

Jean Monnet Chair's Connecting Session at the 12th Slovenian Social Science Conference

The event in the on-line ZOOM environment took place in the framework of the 12th Slovenian Social Science Conference and the 1st Slovenian Jean Monnet Day. The main emphases were on sustainable development, European strategies, innovations, the relations between local, national and transnational governance, the significance of active civic participation, as well as the traps of the contemporary political populism.

The introductory keynotes and the short presentation of the Chair and its activities were followed by the international round table panel on **Connecting sustainability related local initiatives in the European transnational sphere**. Dr. **Andreja Penca**, assistant professor at the Euro-Mediterranean University ([EMUNI](#)) and the coordinator of the Jean Monnet Module [on The Blue Economy and Sustainability](#) presented her project activities and preliminary results. Dr. **Paola Menapace** from Provincia Autonoma di Trento, Italy, presented the functioning of the international projects within the conceptual framework of relational reflexivity. Dr. **Debabrata Baral** from [Bennet University](#), India, presented the extreme challenges of sustainable development in the developing world. Dr. **Urška Fric**, assistant professor at the Faculty of Information Studies, Slovenia, presented the [E-simbioza project](#), a web platform connecting the companies for the purposes of circular economy. The presentations were followed by a broad debate.

