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## **FIFTH INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

**THE STATUS OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AT UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH  
INSTITUTES: CURRENT STATE AND PERSPECTIVES – SRMUI 2026”**

### **Conference Patrons**

Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation  
Ministry of Education of the Government of the Republic of Serbia

### **Conference Venue**

Science and Technology Park Belgrade. Veljka Dugoševića 54  
11050 Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

**Beograd, 12. juni 2026.**

## INVITATION LETTER

The International Association of Methodologists of Social Sciences (Belgrade, Republic of Serbia) is pleased to invite methodologists – university professors teaching research methodology courses, as well as scientists and researchers from institutes in all scientific fields who are engaged in the conceptualization and practical application of methodological knowledge in the process of scientific research, to actively participate in the Fifth International Thematic Scientific Conference entitled: **“The Status of Research Methodology at Universities and Research Institutes – SRMUI 2026”** (hereinafter: **SRMUI 2026**)

### Conference Details:

**Date:** 12 June 2026

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Venue:** Ceremonial Hall, Science and Technology Park Belgrade

Veljka Dugoševića 54, 11050 Belgrade (Zvezdara)

### Conference Objective:

The SRMUI 2026 Conference aims to analyze comparative experiences in the application of research methodology at:

- universities
- academies
- faculty and colleges
- higher school
- research institutes
- research and innovation centers.

The conference will provide a platform for critical reflection on the current status, challenges, and future development of research methodology within higher education and scientific institutions.

### Conference Thematic Areas

The conference will be organized in plenary sessions and thematic panels covering the following topics:

- [1] Current state and perspectives of research methodology at universities and scientific institutes.
- [2] Analysis of research methodology curricula across scientific disciplines within the fields of social sciences and humanities, natural sciences, engineering and technological sciences, biomedical sciences, and interdisciplinary sciences, according to Analysis Instrument (Instrument - Code 01).
- [3] Logical foundations of scientific knowledge.
- [4] Epistemological foundations of scientific knowledge.
- [5] Scientific-strategic foundations of scientific knowledge.
- [6] Relationships between logical, epistemological, and scientific-strategic knowledge in research methodology curricula across different levels of study.
- [7] The necessity of modernizing research methodology curricula at different study levels.
- [8] Standards for the evaluation of research methodology courses in the process of accreditation of study programmes conducted by national accreditation bodies.
- [9] Experiences in the application of research methodology in scientific institutes, research and innovation centres in the fields of natural and mathematical sciences, engineering and technological

sciences, biomedical sciences, social sciences and humanities, and interdisciplinary sciences, according to Analysis Instrument (Instrument – Code 02):

- Development of research plans and the formulation of scientific research projects;
- Experiences in drafting the conceptual framework of a research project;
- Experiences in preparing research plans (timeline plan, human resources plan, and financial plan);
- Experiences in designing instruments for data collection;
- Experiences in the organization and implementation of research activities;
- Experiences in preparing research reports and presenting research results.

[10] The relationship between fundamental, applied, and developmental research.

[11] The relationship between theoretical and empirical research.

[12] The relationship between diagnostic, prognostic, and futurological research.

[13] Achievements in the use of scientific databases in research.

[14] Challenges in the application of artificial intelligence in research.

[15] Plagiarism in scientific research.

[16] Ethics in scientific research.

[17] Contemporary challenges of global development based on science and peaceful coexistence that lead the world to prosperity, or based on pragmatic strategic interests that lead to the collapse of civilization.

## Call for Papers:

We cordially invite professors of research methodology from universities, academies, higher school and colleges, as well as methodologists, scientists, and researchers from scientific institutes, research centres, and innovation centres to submit their original theoretical-empirical and review scientific papers.

Submitted papers should be based on comparative, qualitative, and quantitative analyses of the content of research methodology curricula at related domestic and international higher education institutions, conducted in accordance with Instrument 01, as well as on comparative analyses of the applied research methodology at related domestic and international scientific institute, conducted in accordance with Instrument 02.

## Participation and Conference Benefits

The conference is intended for:

- Methodologists and other university professors engaged in teaching and research in the field of research methodology at universities, faculties, academies, higher schools, and colleges;
- Methodologists, scientists, and researchers who apply research methodology in scientific institutes, research and innovation centres, and science and technology parks;
- Researchers involved in the conceptualization and implementation of theoretical and empirical fundamental, applied, and developmental research;
- Innovators working in innovation centres and incubators across all fields of science; and
- Doctoral and postdoctoral students pursuing advanced academic research.

Participation in the International Scientific Conference of Methodologists (which has the character of a Congress of Methodologists) may take place in **person** or **online**.

The conference provides participants with an opportunity for international academic networking among methodologists, as well as for the exchange of knowledge and professional experience in:

- the conceptualization and delivery of university-level teaching in research methodology, and

- the conceptualization and application of research methodology in scientific research projects conducted in institutes, research and innovation centres, and science and technology parks.

### **Important Information and Deadlines:**

- Submission of registration form and abstract: **15 April 2026**
- Notification of abstract acceptance: **22 April 2026**
- Submission of full paper: **30 May 2026**
- Notification of paper acceptance: **06 June 2026**
- Distribution of the conference programme: **10 June 2026**
- Conference date: **12 June 2026**

### **Submission of Applications, Abstracts, Papers, and Statements of Originality:**

Registration forms, abstracts, full papers, and statements of originality should be submitted **in English** via e-mail to the following address: [metodolog.dn@gmail.com](mailto:metodolog.dn@gmail.com)

Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the **Author Guidelines** attached to this invitation letter and formatted according to the **APA Style** (7th edition).

### **Working Languages of the Conference:**

The official working (presentation) languages of the Conference are:

- English
- Serbian / Croatian / Bosnian

### **Conference Fee, Accommodation, and Travel:**

There is no conference fee.

Participants are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses in Belgrade through their respective higher education and scientific research institutions, or other affiliated organizations.

### **Thematic Conference Proceedings:**

The papers that successfully pass the double-blind peer review process will be published in a thematic conference proceedings of international significance (Category M14) in the English language.

The proceedings will be published after the completion of the Conference and will be distributed to all conference participants electronically.

The Executive Board of the International Association of Methodologists of Social Sciences will appoint ten distinguished reviewers, whose names will be published in the conference proceedings.

The publisher of the conference proceedings will be the International Association of Methodologists of Social Sciences (Belgrade), with the financial support of the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia.

To qualify for evaluation under **category M14**, an author's contribution to a thematic proceedings of international significance shall comprise no fewer than one **pintina sheet (16 pages)**, with each page consisting of 1,800 characters, and shall include a **minimum of two to three requisite self-citations**.

## Chair of the Conference Programme Committee

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## Attachments:

1. **Instrument 01:** for the quantitative–qualitative content analysis of research methodology curricula at faculties and higher education institutions/colleges.
2. **Instrument 02:** for the qualitative–quantitative analysis of the application of research methodology throughout the different phases of the research process in scientific institutes, research and innovation centres, and science and technology parks.
3. **Conference Registration Form – SRMUI 2026**
4. **Author Guidelines**
5. **Statement of Originality**