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The past twenty years have witnessed an increased academic interest in issues related to children and young people. As a result, Childhood and Youth Studies has emerged as a new field of interdisciplinary research in social sciences. Whereas childhood and adolescence have been extremely popular topics in psychological research in the past, today these topics attract researchers from a wide range of scientific fields, including sociologists, anthropologists, historians, political scientists, lawyers and legal theorists, who present a variety of theoretical approaches and research findings. The focus of this new field of studies is on the re-conceptualization of childhood and youth, as well as on the deeper understanding of the life experiences of children and young people in contemporary societies that are characterized by significant economic, political, social and cultural changes. Therefore, in an era of social change and globalization it is imperative for scientists to examine how the lives of young people are both developed and transformed.

The Conference **“Children and Youth in Changing Societies”**, which is organized by the Psychological Association of Northern Greece in collaboration with the School of Psychology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, has as an aim to incorporate all current debates on childhood and youth, and contribute to the development of an interdisciplinary research field, where insights, perspectives and methods from a variety of academic disciplines are truly integrated. The Conference topics refer to all processes and transformations experienced by children and young people, including developmental, social, cultural, lifestyle, entertainment, family, and school-to-work transitions, as well as their implications for physical and mental health.

The Conference welcomes individual papers, symposia, round tables and workshops (a) from researchers in a wide range of academic disciplines such as psychology, sociology, political science, education, anthropology, ethnology, cultural

geographies, economics, criminology, law, history, media studies, gender studies, medicine, literature, and cultural studies, (b) from childhood and youth policy makers, and (c) from professionals working with children and young people, such as psychologists, youth workers, educationalists etc.

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