VARNA UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT

5th Annual International PhD Seminar, 7th – 11th September 2020, Albena, Bulgaria

Venue: Albena resort

Day One – 7th of September

Day One	0900 - 1000	Breakfast	
	1000 - 1200	**Meeting and greeting at the hotel by the Administration Director, Assoc. Prof. Silvena Dencheva**	
	1200 - 1330	Lunch	
	1430 - 1445	**Welcome Speech** • Welcome speech by Prof. Todor Radev, President and Rector of Varna University of Management – The hosting University. • Welcome speech by Prof. Stanislav Ivanov, Vice-Rector Research of Varna University of Management • Introduction of the University partners.	**Speech by Prof. Todor Radev, President and Rector of Varna University of Management** **Speech by Prof. Stanislav Ivanov, Vice-Rector Research, Varna University of Management**
	1445 - 1500	**Introduction of the program** • Introduction of the professors and their backgrounds. • General information about the PhD seminar. • Question and Answer session.	**Prof. Stanislav Ivanov** **Prof. Todor Radev**
	1500 - 1530	**Getting to know each other (using techniques in 'Design Thinking').** This session is dedicated to a get-to-know each other in an informal fashion. Participants introduce themselves, their background, research interests and the topic of their studies.	All Distinguished Professors assist as mentors, administrators and mediators.

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	1530- 1600	**Seminar: Surviving the PhD process & planning.** In this seminar, all the pitfalls in completing a PhD successfully without mental, intellectual and emotional strain generally experienced by Doctoral candidates are discussed. Among topics covered are: How to handle your relationship with your supervisor, time management, handling feedback from your supervisors, dealing with your administrative work and work-life balance.	**Assoc. Prof. Silvena Dencheva**
	1600 -1700	**Individual sessions with Doctoral Research Advisors.** Each candidate meets their assigned 'Supervisor' as their consultant. Each candidate gives a 15 minutes presentation about his / her work and during the PhD seminar receives feedback and advice	All Distinguished Professors.
	1700 - 1900	Rest	
	1900 - 2000	**Dinner**	

Day Two – 8th of September

	0900 - 1000	Breakfast	
Day Two	1000 - 1200	**Writing an introduction and writing a literature review**	**Prof. Nelarine Cornelius**
	1200 - 1330	Lunch	
	1330 - 1500	**Seminar: Qualitative, Quantitative or Mixed Method**	**Prof. Stanislav Ivanov**

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		A session on comparative research methods highlighting the appropriateness, strengths and weaknesses to finally discuss the mixed method, its use in contemporary studies and variants of the Mixed Method.	
	1500 - 1515	Coffee Break	
	1515 - 1715	**Advanced Statistical Methods** - A session on regression analysis - A session on structural equation modeling	**Prof. James Wallace**
	1715 - 1900	Rest	
	1900 - 2000	Dinner	

Day Three – 9th of September

	0900 - 1000	Breakfast	
Day Three	1000 - 1200	**Writing the final chapter and editing your thesis for submission**	**Prof. Nelarine Cornelius**
	1200 - 1330	Lunch	
	1330 - 1515	**A session on: Writing articles to present and support the PhD thesis**	**Prof. Vesselin Blagoev**
	1515 - 1530	Coffee Break	
	1530 - 1700	**Lecture: Key issues in writing a research paper**	**Prof. Stanislav Ivanov**
	1700 - 1900	Rest	
	1900 - 2000	Dinner	

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Day Four – 10th of September

Day Four	0900 - 1000	Breakfast	
	1000 - 1130	**A session on: A more practical approach to teaching using entrepreneurship as a model**	**Mr. Bruce Whitfield, Esq.**
	1130 - 1230	**Preparation time for each candidate before presenting their studies to the entire group.** The candidates are given time for preparing their presentations to the rest of the group, after received advice and recommendations.	
	1230 - 1300	**Presentations** Candidates present their work and the take-away points during the academy.	
	1300 - 1500	**Lunch & Awarding ceremony Candidates receive their awarded certificates.**	
	1900 - 2000	Dinner	

Day Five – 11th of September

Day Five	Breakfast
	Free time Albena resort
	Lunch
	Free time Albena resort
	Dinner

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Day Seven – 12th of September

	Timings to be confirmed	Departure

The organizing committee of the PhD Summer Academy reserves the right for changing the program due to unforeseen events.