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**P R O G R A M**

**Conference venue**
Sofia University
Faculty of Primary and Preschool Education
Blvd Shipchenski prohod 69 A
Conference hall 213
1574 Sofia, Bulgaria

**Conference chairs**
Prof. Dr. Nikolay Popov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society, Sofia University
Prof. Dr. Georgi Bishkov, Sofia University, Bulgaria
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rossitsa Penkova, Director, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria

**Keynote speaker**
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**Hotel**
Rai 90 Hotel
13 Lidice St., 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria
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The hotel is within a 15-minute walking distance from the conference venue.
List of participants

1. Prof. Dr. Karen Biraimah, University of Central Florida, USA
2. Prof. Dr. Marcella Kysilka, University of Central Florida, USA
3. Dr. Judith Luckett, University of Central Florida, USA
4. Ass. Prof. Dr. Craig Heller, Florida Gulf Coast University, USA
5. Prof. Dr. Claudio Rafael Vasquez Martinez, University of Guadalajara, Mexico
6. Prof. Dr. Horst Friedrich Rolly, Theologische Hochschule Friedensau, Germany
7. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shun Wing Ng, Hong Kong Institute of Education, China
8. Prof. Dr. Masami Matoba, Nagoya University, Japan
9. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Reza Sarkar Arani, Nagoya University, Japan
10. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sofija Vrclj, University of Rijeka, Croatia
11. Prof. Dr. Marko Mušanović, University of Rijeka, Croatia
12. Prof. Dr. C C Wolhuter, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa
13. Junior Researcher Laura Dumbrâveanu, Institute for Educational Sciences, Romania
14. Mg. Marijke De Wilde, Center for Adult Education, Gent, Belgium
15. Mg. Peter Peyskens, Center for Adult Education, Gent, Belgium
16. Assist. Prof. Nathalie De Vos, Gent University, Belgium
17. Mg. Patricia Waerniers, Teacher Training College, Tielt, Belgium
18. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marie J. Myers, Queen’s University, Ontario, Canada
19. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Popov, Sofia University, Bulgaria
20. Prof. Dr. Georgi Bishkov, Sofia University, Bulgaria
21. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rossitsa Penkova, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
22. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zahari Zahariev, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
23. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Violeta Mircheva, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
24. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stojanka Daskalova, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
25. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Borislav Lazarov, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
26. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petja Asenova, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
27. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jochka Tzakova, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
28. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marinela Mihova, Veliko Turnovo University, Bulgaria
29. Kalina Popova, 12th Secondary General School, Sofia, Bulgaria
30. Ljudmila Velichkova, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
31. Dean Pilev, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
32. Tatjana Markovska, National Institute of Education, Bulgaria
33. Paul Luckett, accompanying person, USA

Conference assistants: Students from Sofia University in Education programs.
# Program

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Sofija Vrcelj & Marko Mušanović. Theoretically-methodological difficulties of comparative pedagogy

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Section 2: Problems, challenges and trends in Comparative Education as a teacher training discipline (Session 2) Chair: Charl Wolhuter
Marie J. Myers. A theoretical framework for comparative analysis of didactic dialogue
Charl Wolhuter. Constructing a Future Dimension in Comparative Education Courses

Free time
Dinner

Thursday, 21 April 2005

Closing, final notes and generations
Lunch
Visit to the National History Museum
Visit to the Crypt and sightseeing
Dinner

Friday, 22 April 2005

Tour to Rila Monastery, lunch included
Free time
Farewell dinner

Saturday, 23 April 2005: Departure