

XVI International Scientific and Practical Conference

**"SOCIAL FORECASTING  
AND DESIGNING THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE:  
"SCIENCE AND PEACE DIPLOMACY IN A  
TURBULENT DIGITAL WORLD"**

April 24, 2026





## ORGANIZERS

- Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
- Zaporizhzhia National University
- Faculty of Sociology and Management, Zaporizhzhia National University
- Institute of Political and Ethno-National Studies named after I.F. Kuras NAS of Ukraine
- National Pedagogical University named after M.P. Dragomanov
- Zaporizhzhia State Medical and Pharmaceutical University
- Sociological Association of Ukraine
- Ukrainian Academy of Sciences
- European Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- Ukrainian Academy of Political Science (UAPS)
- Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration
- Zaporizhzhia Regional Council
- King's College of the City of New York
- Caucasus International University (Georgia, Tbilisi)
- Caucasus Geopolitical Modeling Laboratory (Georgia, Tbilisi)
- International Peace Institute (Georgia, Tbilisi)
- Institute of International Studies, University of Wrocław
- Institute of Public Policy, Faculty of Sociology and Economics, Comenius University in Bratislava
- Firat University Institute of Economic and Social Sciences
- Center for Strategic Forecasting and Design
- Center for Independent Sociological Research
- Ukrainian Center for Social Design
- Union of Social Technologists of Ukraine

## DEAR COLLEAGUES!

We invite you to participate in the 16th International Scientific and Practical Conference "Social Forecasting and Designing the Future of the Country: Science and Diplomacy of Peace in the Turbulence of the Digital World", which will take place on April 24, 2026.

The full-scale war, the challenges of digitalization, and growing global uncertainty are shaping a new research reality in which questions of forecasting, peacemaking, and social design of the future are gaining strategic importance. In these conditions, science is increasingly moving beyond theoretical analysis to become a tool for developing solutions for post-war reconstruction, strengthening institutions, and shaping a culture of peace in the digital age.

The purpose of the conference is to create an interdisciplinary scientific and practical platform for understanding and designing models of peaceful and sustainable development of the country's future in the context of military, social, and technological transformations through the integration of social, behavioral, humanitarian and security research.

The conference aims to develop scientifically based approaches to restoring social ties, strengthening institutions of trust, developing a culture of peace and responsible use of digital technologies as tools for social consolidation and risk forecasting. The conference is designed to strengthen cooperation between science, education, public administration and civil society in addressing the following pressing issues:

- ✓ Who shapes the architecture of tomorrow today – algorithms, political decisions, or a humanistic understanding of the human being? Can peace be learned in the same way that humanity learned to wage war?
- ✓ Can peacebuilding identify risks before they turn into a crisis?
- ✓ Will artificial intelligence become a factor of destabilization or a tool for restoring social integrity?
- ✓ How should the social fabric of post-war society be restored?
- ✓ Is science capable of moving from a position of analysis to a position of cooperation?
- ✓ If societies do not have a common understanding of the facts, is dialogue between them possible?

# THEMATIC AREAS OF THE CONFERENCE

- 1. Social forecasting methodology in the digital age: scientific approaches in research on human subjectivity, artificial intelligence, and knowledge resources in ensuring sustainable peace and post-war development.**
- 2. International Politics, Security, and Peace Diplomacy: negotiation strategies, transformation of international institutions and new models of global interaction in conditions of geopolitical turbulence.**
- 3. Conflict Studies, Mediation, Criminology, and Peacebuilding Practices: an interdisciplinary analysis of the nature of conflicts, criminological challenges, mediation mechanisms and peacemaking in developing a culture of peace and shaping a secure future.**
- 4. Digital anthropology and the challenges of algorithmic governance: social, economic, political and criminal risks of digitalization and mechanisms for their ethical and legal regulation and social adaptation.**
- 5. Post-war state formation and development of local self-government: digital transformation of governance, restoration of communities and formation of new models of public power in the context of modernization of Ukraine.**
- 6. Worldview of peace and creative industries: innovative humanitarian strategies for forming the value and cultural space of post-war reconstruction of Ukraine.**
- 7. Social policy and social work in a post-war country: world experience and Ukrainian practices of transforming the sphere of social development, social integration and restoration of human potential.**

# **AGENDA**

April 24, 2026

09:45–10:00 – Participant registration

10:00–12:00 – Opening of the conference. Plenary session

12:00–16;00 – Speeches, reports by sections

## **PARTICIPATION DETAILS**

**Working languages:**Ukrainian, English.

**Participant application:** <https://forms.office.com/e/PnaHR24VFF>

**Address for sending abstracts:** [conference@socforecast.org.ua](mailto:conference@socforecast.org.ua)

**Deadline for submission of applications and abstracts:**April 20, 2026.

All participants will receive electronic certificates. Abstracts will be published in the electronic proceedings of the conference.

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject submissions that do not comply with the principles of academic integrity.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

1. Abstracts are accepted subject to mandatory completion of the participant's application in the online form (<https://forms.office.com/e/PnaHR24VFF>).
2. Materials must contain full name of the author(s), academic degree, academic title, place of work (study), title of the report.
3. Volume: 5,000–9,000 characters (including spaces).
4. Drawings, photos, tables, and other graphic images are attached as a separate file in jpg or png format.
5. The list of references is provided at the end of the report materials; one item should contain only one source.
6. References in the text are placed in square brackets: serial number and page(s) (e.g.: [1, pp. 12-15]).
7. The editorial board reserves the right to select and edit materials. The editorial board does not return submitted materials.

## EXAMPLE

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References

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