Ethnology Without Borders was established in 2012, in the University of Silesia in Katowice, Faculty of Ethnology and Sciences of Education in Cieszyn, Poland. The purpose of this convention was to collect and give place for ethnology and anthropology students in the countries of Visegrad-4 (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) to present their researches, give an aspect about their studies and make an occasion to meet each other and get connections. This year the conference will be dedicated to one of the central topics of interest in ethnology – research of the minorities (ethnical, national, religious, etc.), refugees, immigrants as well as far-right political parties. With these areas of research a great number of methodological, theoretical and ethical issues are involved.

Political groups regarded as ultra-right and nationally oriented movements are gaining support in all V4 countries. Negative attitudes toward minorities and different social groups are held mainly by the supporters and sympathizers of radically oriented groups and schools of thought. As indicated by the election results in V4 countries, their support is increasing across different age, professional, religious and various other groups as well as in all regions of the countries.

Ethnology and ethnographic research has the potential of understanding human behaviour, attitudes and opinion at the deepest level. Ethnographic research yields data that can deepen our knowledge regarding raising support of radical political groups and parties. It brings us closer to the everyday lives of ordinary people and so it can help to explain where the negative attitudes and views towards certain groups and minorities stem from.

By analysing the hate speech and negative attitudes toward minorities (ethnic, religious, national, regional etc.) we can identify their roots and causes. Understanding them in various social and cultural contexts can help in the process of finding ways of cooperation and solutions.

It is important to understand why people take certain attitudes and beliefs toward minorities, immigrants or various subcultures. Only after discovering their causes and illuminating them in the various social, cultural and regional contexts of V4 countries we can arrive at effective solutions. The proposed solutions can be potentially implemented in practice by different organization, government, or civic associations.

We invite interested students to submit proposals for papers which will explore:

**1)** Anthropological research of minorities – theoretical and methodological issues

**2)** Anthropological research of far-right movements, nationalist groups – theoretical and methodological issues

**3)** Ethics of ethnographic research and hidden research

**4)** How can ethnology and ethnographic research contribute to solving social problems that beset the V4 countries?

**5)** How can ethnology and ethnographic research help with finding solutions to the problems of rising extremism, hateful views and hate speech?

**6)** Ethnographic research as a tool in understanding the raising support of radical, extremist groups and movements spread of hateful views and attitudes among people.

**7)** How are researchers obliged to protect informants?

**8)** How can researcher protect herself or himself during research?

**Key speakers:**

Mgr. Elena Gallová Kriglerová – Centre for the Research of the Ethnicity and Culture

Dr. Tomáš Hrustič – Institue of Ethnology, Slovak Academy of Sciences

**Submission details:** The language of the conference will be English only. The papers should last no more than 15 minutes. Abstracts (up to 200-words in Word doc.), key words (up to 5 words) with contact details and affiliation should be sent to the e-mail address uhrin19@uniba.sk by 30th June 2017. You will be informed about acceptance or non-acceptance of your proposal by 23th July 2017.

**Organizational details:** There are no participation fees. The organizational team will provide participants with the necessary information about travel, accommodation, etc.

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