

International Summer School in Social Anthropology

ISSSA XII EDITION OPENING EVENT



The Sociology Department of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, West University of Timișoara (UVT), gathers international and local participants at the **12th Edition of the International Summer School in Social Anthropology: Urban Transformations and Social Concerns**, held in Timișoara from 6th to 10th of July 2026 (physical mobility), and a virtual component on 22 June 2026, 9-12 CET.

We are BA, MA, and doctoral social science students and researchers interested in European urban studies, cultural heritage, livability, and social identity dynamics, and we are participating in one week of ethnographic fieldwork in international teams, cultural exchange, and cross-disciplinary teamwork in Timișoara.

Academic staff

Melinda Dincă - West University of Timișoara (UVT), Romania
Andrea Boscoboinik - University of Fribourg (UniFR), Switzerland
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Catarina Sales Oliveira - University of Beira Interior (UBI), Portugal
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 **JULY 6th, 2026**
9:00

 **ROOM A01**
West University of Timișoara, Bv. Vasile Pârvan, No.4

9:00 - 9:30 *Registration*

9:30 - 9:45 *Welcome to UVT!*

Valy Geta Ceia, Vice Rector of the West University of Timișoara, UVT, Romania
Oana Ivan-Horobeț, Head of the International Relations Department and BIP@UVT
Marius Lupșa Matichescu, Dean of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, UVT

9:45 - 10:30 *Student groups present their academic background and the student life in their university town*

10:30 - 11:30 *Preparing the field work research-based activities*
Melinda Dincă, ISSSA coordinator, UVT

11:30 - 12:30 *Intercomprehension session*
Ana-Maria Pop, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Letters, History, Philosophy and Theology, UVT

12:30 - 13:30 *Symbolic Interaction: from fieldwork to research report*
Lisa-Jo van den Scott, Editor-in-Chief for the academic journal Symbolic Interaction, Canada