

**The Institute of Western and Southern Slavonic Studies,
University of Warsaw
and New Bulgarian University
welcome you to join the academic conference**

Attitudes and Practices of CARE in Central and Eastern Europe in the 21st Century

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The notion of CARE, traditionally addressed in classical ethics and/or feminism, is increasingly present in discussions around the most acute issues of the present day, including war, pandemics, climate crisis, political instability, economic inequality. In the public discourse in Slavic countries – unlike in English-speaking and Scandinavian countries – a fragmentation of the understanding of CARE may be seen, as evidenced, i.a., by the heterogeneity of terminology: the English *care* in Polish corresponds to such terms as *troska*, *opieka*, *usługi medyczne*, *świadczenie troski*, *zatroskanie*, *solidarność społeczna* and others. Despite the multiplicity of approaches, CARE is consistently associated with the ethics of love and doing good and is juxtaposed with the individualistic concept of man as a 'lonely island'.

With the subject of the conference we want to join the academic discussion on the development of the idea of CARE and its implementation in social and institutional practice, culture, language, education, politics, legislation, environmental protection and other fields. We are interested in unique attitudes to, and practices of care in Central and Eastern Europe shaped in the period after the Lisbon Treaty establishing the European Community (2007).

We welcome researchers from various disciplines in the area of humanities and social sciences to obtain different perspectives in an attempt to answer such fundamental questions as:

- what is CARE and what is CARE-LESSNESS;
- what are practical and theoretical dimensions of CARE;
- how do we talk about CARE and 'with care';

- is CARE a personal and social imperative;
- how is CARE perceived and implemented in Poland and in other countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

The conference will be held in Polish, Bulgarian and English.

The papers presented, after a positive review, will be published by the University of Warsaw or New Bulgarian University (NBU) publishing houses in an open access electronic version.

The conference will be held in an on-site format at the Institute of Western and Southern Slavonic Studies, University of Warsaw and at New Bulgarian University, and remotely on the Zoom platform.

Abstracts with preliminary title should be submitted by **March 20, 2023**, to: **project_care@uw.edu.pl**. You will be notified of the acceptance of your application by **March 30, 2023**.

Organisers do not provide a fee for attending the conference.

We look forward to working with you!

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