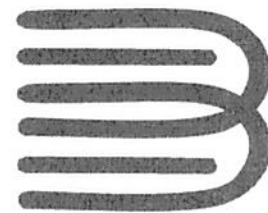




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BAKU SLAVIC UNIVERSITY
2nd International Conference on
BALKAN STUDIES
Information Letter

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **2nd International Conference on BALKAN STUDIES**, which will be held **on September 26, 2025**, at **Baku Slavic University**.

The 1st International Conference on BALKAN STUDIES, held for the first time in Azerbaijan on June 13, 2024, at Baku Slavic University, focused on important topics such as the literary and cultural relations between Azerbaijan and the Balkan countries, the dynamics and prospects of their development in the modern era, as well as issues related to the study of the Turkish language in the Balkans. The event brought together scholars and researchers from North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Bulgaria, and Azerbaijan.

The main goal of the International Conference on **BALKAN STUDIES** is to present research on Balkan Studies in the Republic of Azerbaijan and Azerbaijani Studies in the Balkan countries, and to expand cooperation in the fields of science and education with the countries of the Balkan region. With the participation of leading local and international experts (from Türkiye, Albania, Bulgaria, Serbia, North Macedonia, and others), the conference will serve as a platform for in-depth discussions on the languages, literatures, ethnography, culture, history, socio-political and economic life of the Balkan peoples, as well as on cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Balkan states in the fields of politics, diplomacy, energy, transport and communications, trade and economy, science, education, and humanitarian affairs.

MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Balkan Studies in Azerbaijan and Azerbaijani Studies in the Balkans

- ❖ This section will focus on research related to the Balkans conducted in Azerbaijan, as well as studies on Azerbaijan carried out in the Balkan countries. Topics will include the representation of the 44-day Patriotic War in the media of Balkan countries and other relevant themes.

2. Languages, Literature, Culture, and Ethnography of Balkan Peoples

- ❖ This section aims to discuss topics such as the languages, folklore, music, and art of the Balkan peoples; the shared Turkic literary and cultural heritage in Azerbaijani and Balkan literature; the theme of migration in Balkan Turkic literature; the migration history of Balkan Turks and its analysis in the context of the deportation of Azerbaijanis from Western Azerbaijan; the oral folk literature of Balkan peoples; models of multiculturalism and tolerance in both Azerbaijan and the Balkan countries; as well as the ethnography of the Balkan peoples.

3. The Balkan Region as a Geopolitical Space

- ❖ This section is intended to address topics such as the role of individuals in intergovernmental relations; the Balkans and the Turkic world; similarities and differences between the Balkans and the South Caucasus in the modern era; the socio-political and economic landscape of Balkan countries; the dynamics of political and diplomatic relations; the position of Balkan states in the field of energy security and Azerbaijan's role in this regard; as well as issues related to cooperation in trade and economy, transportation and communication, humanitarian affairs, science, and education.

Working languages of the BSU conferences: Azerbaijani, Turkish, English, Russian.

Important Dates of the Conference:

Deadline for paper submission	September 8, 2025
Notification of acceptance	September 15, 2025
Deadline for submitting presentation (PPT/PPTX), if applicable	September 20, 2025

Guidelines for Conference Proceedings (APA 7 Style):

- Format: A4
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12 pt
- Margins: 2 cm on all sides
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Paragraph indentation: 1.25 cm

- Text formatting: Hyphenation should be avoided; words should not be split at the end of lines.

Authors are required to submit both:

- **Form 1 – Author Information**
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Form 1. Information about the Author

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Form 2. Article

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All submitted articles will undergo an originality check.

⊘ The maximum allowed level of plagiarism is 5%.

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