

Call for applications:

Early career researchers workshop “Digitalization of research and Open science”

Digitalization is currently probably the most significant technological trend for society and business. Moreover, digitization is constantly transforming the way we conduct research, providing researchers with additional opportunities to implement their creative ideas and to collaborate intensively with others around the world.

The **purpose** of the workshop is to facilitate exchange of experience between early-career researchers and senior researchers in the various areas of Open science and their potential benefits and the ways to utilize the opportunities provided by digitalization in terms of research formulation, publication, collaboration, and funding opportunities.

The starting point for the workshop will be to broadly identify the various aspects in which digitalization affects the way research is funded, conducted, and disseminated. Then the different features and areas of Open science will be defined and discussed – open access to publications and research data, open methodology, open peer review, open educational resources, science communication, etc., focusing on the potential benefits and risks for early-career researchers. A specific emphasis will be put on the possibilities that digitalization of research and open science provide in terms of collaboration and networking. Early-career researchers will be given the opportunity to present their ideas for the possible application of digital technology and Open science in their own research, as well as for collaboration. Early-career researchers will receive feedback and coaching from experience researchers and research support staff.

This is the **second of a series of workshops** that are taking place within the ERUA and cover a broad scope of topics ranging from the way networking works, funding opportunities for collaborative research, to specific scientific areas in which the ERUA participants have common portfolios and interests.

The workshop will be held in **parallel** with the activities of the 16-th edition of the [Early Fall School of Semiotics](#) “**Digital Transformation of Higher Education: Semiotic and Interdisciplinary Perspectives**” (September 6-10) organized by the Southeast European Centre for Semiotic Studies at New Bulgarian University, as well as with the [ERUA Research group annual workshop](#) “**Digital Transformation of Research and Practice in the Reform Universities: Past, Present and Future**”, providing opportunities for early-career researchers to also participate in them.

Target group

Early-career researchers with interest in the opportunities provided by digitalization of research.

Date and time:

- 8 September 2022 2 pm – 6 pm
- 9 September 2022 2 pm – 6 pm
- 10 September 2022 9 am – 1 pm

Place

[Sozopol](#), Bulgaria.

Information on the specific venue will be provided in the second week of August.

Programme

Day 1

- Introduction to digitalization of research
- Presentation of participants and research focus
- Doing research in the Digital Era – potential and risks
- The scope and impact of digitalization of science
- Development of concept notes for the possible utilization of digitalization in own research and collaboration (3-5 groups of ECRs)

Day 2

- Presentation of research concepts
- What is Open science?
- Understanding the different aspect, areas and features of Open science
- The academic and economic benefits of Open science
- Reflection and summarization

Day 3

- Exploring tangible methods for utilizing Open science in early-career researchers' academic development
- Ideas for joint open access publications (topics and abstracts)
- Moving from research idea to publication
- Reflection and summarization

Besides the activities within the program, all participants will be able to join all other events within the [Early Fall School of Semiotics](#), as well as to enjoy different arts and cultural events within the [Apollonia Arts Festival](#) which takes place in Sozopol in the beginning of September.

A more detailed programme will be sent to the approved participants in the second week of August.

Application

In order to ensure optimal interaction and dialogue between early-career researchers and senior researchers we have limited the workshop to 15 participants (3 from each University), so we would kindly ask you to send a **short description of your research area and motivation for participating in the workshop** (up to 1 page) **no later than 15 July, 2022 to the representative at your University:**

- Paris-8: romain.bijeard@univ-paris8.fr
- University of Konstanz: erua@uni-konstanz.de
- Roskilde University: erua@ruc.dk
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Funding opportunities

For the options and opportunities to finance your travel and stay, please contact the representative of the Research Support Group (see the e-mails above) or the ERUA coordinator at your University.

You can find more information about the series of workshops for early-career researchers here: <https://erua-eui.eu/early-career-researchers/>.

You can find more information, as well as news and events on ERUA at the official website: <https://erua-eui.eu/>.