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# RESEARCH ACADEMY

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH  
METHODS FOR JUNIOR RESEARCHERS IN THE  
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# SUMMARY



The Regional Research Promotion Programme (RRPP) Western Balkans is organizing a fully-funded comprehensive training on social science research methods tailored for junior researchers in the Western Balkans. The course lasts 8 days, and will be held from the **11th** to the **18th April 2016** in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

According to relevant studies, research capacity in the social sciences in the Western Balkans is underdeveloped. Students and young researchers have low levels of skills and knowledge in research methods, especially when it comes to research design, research techniques, data analysis, and academic writing. There are several reasons for this. First, training in research methods, writing, and analytical skills at university level is often inadequate. Second, there is a lack of opportunities for practicing research methods during one's studies. Third, there is also a lack of relevant extra-curricular training programs in the field. The consequences of this situation have a negative effect on the academic careers of young researchers, the quality of research, and the job prospects for students.

The Research Academy constitutes an educational program that addresses the most relevant aspects of social science research methods and enables young researchers to improve their methodological, analytical, and writing skills. It is designed for junior researchers who are currently working on a research project in the field of social sciences at public or private research centers (higher education institutions, research institutes, think tanks), who have earned their master's degree in the field of social sciences at a university in the countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia), and who live and work in the region.

The Research Academy is designed as a summer school composed of several linked one-day modules. During the program of the Research Academy junior researchers will be guided through all stages of the research process and the sessions will be highly interactive and practice-oriented.

The program will be delivered by a team of 13 trainers who come from a number of European and regional universities and research institutes, with extensive experience in the field of research methods and academic writing.

Additional information on the application procedure, training modules and the trainers is provided below:

# PROGRAM

## Monday, April 11, 2016

**Module 1: Introduction to Social Science Research / How to Start Your Research**  
(*Dr. Veronica Federico, Dr. Simonida Kacarska*)

## Tuesday, April 12, 2016

**Module 2: Methodological Approaches / Research Design**  
(*Dr. Mihail Arandarenko, Prof. Simone Baglioni, Dr. Veronica Federico*)

## Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**Module 3: Qualitative vs. Quantitative Methods / Research Techniques**  
(*Prof. Simone Baglioni, Amer Osmić, Dr. Lea Sgier*)

## Thursday, April 14, 2016

**Module 4: Analyzing Qualitative Data**  
(*Dr. Elona Dhembo, Dr. Lea Sgier*)

## Friday, April 15, 2016

**Module 5: Analyzing Quantitative Data**  
(*Dr. Adnan Efendić, Dr. Micaela Mazzei*)

## Saturday, April 16, 2016

**Module 6: Reporting Research: Introduction to Academic Writing - Structuring Ideas and Writing Research Outputs**  
(*Mirna Jusić, Dr. Stephen Sinclair*)

## Sunday, April 17, 2016

**Module 7: Workshop: Developing a Research Project**  
(*Dr. Michael Roy, Dr. Stephen Sinclair*)

## Monday, April 18, 2016

**Module 8: Communicating your Research Findings in Verbal and Visual Forms (Presentation in an academic context)**  
(*Dr. Gazela Pudar, Dr. Michael Roy*)

Each module will last **from 09:00h to 17:00h**, with a lunch break from 12:30h to 14:00h, and regular coffee breaks every two hours. Individual tutoring sessions will be held from 17:00 to 18:30.

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Michael Roy is Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Social Business at the Glasgow School for Business and Society and the Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health at Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), UK. An economic sociologist and public policy specialist, Michael's research interests are interdisciplinary in nature, across political economy, economic sociology and public health, and he is especially interested in how community-led 'bottom up' action can work to address aspects of social vulnerability, which in turn impact upon the social determinants of health and health inequalities. He has particular expertise in qualitative methods inspired by the critical realist philosophical framework and undertook one of the very first Systematic Reviews in the field, the results of which were published in *Social Science and Medicine*. His work has helped to open up a new scientific field of inquiry on the interface between social enterprise and health and well-being, and he has published extensively in this area. Michael serves as Programme Leader for the university's flagship Masters in Science (MSc) programme in Social Business and Microfinance, which was launched in 2014, and is currently involved in a number of high profile research projects. He is presently co-investigator on a project called EFESIIS (*Enabling the Flourishing and Evolution of Social Entrepreneurship for Innovative and Inclusive Societies*), funded by the European Commission's 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, and is co-investigator in another major European project, a Horizon 2020 funded project called TransSol, led by the University of Siegen, Germany, to investigate transnational solidarity, civil society and precarity across Europe since the financial crisis. Michael is also involved in mentoring a group of researchers involved in social enterprise research in the Western Balkans, funded by the RRPP. Michael has considerable experience in developing and analyzing public policy, having worked in various policy areas including science, innovation, learning and skills, regional economic development and public finance in over a decade with central government in Scotland. He has also served on the board of directors of a number of organizations, including his local Chamber of Commerce, where he was elected Vice President, and set up and ran his own social enterprise for a time.

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