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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, 14 September 2022

- 09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION
- 09:30 – 09:45 OPENING SESSION
- Saša Missoni, Director of the Institute for Anthropological Research, Zagreb
- Olga Orlić, Principal Investigator of the SOLIDARan Project
- 09:45 – 11:00 PLENARY LECTURE
- Cristina Grasseni: **Ambivalent Solidarities**
- 11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK
- 1st SESSION** Moderator: Olga Orlić
- 11:15 – 11:45 Jelena Vasiljević: **Reactive and Institutional Solidarity**
- 11:45 – 12:15 Davorka Vidović: **The Meaning of Being Social Entrepreneur in Multi-Transitional Society**
- 12:15 – 12:45 Ana Tomičić, Anamaria Malešević, Anto Čartolovni: **Blending the Social and Solidarity Economy with Corporate Social Responsibility? Barriers and Opportunities in Context of Digital Healthcare in Croatia**
- 13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH
- 2nd SESSION** Moderator: Duga Mavrinac
- 14:00 – 14:30 Orlanda Obad: **The Price of Doing Good: An Ethnographic Account of Solidarity Economy Organizations and Initiatives in Croatia**
- 14:30 – 15:00 Nataša Bokan: **Solidarity Economy from Rural Periphery**
- 15:00 – 15:30 Mojca Ramšak: **Volunteering in Health Care during the COVID-19 Epidemic in Slovenia**
- 15:30 – 15:45 COFFEE BREAK

- 3rd SESSION** Moderator: Jelena Seferović
- 15:45 – 16:15 Anja Iveković Martinis: **Social Support for Self-Employment: Ethnography of a Community Association**
- 16:15 – 16:45 Mima Jernej Pulić: **Local Initiatives and Practices in Search of Sustainability and Solidarity: Case Study of the Community Centre Rojc in Pula**
- 16:45 – 17:15 Duga Mavrinac: **Building Networks and Practices of Care – Social Solidarity and Trust in the *Moje mjesto pod suncem* Project**

## THURSDAY, 15 September 2022

- 10:00 – 11:15 PLENARY LECTURE  
Peter Simonič: **Histories from Below**
- 11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 4th SESSION** Moderator: Mima Jernej Pulić
- 11:30 – 12:00 Jelena Seferović: **Analysis of the Solidarity Economy on the Example of the City of Dubrovnik**
- 12:00 – 12:30 Juliana Ajdini, Rudina Rama: **Coping with COVID-19 Pandemic as an Elderly: The Case of Solidarity in the Municipality of Tirana**
- 12:30 – 13:00 Katarina Kušić: **Political Ecologies of Land in South East Europe: Development, Conservation, and the Remaking of Human-Soil Relations**
- 13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

- 5th SESSION** Moderator: Anja Iveković Martinis
- 14:00 – 14:30 Alex Gavranich: **Smallholder Food Sovereignty in Post-Socialist Croatia**
- 14:30 – 15:00 Veronika Gamulin: **Beginnings of Cooperatives on the Island of Hvar - Maintaining the Identity of the Collective in the Village of Velo Grablje**
- 15:00 – 15:30 Domagoj Račić, Paula Damaška: **Negotiating Multiple Territories to Achieve Viability and Impact: The Case of Green Energy Cooperative**
- 15:30 – 16:00 Marijana Bokun, Danijel Baturina: **Fostering Solidarity through Education: Social Entrepreneurship Education in Europe and Croatia**
- 16:00 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK
- 16:15 – 16:45 Ivan Šišak, Aleksandar Lukić: **Cartographic Visualization of Solidarity Economy Practices in Croatia Using GIS**
- SIGHTSEEING (OPTIONAL)
- 19:30 CONFERENCE DINNER FOR PARTICIPANTS

## FRIDAY, 16 September 2022

- 6th SESSION** Moderator: Orlanda Obad
- 10:00 – 10:30 Olga Orlić: **Exercising Solidarity at Contemporary Common-Pool Resource: The Case of the Gajna Pastoral Community**
- 10:30 – 11:00 Lana Peternel, Dan Podjed: **Solidarity or Isolation: A Comparative Perspective on Marginal Spaces of Croatia and Slovenia**
- 11:00 – 11:30 Natalia Mamonova: **Solidarity in Times of War: Food, Shelter and Everyday Bravery in Rural Ukraine**

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## Reactive and Institutional Solidarity

In this paper I want to contribute to discussions on solidarity, and particularly its role within the present neoliberal citizenship regimes, by arguing for a need to distinguish between reactive and institutional solidarity. Not only has solidarity become a word in vogue, connoting a necessary social glue holding communities together in times of crises, it has also revealed its intrinsic relationship with political notions of (inter)national institutions, citizenship, rights, and democracy. How are we then to understand its political value and meaning, its rhetorical power and its legitimizing potential? If there is a notion that solidarity is something more than sharing resources, something sustaining political communities and underpinning its institutions, it needs to be adequately defined and differentiated from – and put in a relation to – similar notions like care, charity, altruism, but also social justice and political equality. Relying on existing body of work conceptualizing the pertinence of solidarity for functioning of political communities I will argue for a need to conceptually differentiate between reactive solidarity (mobilization of citizens to provide help for those in need) and institutional solidarity (which calls for institutionally sustained approaches). This demarcation seems especially relevant today in a global age of welfare state's demise where individual responsabilization is taking a higher moral and political ground than collective and organized burden-sharing.

On one hand, a “do-it-yourself” imperative is emblematic of neoliberal structural reforms and ideology. This demands of citizens to be “proactive” and entrepreneurial—in every aspect of their lives—and even engage themselves in mutual cooperation, in order to overcome whatever obstacles they may encounter in their daily lives, without help from the state. In this respect, it could be said that new political elites welcomed examples of solidarity among citizens, because they were seen as an impulse towards acceptance of new political realities. Indeed, many examples of mass solidarity reflect not only the readiness of “ordinary” people to come to aid each other, but also the incompetence or unwillingness of state institutions to offer crucial support. However unintentionally, this reactive solidarity thus becomes complicit in normalizing a new order in which the self-organized actions of citizens fill gaps left by a diminishing institutionalized solidarity. Within this context, reactive solidarity mostly emerges as citizens' reaction, but also as a symptom of political communities toward failing to respond to citizens' needs institutionally and sustainably. On the other hand, institutional solidarity relies on the idea of democratic and socially just institutions as sources and guardians of solidarity within a community. Whereas the former links solidarity to personal and social values and altruism, the latter inscribes it into the foundations of political communities and citizenship.