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**8th INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE
 “BORDER CROSSINGS”
 (Zadar, Republic of Croatia, 22-25th April 2010)**

**“EXAMINING EVERY-DAY LIFE IN SE EUROPE: IDENTITY,
 CULTURE AND REPRESENTATION”**

The 8th meeting of students and professors from the departments of ethnology, anthropology, folkloristics and related disciplines from the Balkans, involved in the student academic network “Border Crossings” took place from 22nd-25th April 2010. The host of the conference was the new member of the network – the Department of ethnology and cultural anthropology at the University of Zadar, Croatia.

The main topic of the conference was “Examining every-day life in SE Europe: Identity, Culture and Representation”. Around 60 undergraduate and post-graduate students from 26 universities presented their works, coming from: Slovenia, Greece, Serbia, Romania, Turkey, Great Britain, Albania, Italy, Croatia and Macedonia. Besides those students who presented their articles, there were 60 more students who came as guests.

There were two parallel sessions in two halls, and the articles were presented in the morning and in the afternoon. Topics were organized in the following blocks:

- Local, regional, national and European identities;
- Studies of the rural and the urban;
- Space and place in SE Europe;
- Migrations and trans-national networks;
- Tourism and cultural heritage;
- Anthropology, war, ethnic cleansing and refugees;
- Visual culture – artistic expression, popular culture and border crossings etc.

A large number of the presented researches were illustrated with photo and video materials. After the closure of the individual sessions there was a fertile and constructive discussion.

The informal part included a visit of the ancient town of Nin, a dinner with folk music and traditional picnic organized by the inhabitants of the village of Polacha, as well as a tour through the old city of Zadar.

From year to year the growing number of participants continues the idea of the founders of this network – professors enthusiasts Ljupco Risteski

from the Institute of ethnology and anthropology from Skopje and Yannis Manos from the Department for Balkan Studies in Florina. There is a growing cooperation between the Institutes, old friendships are being renewed and new ones are being formed, among the participants and the members of the organizing teams.