

CALL FOR PAPERS

Culturelink Joint Publication Series announces a Call for Papers for an edited book volume:

"Cultural Diversity, Cultural Networks, and Cultural Policies: The Legacy of Biserka Cvjetičanin's Cultural Optimism"

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About the theme

This edited book volume pays tribute to the lifelong work of Dr Biserka Cvjetičanin, aiming to cover the topics and issues she pursued during her career and highlighting their present relevance. Dr Biserka Cvjetičanin was a prominent figure in the Croatian and international areas of cultural policy research and development and the long-term coordinator of the Culturelink Network. By facilitating the exchange of ideas, knowledge and best practices across different global regions, her work has made a significant contribution to our understanding of cultural diversity, and the important role cultural networks play for cultural policies and sustainable cultural development. Driven by the relentless force of cultural optimism, her work has inspired a generation of cultural policy scholars and practitioners to envision a world where diverse cultures coexist and thrive through effective policies and interconnected networks.

This edited volume aims to explore and expand upon Dr Cvjetičanin's legacy, examining how the below-mentioned issues continue to influence contemporary cultural policies and practices across the globe. The thematic scope of this volume is twofold: firstly, it analyses the historical background and the current relevance of the research in cultural policies and sustainable cultural development. Secondly, it examines the role of cultural networks in promoting research related to cultural development, cultural diversity and networking in culture, and in fostering collaboration among cultural practitioners, policymakers, and communities, thus enabling a more inclusive approach to policy-making.

We invite cultural scholars, researchers, thinkers and practitioners, to submit research articles, theoretical papers, essays, and reviews that engage with the themes of cultural diversity, networks, and policies, taking stock of the present trends and challenges.

We look forward to receiving submissions that address one of the following topics:

- Relevance of research in cultural policy and sustainable cultural development
- Theoretical frameworks for understanding cultural diversity, sustainability and networks
- Historical perspectives on the evolution of the cultural diversity discourse in contemporary cultural policies
- Challenges in promoting and maintaining cultural diversity
- The impact of cultural diversity on cultural policy and governance
- Interdisciplinary approaches to studying cultural cooperation and networking and the role of cultural networks in promoting social inclusion and cohesion
- International cultural cooperation in the context of global social turmoil
- Analysis of the legacy of the Culturelink Network
- Reflections on the work of Dr Biserka Cvjetičanin

Submission Guidelines

Abstract Submission: Authors are invited to submit a 300-word abstract outlining the proposed paper, including the key questions, methodology, and expected contributions to the edited volume's themes and topics.

Full Paper Submission: Upon acceptance of the abstract, authors will be asked to submit a full paper of up to 8,000 words, including references, figures, and tables. Original research articles featuring empirical findings - qualitative and/or quantitative - are welcome, as well as historically and/or conceptually framed articles, articles that contribute to new theoretical and methodological developments within the themes and topics of the edited volume, as well as review articles and analytical essays.

Review Process: The full papers will go through an editorial and a double-blind peer review process.

Submission: Please submit your abstracts by sending it to kultura@irmo.hr

For additional information, please contact: kultura@irmo.hr

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline: 20th January 2025

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: 21st February 2025

Full Paper Submission Deadline: 5th May 2025

Notification of Full Paper Acceptance and Reviewers' Comments: 1st July 2025

Publication Date: by the end of 2025