

**ESRALE project – European Studies and Research in Adult Learning and Education,  
Project number 540117-LLP-1-2013-DE-Erasmus-EQMC**



# **ESRALE Summer Academy**

**EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN ADULT LEARNING  
AND EDUCATION**

**- Conceptual and Methodological Problems -**

**14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Belgrade, Serbia**



Photo by B. Raković

**Welcome to Belgrade!**

University of Belgrade together with: University of Kaiserslautern; University of Florence; University of Brno; West University of Timisoara; University of Pecs; VM University of Kaunas; Dublin City University; University of Barcelona; University of Wurzburg; German Institute for Adult Education, Leibniz Centre for Lifelong Learning; and European Centre for Valuation of Prior Learning – EC-VPL organises

## **Summer Academy**

### **EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN ADULT LEARNING AND EDUCATION**

**- Conceptual and Methodological Problems -**

**14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Belgrade**

**For students of master and doctoral studies in the field of adult learning and education and related fields**

**and**

**International Conference**

### **EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN ADULT LEARNING AND EDUCATION**

**- Conceptual and Methodological Problems -**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Belgrade**

**For academics, researchers, prominent practitioners and PhD students in the field of adult learning and education and related fields**

Students of master and doctoral studies will find detailed information about Summer Academy, as well as about how to apply for participation, about contents and mode of work before the beginning, during and after completion of the summer part of Academy in the material called “Summer Academy Concept: ESRALE Academy Series“, which was submitted together with the invitation for participation and makes its integral part.

We would like to draw the attention of MA and PhD students to the fact that the complete application for participation in Summer Academy has to contain:

- 1) Resume
- 2) An application form
- 3) Motivation letter

Further clarification of the contents of the mentioned documents is also given in the concept, whereas *Summer Academy MA and PhD students' application form for participation in the academy* and *Students' motivation letter format for applying for participation in the academy* can be found in Annexes 1 and 2 of the concept.

Complete documentation has to be submitted no later than **8<sup>th</sup> June 2015** to the address of Professor Aleksandra Pejatović, PhD: [apejatov@f.bg.ac.rs](mailto:apejatov@f.bg.ac.rs).

All questions which refer to Summer Academy 2015 can be sent to the given address.

Feedback related to participation in the Academy will be sent to applicants no later than **29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**.

**Preliminary programme of Summer Academy  
14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
Arrival of participants	Conference “ <b>Empirical Research in Adult Learning and Education - Conceptual and Methodological Problems</b> ”	Guided discussion – “What has been learned about research in adult learning and education owing to the conference – old and new issues“ (MA + PhD students)	Workshop II – Transnational projects (MA students)	Workshop III – Transnational projects (MA students)	Workshop III – Transnational projects (MA students)	Departure of participants
	Introductory workshop – Getting to know each other (MA + PhD students)	Panel – “Modern trends in research in adult learning and education	Guided discussion, group and individual consultations – “Themes	Guided discussion, group and individual consultations – “Themes	Guided discussion, group and individual consultations – “Themes	

		in Europe“ (MA + PhD students)	and conceptual designs of PhD theses – dilemmas and opportunities“ (PhD students)	and conceptual designs of PhD theses – dilemmas and opportunities“ (PhD students)	and conceptual designs of PhD theses – dilemmas and opportunities“ (PhD students)	
	Welcome dinner	Workshop I – Transnational projects (MA students)	Academic writing (MA + PhD students)	Team building – simulation of joint problem solving (MA + PhD students, divided into smaller groups)	Final evaluative workshop and agreements on further work and cooperation (MA + PhD students)	
		Guided discussion – “Themes and conceptual designs of PhD theses – dilemmas and opportunities“ (PhD students)	Team building – simulation of joint problem solving (MA + PhD students, divided into smaller groups)		Farewell dinner	
		Sightseeing				

**The Summer Academy programme is implemented by professors and associates from several universities from different countries.**

**Accommodation for Academy participants will be organised in the student dorm, in single and double rooms. The price of the overnight stay is the same, regardless of the room type, and is about 23 EUR per day.**

**Breakfast is not included in the cost of accommodation and will be organised at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, at the price of 2 EUR per breakfast.**

**Two dinners, as well as refreshments during work, are provided by the Academy organiser – Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade. For other meals (lunch and dinner) Academy participants will receive in advance a list of the most suitable options for dining in the immediate vicinity of the Faculty, with provisional prices in EUR.**

**International Conference**  
**EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN ADULT LEARNING  
AND EDUCATION**

**- Conceptual and Methodological Problems -**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Belgrade**

The conference is organised with the aim to provide opportunities for participants to:

- present designs and results of their own empirical research or research projects in the field of adult learning and education, with calling attention to specific conceptual and methodological issues and concerns
- present papers in which the main emphasis is on considering certain conceptual and methodological issues in empirical research in adult learning and education
- jointly discuss and analyse the current state and conceptual and methodological issues of research in adult learning and education on the national and European levels
- make arrangements regarding possible future joint research.

In Annex 3 of “Summer Academy Concept: ESRALE Academy Series“ interested experts, PhD students and prominent practitioners in the field of adult learning and education will find *Application form for participation in the conference*, as well as *Guidelines for Abstract Writing*.

The application for participation in the conference and the paper abstract should be sent no later than **10<sup>th</sup> June 2015**, to the address of Assistant Professor Violeta Orlović Lovren, PhD: [orlovicvioleta08@gmail.com](mailto:orlovicvioleta08@gmail.com).

All additional information in relation to the conference can be obtained at the given address.

Paper abstracts presented at the conference will be published in e-form.