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RRPP Call for Participation in the Training “Research-led teaching”
18-19 September 2014, Albania

Hotel D`ORO City, Rr. Muhamet Gjolllesha, Tirana

Given the ubiquitous missing link between research and teaching activities at the institutions of higher education in the Western Balkans, the training aims to encourage the participants to identify ways of thinking and practicing in their disciplines (Hounsell and Anderson, 2005) and associated disciplinary signature pedagogies (Shulman, 2005) and to use these as a starting point for thinking about how to design, teach and foster student learning in their respective disciplines.

The training would be run by **Dr. Elizabeth Cleaver**, Director of Learning Enhancement and Academic Practice at the University of Hull and **Dr. Claire Gordon**, Educational Developer at the Teaching and Learning Centre of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

This call is directed to scholars working and coming from the Western Balkans who are involved in the design and delivery of university courses and programmes.

Course outline: During the first half day participants would be introduced to educational research debates about the critical place of research-led teaching in higher education institutions and asked to think about the relationship between research and teaching through an exploration of the epistemologies of their respective disciplines.

After this conceptual start the workshop will turn to an exploration of different dimensions of and approaches to research-led teaching. Drawing on the principles of the pedagogy of **constructive alignment** (Biggs, 1996 and 2002) and the **carpe diem teaching design model** participants will engage in a range of activities and discussion as part of the process of designing their own course including a range of research-led teaching and learning activities.

Assessment: Two weeks after the session participants would be expected to submit their course proposals for evaluation by the course leaders.

All participants need to be able to commit to two full days: 18 and 19 September 2014, 10:00-16:00h.

Please send your complete application form by July 20, 2014 via email to magdalena.solska@unifr.ch with subject line **“RRPP Training on research-led teaching, Albania 2014”**