



Conference

European Integration in Higher Education and Research in the Western Balkans

13 May 2013

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science
Serbia

CALL FOR PAPERS

Basic information

The University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science and the Department of Educational Research and Intermedia of the University of Oslo have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the conference "European Integration in Higher Education and Research in the Western Balkans", taking place at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science on 13 May 2013.

The conference is part of a 3-year project, funded by the Norwegian Research Council through its NORGLOBAL programme and is targeting the Western Balkan countries. The project seeks primarily to strengthen the basis for evidence based policy making in the area of higher education and research, by strengthening capacities for national and regional studies on higher education and research. Through close cooperation between institutions from Norway (Department of Educational Research and Intermedia as well as the Centre for European Studies – ARENA of the University of Oslo, and the Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education – NIFU) and the region (University of Zagreb in Croatia, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Sciences in Serbia and Centre for Education Policy in Serbia), the project will support the development of technical and human capacity to address these issues in a comprehensive and sustainable manner.

The conference will gather researchers and policy makers from Serbia and other countries of the Western Balkans and will focus on the current state-of-the-art with respect to data and knowledge about systems of higher education and research in the region by presenting a comparative overview of key policy issues in higher education in the countries under study and preliminary results of the survey that focuses on

excellence in higher education. The conference will also be an opportunity for researchers from the region to present their work and explore possibilities for collaboration with colleagues from the region and Norway.

More information on the project can be found here: www.herdata.org

The conference theme and information about paper submission

The conference will primarily focus on changes in the higher education systems and institutions in the Western Balkan countries, in particular changes that can be linked to European initiatives in higher education, such as the Bologna Process and the EU's Europe 2020 Strategy (incl. Lisbon Strategy and Modernization Agenda). One segment of the conference will be in the form of paper sessions (similar to scientific conferences), with 3-4 papers presented in each session followed by comments and discussion by other participants in the session.

Proposals that focus on issues of governance, policy, European integration and contribution of higher education and research to regional development will be given priority. It is possible to submit proposals for papers focusing on one country or one institution, but preference will be given to comparative studies.

There will be **two rounds of selection**.

The proposals should be first sent in the form of an extended summary (maximum 800 words). Information on the research topic or research questions, main theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches and overview of results should be included in the proposal at this stage (see below for details). **The deadline to submit the extended summary is 1 March 2013 to martina.vukasovic@ped.uio.no as a .doc or .pdf file.**

On the basis of this, a committee consisting of experts in higher education research from Croatia, Norway and Serbia will invite a number of authors, no later than 10 March 2013, to develop their proposals into full papers (maximum 10000 words). **The deadline to submit full papers for second round of selection is 20 April 2013. More information about submission procedures at this stage will be sent only to the authors of the proposals selected in the first round.**

The authors selected in the second round will be invited no later than 30 April 2013 to present their paper in the conference. Travel and accommodation will be covered to authors of selected papers. In case the paper has several authors, travel and accommodation will be covered for one author only.

Please include the following points when you submit your extended summary (deadline 1 March 2013):

1. Name, affiliation, qualification and contact details (e-mail) of author that would present the paper
2. Name, affiliation and qualification of other authors of the paper (if applicable)
3. Full title of the paper
4. Keywords (5 maximum)
5. Extended summary (maximum 800 words)
 - a. Abstract
 - b. Research topic and/or research questions
 - c. Theoretical framework
 - d. Empirical data and methodology used
 - e. Main/provisional results

Questions and inquiries about this call for papers should be directed to martina.vukasovic@ped.uio.no.