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## PREFACE

The modern world and its perspective today are characterized by increasingly complex and difficult-to-solve situations with an increased role of scientific knowledge in natural, technical-technological, biomedical and social processes. With the greater importance and influence of scientific knowledge in the development of modern society, there is a growing trend of opportunities for conducting inadequate scientific research, as well as the possibility of misusing the results of such research.

Therefore, the development of the general methodology of sciences and special methodologies in all fields of science, as well as specialist methodologies in certain fields of science and their responsible application can contribute to the development of modern societies and their political, economic, legal, social, cultural and technological prosperity.

In order to encourage faster development of social science methodology and specialist methodologies of scientific fields within the field of social sciences, the International Association of Methodologists of Social Sciences was founded at the end of 2009 as a voluntary, non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization based in Belgrade. The question arises, why was the International Association of Methodologists founded in the scientific field of social sciences? The answer is quite simple. Science, scientific truth and scientific knowledge is international in its origin and consequences. True, reliable and valid scientific knowledge can only be obtained through scientific research and the valid application of adequate scientific methods, techniques, instruments and procedures.

The International Association of Methodologists of Social Sciences was founded in order to encourage fundamental, applied and developmental research into contemporary social processes, verifying existing and discovering new knowledge on the basis of which it is possible to ensure further political, economic, social and cultural development of modern society and the global community as a whole. Any arbitrariness in scientific research of social phenomena and processes necessarily leads to incorrect results. Such results can direct the decision-making process and the behavior of social actors in the wrong direction. The consequences of this situation can last for decades, and even centuries, and inevitably lead to major crises, conflicts and the collapse of social systems.

In order to avoid such mistakes and ensure competence in the scientific research work of the society, it is necessary to rely to a large extent on the Methodology of Social Sciences. Competent scientific research of contemporary social phenomena and processes can only be realized with the support and help of leading methodologists and researchers from the field of social and other sciences. Therefore, it was necessary for eminent methodologists and researchers to gather and organize within a professional international association with a clear mission, goals and tasks.

## **MISSION of social science methodologists**

The strategic mission of social science methodologists, as well as methodologists in other fields of science, is to develop existing and discover new methods of acquiring scientific knowledge and solving problems of conceptualization and design of scientific research.

## **OBJECTIVES of social science methodologists**

The main goals of social science methodologists are:

1. to look critically at all research in the social sciences;
2. to warn about the consequences of inadequate scientific research;
3. that the teaching of Scientific Research Methodology by incompetent personnel is opposed in the education system;
4. to continuously indicate the need to reveal scientifically true knowledge, and
5. to permanently indicate the harmfulness of quasi-scientific data and knowledge for the development of modern societies.

## **TASKS of social science methodologists**

In the development of the global community and modern states, social science methodologists are engaged in achieving the following strategic tasks:

1. development and affirmation of social science methodology;
2. correct application of methodological and methodological knowledge in scientific research and professional practice;

3. scientific-methodological education and training of scientific-research personnel and their advancement;
4. evaluation of scientific research work, adequate application of scientific and methodological knowledge and contribution to the development of that knowledge;
5. adequate participation of competent scientific workers – methodologists in scientific researches of society, creation of conditions for such researches and their application in social practice;
6. publication of scientific monographs, editions, books, textbooks, manuals and other publications in the field of methodology of social and humanistic sciences and special methodologies within them.

In less than twelve years of its existence, the International Association of Methodologists of Social Sciences has become a prestigious international professional association in the field of social science methodology. In achieving its lofty mission, goals and tasks, the Association of Methodologists of Social Sciences organized three international thematic scientific conferences on the role of prognostic, futurological and applied research and its importance for the development of science and improvement of social practice in modern societies.

The main subject of the Fourth International Thematic Scientific Conference is “Fundamental (basic) research and its importance for the progress of the global community and the prosperous development of modern states”.

## **OBJECTIVES of the Fourth International Thematic Conference are:**

- (1) to argue and critically point out the importance of fundamental (basic) research for the progress of the global community and the prosperous development of modern states, as well as the unacceptable attitude towards this research by global and regional international organizations and national states;
- (2) to warn of the consequences of inadequate fundamental (basic) research on the development of the global community and modern states;
- (3) to indicate the harmfulness of quasi-scientific knowledge in fundamental (basic) research for the future development of the global community and modern states;
- (4) to draw the attention of the scientific and general public, especially subjects responsible for scientific research activities in international organizations

and national states, to the necessity of greater application of fundamental prognostic and futurological research, without which there is no development of the world community and national states;

- (5) to critically assess the unacceptable status of fundamental (basic) research in all areas of science, and
- (6) to critically assess the place, role and importance of science methodology in the design and implementation of fundamental (basic) research in all areas of science.

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# HISTORY AND/OR PROPAGANDA: THE BOOKS OF TIM JUDAS, NOEL MALCOLM AND MIRANDA VICKERS ON KOSOVO AND METOHİJA

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The paper analyzes the methodological approach and original foundation of the books of three influential British authors whose books on Kosovo and Metohija, written on the eve of the war in 1999, had a strong influence on political decision-makers from the West. The aforementioned books defined the dominant discourse and narrative in the Western academic public and journalism today. The influence of these books is still great since they are usually found in the bibliography of recent scientific works and monographs. Such a far-reaching influence leads to the need to review their methodological and original foundation.

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