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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Original scientific papers, review papers, and professional papers that have not been previously published or presented at other conferences may be submitted and presented at the conference.

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- Original scientific papers and review papers must include a structured abstract that concisely and clearly presents the key elements of the research: introduction, objective, methods, results, and conclusion.
- The abstract must be written in Latin script in Serbian and English, or only in English if the paper is written in English.
- The abstract should contain between 200 and 300 words.
- Font size 12 pt, Times New Roman.
- Abbreviations and references should not be included in the abstract.
- When presenting results, values of the statistical analyses used should be stated.
- Below the abstract, three to five keywords should be written, in italics, font size 12 pt.

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The paper should be prepared in Microsoft Word (.doc format), using Times New Roman font, Latin script, and written in Serbian or English. The manuscript should be formatted on A4 pages, with 2 cm margins, justified alignment, and 1.5 line spacing.

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- The title should clearly indicate the content of the paper and contain up to 200 characters, including spaces. It should be written in uppercase letters, bold, 14 pt font.
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- Provide the full names and affiliations of all authors (12 pt font).
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- The maximum length is 30,000 characters, including spaces.
- Papers should include the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Theoretical Approach, Research Methodology, Discussion (either as a separate section or integrated within Results), Conclusion, and References.
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Tables and Graphs

- The same data should not be presented simultaneously in both table and graph form.
- Tables and graphs should be prepared in Word format (without vertical lines), while illustrations (photographs and drawings) should be provided in JPG format.
- Tables and graphs should be numbered with Arabic numerals in the order in which they appear in the text.
- Tables should be centered.
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All references cited in the text must appear in the reference list, and all entries in the reference list must be cited in the text. The reference list at the end of the paper should follow APA 7th edition standards and be written in 12 pt font. Include the DOI where available (e.g., <https://doi.org/10.2298/VSP160426283J>). Examples of common source types are provided below.

Book

Vuković, M. (2019). *Neurodegenerativni poremećaji govora i jezika*. Beograd: Univerzitet u Beogradu - Fakultet za specijalnu edukaciju i rehabilitaciju.

Freiberg, H. J. (1999). *School climate: Measuring, improving and sustaining healthy learning environments*. Philadelphia: Falmer Press.

Book/Monograph/Edited Volume Chapter

Đurić, S., Popović Čitić, B., i Marković, M. (2012). Pozitivna školska klima kao ključni sociopsihološki aspekt bezbednosti obrazovno-vaspitnih ustanova. U B. Popović Čitić, S.

Đurić, i Ž. Kešetović (Ur.), *Bezbednosni rizici u obrazovno-vaspitnim ustanovama* (str. 85–104). Beograd: Univerzitet u Beogradu – Fakultet bezbednosti.

Gresham, F. M., & Kern, L. (2004). Internalizing behavior problems in children and adolescents. In R. B. Rutherford, M. M. Quinn, & S. R. Mathur (Eds.), *Handbook of research in emotional and behavioral disorders* (pp. 262–281). New York: The Guilford Press.

Journal Article

According to APA 7th edition standards, if the article has up to 20 authors, all are listed in the reference list.

Example citations of articles with up to 20 authors

Trbojević, J., Perišić, N., Lazić, M., i Petrović, J. (2015). Predikcija direktne i indirektno agresivnosti na osnovu pola i temperamenta kod učenika prvog razreda osnovne škole. *Zbornik Instituta za pedagoška istraživanja*, 47(1), 81–108.

Saleh, M., Shaheen, A., Nassar, O., & Arabiat, D. (2019). Predictors of school satisfaction among adolescents in Jordan: A cross-sectional study exploring the role of school-related variables and student demographics. *Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare*, 12(1), 621–631.

Doctoral Dissertation

Hung, A. (2011). *The effects of school climate on internalizing difficulties in middle school students* (Doctoral dissertation). Ohio: Miami University – Department of Psychology.

References Without Authors

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). (2005). *Students with disabilities, learning difficulties and disadvantages: Statistics and indicators*.

Pravilnik o standardima kvaliteta rada ustanove. *Službeni glasnik Republike Srbije - Prosvetni glasnik*, 14, 2018.

Internet Sources/Web Reference

Example with known author

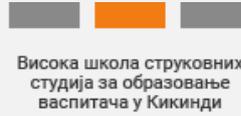
Bil, E. (2020, 10. maj). *Korona virus: zašto bi fizička udaljenost mogla da potraje još neko vreme*. BBC na srpskom. <https://www.bbc.com/serbian/lat/svet-52139608>

Example without known author

World Health Organization. (2020, May 1). *Billions worldwide living with herpes*.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/01-05-2020-billions-worldwide-living-withherpes>

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