



Call for Applications

1st Thessaloniki Summer School in Research and Computational Methods

The **Public Opinion Research Unit** at the University of Macedonia Research Institute of Applied Social and Economic Sciences launches its 1st **Summer School in Research and Computational Methods**. The Summer School will take place in Thessaloniki, **from July 9th to July 13th**.

Potential applicants are invited to fill in the Application Form [here](#).

Summer School

This school offers a unique opportunity to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students as well as to young researchers and professionals to deepen their knowledge of research methods and explore new fields of expertise.

A basic course "**Research Methods in Social Sciences: Combining Historical with Quantitative approaches**" is offered along with optional choices, all of which introduce state-of-the-art approaches to survey design, data collection and analysis. Further, established researchers from the **University of Oxford & EUI** and **Stanford University** offer the opportunity for discussion and exchange of views on cross-cutting issues.

The working language is English and **no prior knowledge on statistics or software is required**. Throughout the courses, we will be using free programming software (R, Python and QGIS).

Courses

Each participant will combine the basic "**Research Methods in Social Sciences: Combining Historical with Quantitative approaches**" course with one or two other courses, choosing among three alternatives: **Geographic Information Systems**, **Web scraping** and **Questionnaire design**.

Courses run on a daily basis in two sessions: the morning one from 9.30 until 13.00 and the afternoon one from 14.00 to 16.00. The sessions complement each other nicely: In the morning, you learn the fundamentals of causal inference and in the afternoon you learn innovative methods to generate, measure and display data that you can use to examine your research questions.

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Schedule

Session	Monday, July 9 th	Tuesday, July 10 th	Wednesday, July 11 th	Thursday, July 12 th	Friday, July 13 th	
Morning	9:30-11:00	Research Methods in Social Sciences: Combining Historical with Quantitative approaches.	Research Methods in Social Sciences: Combining Historical with Quantitative approaches.	Research Methods in Social Sciences: Combining Historical with Quantitative approaches.	Research Methods in Social Sciences: Combining Historical with Quantitative approaches.	Research Methods in Social Sciences: Combining Historical with Quantitative approaches.
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13.00 - 14:00			Lunch Break			
Evening	14:00-16:00	Geographic Information Systems	Geographic Information Systems	Web scraping		
		Or	Or	Or		
Social activities	17:00 - 18:30	Questionnaire Design (Part A)	Questionnaire Design (Part A)	Keynote speech (will be announced)	Questionnaire Design (Part B)	Questionnaire Design (Part B)
		Welcome reception	Social event		Social event II	Goodbye Dinner

Instructors

The two main instructors are **Elias Dinas** and **Vicky Fouka** will jointly give two courses: **Research Methods in Social Sciences** and **GIS**. Dinas and Fouka collaborate on various research projects and will draw on some of them in providing applications and illustrations of some of the research methods covered in the summer school.



Elias Dinas is the holder of the Swiss Chair in Federalism, Democracy and International Governance at the European University Institute – while on leave from the University of

Oxford, where he is Associate Professor in Comparative Politics. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the EUI (2010) and his research interests include the dynamics of political socialization, the downstream effects of institutional interventions and the legacy of authoritarian rule on the ideological predispositions. His work has been published in various peer-reviewed journals and mentioned in The Economist, the Atlantic, the New York Times, and the Greek parliament.



Vicky Fouka is an assistant professor of Political Science at Stanford University and a faculty affiliate at the Stanford Center for International Development, the Europe Center at the Freeman

Spogli Institute, the Stanford Immigration Policy Lab and an external research fellow at the Center for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM). She holds a PhD in Economics from Pompeu Fabra University. Her research interests include the dynamics of immigrant assimilation, the effects of integration policies on immigrant outcomes and the legacy of historical conflict on out-group prejudice. Her work combines formal theory and techniques for causal inference in the analysis of historical and contemporary data and has been funded by the Hellman Fellows fund and the Russell Sage Foundation.

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George Siakas and **Iordanis Lazoudis** are the instructors of the elective courses Questionnaire Design and Web-scraping.



George Siakas holds a PhD in Comparative policy, a Master in International Relations and a bachelor in Accounting and Finance and. He joined PORU in 2013 and from 2015 he is serving as the Research Director. Previously, from 2007 to 2013 he was employed as a business consultant. He was a member of the Ministry of Competitiveness evaluation registry and has participated in the design and implementation of European and other developmental projects.



Iordanis Lazoudis is a graduate of the New York Baruch College and holds an MBA from NY Institute of Technology. Since 1999, he has been working as IT consultant in New York, and from 2000 to 2003 as a developer in Goldman Sachs. In 2004, he's back to Greece and since he has developed significant activity as an IT expert, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in the development of cloud services and portfolio management.

Courses in the Summer School: Questionnaire Design

Courses in the Summer School : Web-scraping

Fees and deadlines

This school offers a regular fee, an **early bird** discount and a late enrollment fee.

Fee	Payment should be made
450.00 euro	Until May 30 th
650.00 euro	From June 1 st - June 20 th
850.00 euro	From June 21 th up to the first day of the school

The participation fee covers tuition fees and catering (coffee breaks, lunch and complimentary dinner on the first and last day of the school) along with additional material. The participation fee does not cover accommodation costs.

This school operates on a "**bring your own laptop**" basis, so **students are required to either bring their own laptop or inform us so that we can provide them with a laptop during the summer school.**

Scholarships

Four scholarships will be awarded to **four** of the school participants on the basis of academic profile and interests. The scholarships will get the form of a 50% reduction on the tuition fee.

Potential applicants are strongly advised to complete the application form the soonest possible. After May 10th, no applicant will be considered for a scholarship.

Scholarships will be announced on May 10th.

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