**13TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

***SERBIAN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, ART***

***Kragujevac, 26th-27th October 2018***

THEMES (**LITERARY AND CULTUROLOGICAL** SECTION OF THE CONFERENCE)

**BABIES**

**Topics:**

1. When does the human become human: biologically, culturally, socially, legally?
2. Are babies human subjects?
3. Newborns in literature and culture from Antiquity to today
4. What will be born?: Uterus – biology/politics/technology of conception
5. Stillborn babies and babies born alive: prehumanism and posthumanism as an abortion of humanism
6. Babies and the reproduction of death
7. Prenatal and postnatal culture: reproduction and biopolitics
8. The West: literature and the culture of adults: Was the literary protagonist ever a baby? Can babies be literary protagonists?
9. Human (in)fertility
10. Culture devoid of secrets: the secret of the uterus, the secret of the baby
11. The Christian identity of the baby: Is the human made or born? When does the baby “get” its soul?
12. Is the human being even born? Are new, third beings (humanoids, clones, mutants, androids...) born?
13. Who gives birth: father or mother: or do babies give birth to parents?
14. The archaic (natural) man and children as challenges posed to literature and culture from Rousseau to avant-garde literature
15. “Truly I tell you, unless you (...) become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 18, 3-4)
16. Babies, children, and the discourse of tenderness in literature and culture
17. Lingo-discursive aphasia: language/discourse of babies, children, mysticism, God, literature...

**CONFERENCE PROCEDURE GUIDELINES**

The application with the paper title and proposal is to be sent via an electronic form on [the webpage of the Conference](http://www.filum.kg.ac.rs/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=355&catid=73&lang=en&Itemid=138). The participants will be informed about the acceptance of the paper proposal by the end of June.

Each participant is allotted 15 minutes to present the paper. The submitted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings (to be printed next year). The Conference Registration Fee is 6000 Serbian dinars (RSD). The Registration Fee covers the publication of the Conference Proceedings, promotional material, cocktail, lunch, and dinner (on the first day of the Conference). Participants from Serbia are to cover their own accommodation and travel expenses. For the participants not from Serbia, the Registration Fee covers accommodation (BB, two nights). Travel expenses are to be covered by the participants. From each Registration Fee, the Faculty will **donate 1000 RSD to babies** born on the day of the Conference in the Delivery Ward of the Clinical Center Kragujevac.