DN15. The 15th DiscourseNet Conference: Discourses of Culture - Cultures of Discourse

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Panel I:
Discourses of Culture in the Making of Social Boundaries

The idea for this panel stems from the insight that critical discourse studies, while dedicated to unwrapping various discourses of power and discrimination, rarely address social class issues and the role that culture plays in constructing stratificational categories, identities and distinctions. We argue that 'culture', i.e. cultural traits and practices, such as education, sophistication, taste (and, in the Balkan context, urbanity) are constitutive of social boundaries and are frequently being used as tools in social boundary making, as well as in the symbolic struggles in society. We will be interested in 'discourses of culture' both in terms of a specific discursive code (the language of cultural evaluation and exclusion used to reproduce and legitimize social inequality) and as discursive treatment of actual cultural practices (such as cultural consumption, symbolic affiliation, engagement with the so-called high culture). With theoretical and empirical contributions in this panel we would like to open up space in the field of discourse studies for the culture in use (and misuse) by social agents in the discursive strategies and practices of drawing symbolic and social boundaries.

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Participants are invited to take part in the organizational meeting of DiscourseNet held after the official part on Saturday if they want to become members, propose new ideas or talk about collaborative perspectives for discourse research network. Please send an email to the organizers if you want to join this meeting.

The deadline for paper proposals (with name, title, a half-page abstract and a short cv) is the 20th of January 2015. Please contact the organizers via **discoursenet15@ubsm.rs** and **dn15@ubsm.rs** or visit the conference webpage at **dn15.unilib.rs** or **dn15.ubsm.rs** for further details. DN15 is organized by Jan Krasni (Belgrade) and receives support from the ERC DISCONEX project led by Johannes Angermuller (Warwick).