INVITATION LETTER FOR THE MIDTERM CONFERENCE ISA RC04

EDUCATION AND AI

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that the ISA RC04 midterm conference entitled *Education and AI* will be held in Belgrade, on September 24-26, 2026. **The conference will be held on site.**

The organizer is ISA RC04 *Sociology of Education*, while the local organizer will be the University of Belgrade, the Faculty of Education – the Centre for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence in Education (CRAIE), UNESCO International Institute for Online Education, Serbia National Centre, in cooperation with the Serbian Sociological Association, the Serbian Academy of Education and the Institute of Political Studies, Belgrade.

The chosen topic represents one of the most important issues of social change in the field of education. Many even argue that the world with the mass use of artificial intelligence will not look the same again, and that it will occur in a relatively short period of time. For its part, the use of artificial intelligence in education leads to numerous, almost revolutionary changes in this sphere of society, which must also be viewed from a sociological point of view.

We welcome the papers – both theoretical and empirical – that deal with the research on the application, and potential or already present consequences of using artificial intelligence in education.

Expected participants of the conference include researchers, university teachers and associates and PhD students who sociologically research education, as well as all others who deal with contemporary changes in education and artificial intelligence from an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspect.

Possible topics are:

- Application of AI in education;

- Ethical problems, education and AI;

- Socialization, education and AI;

- Social differences and AI: does its use increase or decrease them and what should be the response to that;

- Digital literacy and differences in education;

- School violence and abuse of AI;

- AI as an educational technology;

- AI and didactic-methodical tools;

- AI and mental health of pupils and students;

- COVID-19, ERT and the rapid expansion of the use of AI: is there a connection?

- Society, education and AI;

- AI and changes in education: the sociological imagination;

- A new concept of the school in accordance with the changes brought about by AI;

- Other topics connecting education, schools (all levels), science, society, and AI are also possible.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Submission of abstracts (topic title + 250 words maximum + keywords): **from February 24 to May 1, 2026 (ISA RC04_EDUCATION AND AI_CONFERENCE)**

- Response regarding abstract acceptance: **until May 20, 2026**

- Registration for participation in the conference: **until July 1, 2026**

- Publication of the conference program: **until July 20, 2026**

- Conference opening ceremony: **September 24, 2026**

- Conference closing ceremony: **September 26, 2026**

There is no registration fee. The working language of the conference is English.

Local organizers will offer all interested participants a list of prestigious journals published in Serbia in which they can publish their papers, after a double-blind review process.

Registered participants will be offered a list of hotels with discounts for conference participants, as well as a number of extremely comfortable rooms in student dormitories intended for visiting professors, at extremely favourable accommodation prices. Priority for accommodation in dormitory rooms will be determined in the order of applications for that type of accommodation.