8th annual NKL conference

Theme: **'Are we all vulnerable? Risks, crises and disasters in the contemporary world/digital society'**

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Location: University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science, Serbia

Language: English

The [Navigating Knowledge Landscapes (NKL)](#) research network has a tradition of mapping the ways the knowledge is created in our times. These times, however, are becoming increasingly fraught with both man-made and naturals risks, crises and disasters: pandemics, economic and political crises, climate change, rapid technological developments, and resurgence of armed conflicts. This opens, once again, questions of our vulnerability – as individuals, societies, even as a species – to consequences of these events.

The theme of the 8th annual NKL conference is, therefore, focused on the ways of acknowledging and understanding vulnerabilities, as well as on the potential uses of both knowledge and the ways of acquiring knowledge in order to mitigate them. The aim of the conference is to explore vulnerabilities caused by risks, crises and disasters from different perspectives and disciplines. The conference is transdisciplinary in scope and we are calling for international contributions that deal with specific perspectives or cases related to the conference theme. There are some topics that are of special interest:

- Ethical and philosophical aspects of vulnerability
- Politics, policies and vulnerability
- Medical aspect of vulnerability
- Risks, crises and disasters in the digital media and popular culture
- Laws and progress – protection against vulnerability?
- Open science as a tool against vulnerability
- Artificial intelligence and other new technologies
- Vulnerability and education

The contributions on other topics related to the conference theme are also welcome.

The opening Keynote will be held by Ivan Zalatel, PhD, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Medicine.

The conference is jointly organized with and will take place at University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science. If you are interested in participating, please submit an abstract of max. 300 words before January 31, 2024 [subject line: 8th NKL conference] to: ivana.damnjanovic@fpn.bg.ac.rs. You will be informed about the status of your submission no later than March 15th 2024. Papers presented at the conference will be published as an edited volume or as a special issue of a peer reviewed journal.