



September 27th-28th 2023

BALKAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION 2023

CONFERENCE

**Academic Cooperation,
Challenge and Future
Perspectives in the Balkans**

 **Tuzla, BiH**



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF TUZLA

The University of Tuzla is one of the oldest higher education institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In its forty-six-year history, it developed and upgraded and grew into a respectable educational and scientific institution that became the backbone of the reconstruction and development of the wider region. In the past forty-six years, over 45,325 students graduated from the University of Tuzla, 3,706 master's theses and 818 doctorates were defended. Today, 15,300 students study at the University of Tuzla. Almost all areas of modern science are studied at 12 faculties and the Academy of Dramatic Arts. Teaching takes place in 46 study programs of the first and integrated first and second study cycles, 46 study programs of the second study cycle and 25 study programs of the third study cycle. About 403 professors and teaching assistants and about 927 external associates participate in the teaching-scientific process at the faculties/Academy of the University of Tuzla. About 243 employees perform professional, administrative-technical and assistant tasks. For almost five decades, the University of Tuzla has played an irreplaceable role in increasing the intellectual critical mass, as the initiator and bearer of the development of social thought in our country.

ABOUT THE BALKAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

The Balkan Universities Association is a free association of the founding universities and is open to other universities in the Balkan Area. The association was established on April 21st, 2014 in Edirne. The Permanent General Secretariat of the Balkan Universities Association is assured by the Trakya University, at its own expense and logistics. Trakya University also serves as the permanent member of the Executive Committee of BUA. The governing body of the Balkan Universities Association is the Congress, which is annually organized by the university which holds the presidency. The Congress has the right to elect the next president of the Balkan Universities Association. Between the congresses, the leadership of the Balkan Universities Association is provided by the Executive Committee, which is formed by the former president, the current president, the future president and Trakya University. The decisions related to the structure of Balkan Universities Association are adopted by majority vote of BUA members. The Presidency of the Balkan Universities Association is ensured, by rotation, by the member universities of Balkan Universities Association. The mandate of president of the Balkan Universities Association is 1 year, starting from 1st of January until 31st of December, and cannot be attributed to the same university sooner than 5 years from the last mandate's expiring date, held by the same university. Two consecutive mandates of President of the Balkan Universities Association are excluded for universities of the same country.



Aims and objectives

The primary aim of Balkan Universities Association (BUA) is to determine a leading vision for the future through the universities, the libraries, the research centers in Balkan region on the base of common global values by considering the necessities of the time. Besides, forming up a scientific network in the areas of the language, the culture, the art, the history, the economy, the education and sports and caring out collaborative scientific works in these areas are aims of BUA. This, following objectives are determined:



- To improve an intercultural dialogue considering the importance of the region
- To form lasting and solid scientific cooperation from the past to the future
- To establish an association with universities that are active, acknowledged, followed and preferred in science and academic world on a global scale.
- To make joint scientific studies, researches and innovation works.
- To provide opportunities in methods, techniques and cooperation for increasing the efficiency of research and development activities.
- To organize common cultural, artistic and sportive activities
- To organize exchange programs for academic staff (such as Erasmus and Mevlana Exchange Programs)
- To organize exchange programs for students (such as Erasmus and Mevlana Exchange Programs)
- To conduct mutual accreditation process
- To organize joint diploma programs
- To organize education in Balkan Languages
- To form a communication network which will enable to exchange of knowledge among academicians
- To prepare and conduct joint scientific research projects and to conduct their applications

WELCOME TO TUZLA



Everything in Tuzla has been tied to salt for ten million years, ever since the Pannonian Sea disappeared and left the most important evidence of its existence under Tuzla: hundreds of millions of tonnes of rock salt. People have been living in this area since the Neolithic, making Tuzla one of the oldest inhabited places in Europe. Throughout history, the city changed its name several times, but they all meant the same thing in different languages: saltpans, salt, the city of salt.

With numerous tourist attractions, Tuzla stands out from other places with a beautiful complex of Pannonian Lakes containing not just salt water but ten million years of history. Tuzla is one of the oldest continuous settlements in Europe. The oldest stilt house settlement in Europe was found in Tuzla, dating back to the Neolithic or late Stone Age, unlike other stilt house settlements found in Europe which date back to the Iron Age.

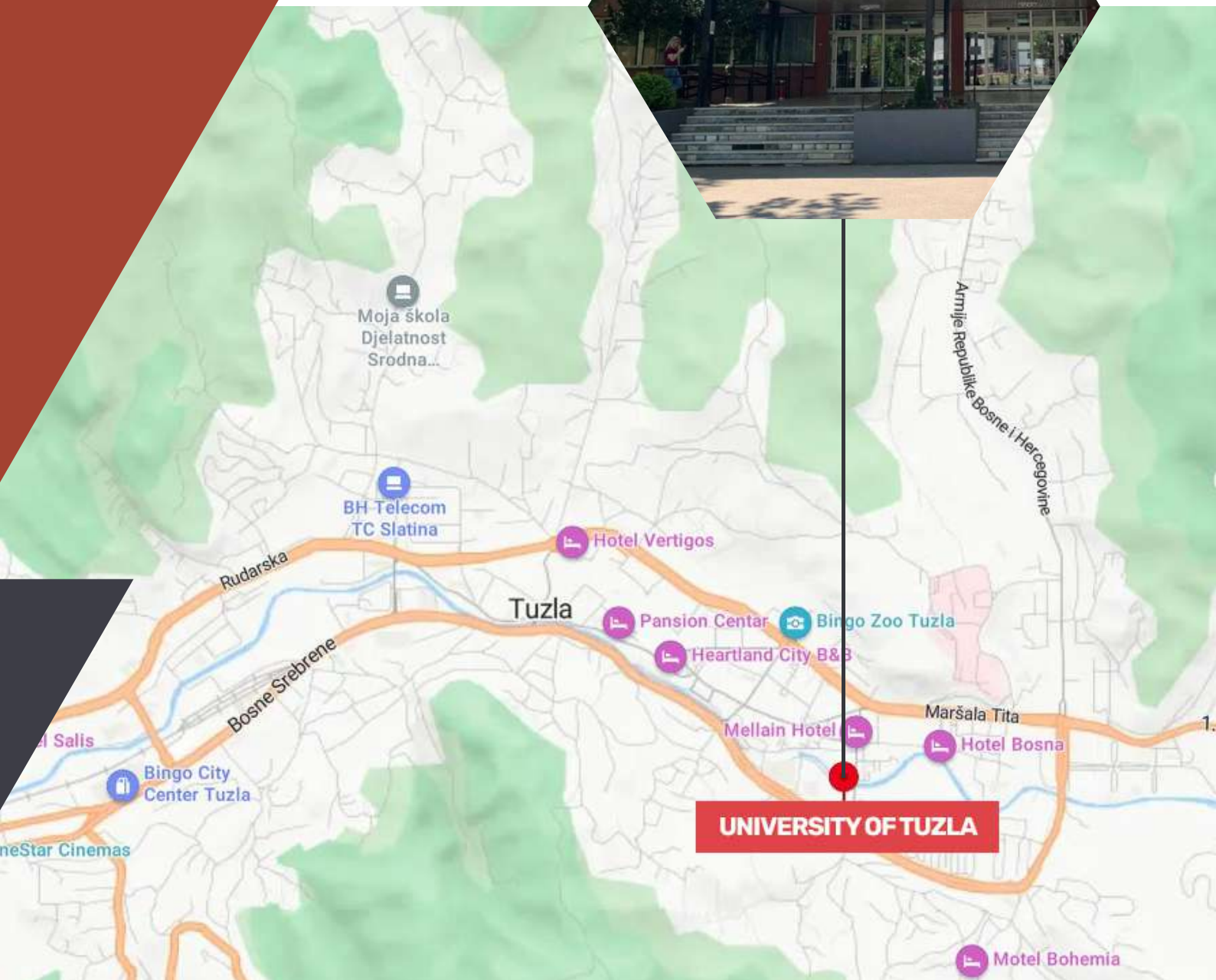


The tourist board
of the City of Tuzla

www.tztz.ba

UNIVERSITY LOCATION

Rectorate of the University of Tuzla
Dr. Tihomila Markovića 1, Tuzla 75000



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 27th

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| 10:00-10:30 | Participant registration |
| 10:30-11:15 | Opening and Elucidating |
| 11:15-12:45 | Internationalization at the Balkans' universities: Potentials and challenges
(Panel Chair: University of Tuzla) |
| 12:45-13:15 | Coffee break |
| 13:15-14:45 | Role of University Networks in the European Integration of the Balkans
(Panel Chair: University of Bucharest) |
| 14:45-16:00 | Lunch |
| 16:00-17:30 | BUA General Assembly Meeting (BUA members only) |
| 18:00-19:30 | City Tour |
| 20:00-23:00 | Dinner at Mellain |

Thursday, September 28th

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| 10:00-10:30 | Participant registration |
| 10:30-12:00 | Youth and Youth Participation in the Balkans
(Panel Chair: University of Tuzla) |
| 12:00-12:30 | Coffee Break |
| 12:30-14:00 | Migrations in the Balkans: Challenges and future perspectives
(Panel Chair: Trakya University) |
| 14:00-15:30 | Lunch |
| 15:30-16:00 | Closing Remarks |

TUZLA CITY TOUR

01

Pannonian Lakes

Tuzla is the only city in Europe with salt lakes and the only city in the world with salt lakes, swimming and bathing area and beaches in the downtown. The Pannonian lakes complex consists of three lakes of various depth and size and salt waterfalls.



02

The square of Freedom

The Square of Freedom is the greatest square in Bosnia and Herzegovina with its surface of 8,000 m². It is the place where historical and cultural monuments from almost all historical eras are located. An archeological site with very significant remains from the Neolithic was discovered on the Square.



03

City park

Tuzla is the city with the greatest surface of parks in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Central City Park is located in the pedestrian area in the historical downtown of Tuzla. It consists of walking paths covered by granite and benches for relaxation and rest.



04

International portrait gallery

The Tuzla International Portrait Gallery was founded in 1964 with a donation from artists from the former Yugoslavia. The founders of the Gallery were Mevludin Ekmečić and Ismet Mujezinović, and it was founded under the name Gallery of Yugoslav Portrait Tuzla. He ties his professional interest to the research, presentation and valorization of an important art theme - portraits. The gallery has more than 5,000 works of the most famous painters from the area of the ex-Yugoslavia in its holdings and thus represents a kind of museum of painting.



For more beautiful places in Tuzla and the Tuzla Canton, check:

www.visittk.ba

GENERAL INFO:

Conference date:

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Location of the event:

Conference room, Hotel Mellain Tuzla (www.mellainhotel.ba)

Format of the sessions:

Panel discussion

General title of the conference:

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