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MEASURING AFFECTIVE ATTACHMENT – *Yasen Dimitrov*

APPLYING FIRST AND SECOND-LEVEL NUDGES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL DEBT – *Yasen Dimitrov*

BURNOUT AND COMPASSION FATIGUE AMONG HUMANITARIAN WORKERS – *Desislava Ilieva*

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREVENTION OF SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS AMONG HUMANITARIAN WORKERS – *Desislava Ilieva*

NEUROCEPTION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY, STRESS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT – *Yoanna Dzhidrova*

DIFFERENCES IN WORK ENGAGEMENT AND WORKAHOLISM BY DEMOGRAPHIC AND PROFESSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS – *Sylvia Gavrailova*

FIFTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 1

16.00 – 18.00

DIFFERENCES IN EMPLOYEE BURNOUT ACROSS PROFESSIONAL GROUPS DURING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN ORGANIZATIONS – *Sylvia Gavrailova*

ATTITUDES TOWARD CONTEMPORARY CAREERS AND ENGAGEMENT IN CAREER DEVELOPMENT – *Alexander Iliev*

JOB SATISFACTION AND QUIET QUITTING AMONG EMPLOYEES – *Lachezara Vutkova*

THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP STYLE IN EMPLOYEES' QUIET QUITTING – *Lachezara Vutkova*

QUALITY OF WORK LIFE AS A PREDICTOR OF BURNOUT AND PSYCHOSOMATIC SYMPTOMS AMONG EMPLOYEES IN THE IT SECTOR – *Radostina Markova*

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOCIAL CULTURAL COMPETENCE AND WORK-RELATED FLOW AMONG EMPLOYEES OF TURKISH ORIGIN LIVING IN GERMANY AND TURKIYE – *Merve Akca*

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LIFE SATISFACTION, WORK LIFE BALANCE AND JOB INVOLVEMENT AMONG EMPLOYEES OF TURKISH ORIGIN RESIDING IN GERMANY AND TURKIYE – *Merve Akca*

SIXTH SESSION

1 November 2026, Hall 1

09.00 – 10.30

THE APPLICATION OF HACKATHONS TO ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT – *Viktoriya Nedeva -Atanasova*

PERCEIVED BARRIERS TO STARTING A BUSINESS AMONG STUDENTS AND PHD STUDENTS – *Viktoriya Nedeva -Atanasova*

PREDICTORS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION STYLES – *Plama Hristova*

STRESS AND ANXIETY ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ORGANIZATIONS – *Ivo Topalov*

ADAPTATION AND VALIDATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SELF-ASSESSMENT SCALE FOR USE IN THE BULGARIAN CONTEXT — *Irina Topuzova*

Panel 7

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Moderators: Professor Sonya Karabeliova, Professor Radka Masaldjieva, Chief Assistant Professor Radina Stoyanova

FIRST SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 65

13.30 – 15.00

DIGITAL FLOURISHING – *Sonya Karabeliova, Radina Stoyanova, Maria Ratz*

AGE AS A DETERMINANT OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR AND SUCCESSFUL AGING AFTER 60 AND 70 YEARS – *Grozdana Koeva, Radka Massaldjieva, Antoniya Yaneva, Katya Nikolova*

COGNITIVE AVOIDANCE AS A STRATEGY FOR ADAPTATION IN WOMEN WITH BREAST CANCER – *Silvia Tsvetkova, Ivelina Ivanova*

TRUST IN THE DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP: PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BIOETHICAL ASPECTS – *Tsvetelina Shopnikolova, Alexandrina Vodenicharova, Tsekomir Vodenicharov*

SMALL STEPS TOWARD SUSTAINABLE HABITS – SHORT-TERM INTERVENTIONS AND BEHAVIOR TRACKING – *Radina Stoyanova, Petya Pandurova, Teodora Dzhorgova*

BUILDING HEALTHY HABITS DURING ADOLESCENCE AND EARLY ADULTHOOD – *Radina Stoyanova, Julia Kamburidis, Boyana Yordanova, Stanislav Pandin*

IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF DEATH ANXIETY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH HEALTH ANXIETY: A REVIEW OF LITERATURE – *Eliza Ivanova*

AN INTEGRATIVE MODEL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH EATING BEHAVIOR AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING – Kristina Gotseva – *Balgaranova, Mihaela Beloreshka, Petya Pandurova*

PERSONALITY TRAITS AS PREDICTORS OF EMOTIONAL EATING – *Galina Kabadzhova, Vladimira Stariradeva*

SECOND SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 65

15.30 – 18.30

UNHEALTHY HEALTHY EATING? PSYCHOLOGICAL PREDICTORS OF HEALTHY ORTHOREXIA AND ORTHOREXIA NERVOSA IN BULGARIAN CONTEXT – *Mihaela Beloreshka, Sonya Karabeliova*

PSYCHO-EXISTENTIAL CORRELATES OF ONCOLOGICAL STIGMA AMONG WOMEN WITH BREAST CANCER – *Nikolina Aleksieva, Daniel Petrov*

THE INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN LONELINESS AND LIFE SATISFACTION AND THE MODERATING ROLE OF THE BIG FIVE PERSONALITY TRAITS – *Martin Yankov*

NEURO-AGILITY AND BRAIN PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION IN STRESS MANAGEMENT: A PSYCHOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF NEURO-AGILITY PROFILE™ ASSESSMENTS – *Emilian Kroumov*

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PERSONALITY TRAITS AND POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH IN YOUNG ADULTS WHO EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF A PARENT DURING ADOLESCENCE – *Ventsislav Angelov*

HEALTH POLICIES AND MODERN PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING RISK BEHAVIOR AMONG STUDENTS (GRADES 1–12) – *Evelina Peycheva, Mihail Okoliyski*

COPING STRATEGIES FOR DIABETES DISTRESS – *Emanuela Emilova, Daniel Petrov*

BETWEEN DESIRE AND ANXIETY: A PSYCHOANALYTIC READING OF SEXUALITY IN THE WORK OF SIGMUND FREUD – *Petar Tsvetkov*

TEMPERAMENT, STRESS AND NEUROCEPTION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY – *Malina Balabanova*

PSYCHOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES FOR ACHIEVING MENTAL STABILITY ACCORDING TO THE FIRST CHAPTER OF PATAÑJALI'S YOGA-SŪTRA – *Rumyana Toleva*

AN EXAMINATION OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE LEVELS OF MOTHERS CARING FOR CHILDREN UNDERGOING CANCER TREATMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF PERCEIVED SOCIAL SUPPORT AND SELF-COMPASSION – *Elif Özüm Kuş Işık, Fatma Kayım*

CREATIVE HEALTH – ART AND RECOVERY – *Evguenia Guentcheva*

PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF PROSTATE CANCER: MASCULINE IDENTITY, PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS, AND QUALITY OF LIFE – *Atanas Atanasov*

PARENTHOOD ANXIETY AND CHILDBIRTH POSPONMENT – Irina Zinovieva, Sonya Karabeliova, Boris Popivanov, Elena Kalfova, Galina Goncharova

NEUROCEPTION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA – *Georgi Karastoyanov, Elka Angelova, Denitsa Siderova, Boryana Panchova*

Panel 8
SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY

Moderators: Professor Tatyana Iancheva, Professor Galina Domuschieva-Rogleva, Chief Assistant Professor Iveta Pileva

FIRST SESSION
31 October 2026, Hall 1
09.00 – 10.30

NFLUENCE OF THE “ELITE ATHLETE” STIGMA ON MENTAL STRAIN AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING AMONG ATHLETES FROM BULGARIA AND CANADA – *Tatyana Iancheva, Petya Petrova-Whelan*

THE ROLE OF MEANING AND MEANING CRISIS IN TEAM SATISFACTION IN SPORTS – *Iveta Pileva*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE NASA TASK LOAD INDEX (NASA-TLX; HART & STAVELAND, 1988) FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF MENTAL WORKLOAD IN BULGARIAN ATHLETES – *Tatiana Iancheva, Milena Kuleva*

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOTIVATIONAL CLIMATE AND COLLECTIVE EFFICACY IN TEAM SPORTS – *Dragan Bozhilov*

THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR, SCHOOL BELONGING, AND ENJOYMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AMONG UPPER-SECONDARY STUDENTS – *Vera Zaharieva, Galina Domuschieva -Rogleva*

PERCEIVED AUTONOMY SUPPORT AND ATHLETE SATISFACTION – *Galina Domuschieva -Rogleva, Viktorija Doneva*

PERSONALITY TRAITS OF ATHLETES WITH SPORTS INJURIES – *Evelina Savcheva*

INTERACTIVE PANEL

Moderators: Stoyo Nedin, Prof. Ivan Ivanov, Elena Evstatieva, Emilian Kroumov

FIRST SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 63

13.30 – 15.00

THERAPY SUPPORT: ONTOLOGY-BASED AI EXTRACTION OF SESSION ELEMENTS IN COGNITIVE-BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY - SUPPORT FOR CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION – *Ewa Cylwik, Bartłomiej Głowacki*

FROM RECORDING TO DOCUMENTATION: HOW AI SUPPORTS THE EXTRACTION OF SESSION ELEMENTS IN COGNITIVE-BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY AND SCHEMA THERAPY – *Joanna Głowacka*

SECOND SESSION

30 October 2026, Hall 63

15.30 – 17.50

FOR SUSTAINABLE CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONALITY: TALENTS AT SCHOOL – *Katya Stoycheva, Diyana Dobreva- Hristova*

THIRD SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 63

09.00 – 10.30

THE FIRST 1000 DAYS IN THE FAMILY SYSTEM – ASSESSMENT, PREVENTION AND INTERVENTIONS – *Camellia Hancheva, Preslava Bikovska, Maria Kachulkova*

AN INTEGRATED MODEL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE DURING THE PERINATAL PERIOD IN A HOSPITAL SETTING: INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXPERIENCE FROM THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN A BULGARIAN MATERNITY WARD AND NEONATAL UNIT – *Preslava Bikovska*

BETWEEN THE IDEAL OF MOTHERHOOD AND THE REALITY OF EXPERIENCE: MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF MOTHERHOOD AND CHILDBIRTH INTENTIONS – *Stoyanka Cherkazova*

FOURTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 63

11.00 – 12.30

ARE TWO QUESTIONS ENOUGH? BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF PERCEIVED SOCIAL SUPPORT AS AN INDICATOR OF RISK FOR POSTPARTUM DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS – *Preslava Bikovska, Camellia Hancheva*

INITIAL DATA AND OBSERVATIONS FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DIGITALIZED SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR MOTHERS IN THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD: MOMSANITY BY FEIA – *Margarita Koleva, Marina Kuncheva*

ECHOES OF CHILDBIRTH EXPERIENCE: PILOT DATA ON THE BIRTH SATISFACTION SCALE–REVISED (BSS-R) – *Camellia Hancheva, Preslava Bikovska*

THE CHALLENGES FACING THE MODERN BULGARIAN FAMILY – *Rumen Bostandzhiev*

FIFTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 63

14.00 – 15.30

THE FUTURE PSYCHOLOGIST'S GUIDE: AN EDUCATIONAL HANDBOOK FOR PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN BULGARIA – *Juliana Borisova, Plamena Dyakova, Pavel Kolev*

THE EVOLUTION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH – FROM QUALITATIVE METHODS, THROUGH STATISTICS TO ARTIFICIAL SUPERINTELLIGENCE – *Sava Dzhonev*

CYBERNOMETER AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR OBSERVING AND TRAINING JOINT REGULATION – *Vasily Beloly, Nadja Beloly*

SIXTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Hall 63

16.00 – 17.50

BIOFEEDBACK AND NON-INVASIVE BRAIN STIMULATION IN HELP OF THE PSYCHOLOGIST AND THE PSYCHOTHERAPIST – *Radoslav Shterev*

REDUCED MORAL NORM ACCESSIBILITY AND THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE EFFECT ON MORAL DILEMMA DECISION-MAKING – *Georgi Chonkov*

A TRIBUTE TO PROF. DR. BORIS MINCHEV—75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH – *Neli Boyadzhieva, Ivan Bardov, Hristo Monov*

SEVENTH SESSION

1 November 2026, Hall 63

09.00 – 10.30

BETWEEN “I WANT TO” AND “I AM AFRAID”: USING EMDR TECHNIQUES IN WORK WITH CLIENTS’ AMBIVALENT BELIEFS – *Olga Tur*

ASSYST – EARLY PSYCHOLOGICAL STABILISATION FOLLOWING DISASTERS, CRITICAL INCIDENTS AND MASS TRAUMA – *Vania Miteva, Sofia Shtereva-Katsarova, Vesna Nencheva, Milena Marinova, Anna Spasova*

EIGHTH SESSION

31 October 2026, Conference Hall

15.45– 18.00

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL FILM FESTIVAL – *Rumen Rachev*

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