PAPER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Part II of the Publishing Research from the Western Balkans in Top-Tier Journals series

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The Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Kragujevac, with the support of the Academy of Management Community Accelerator Program (AOM CAP), invites researchers to the second workshop in the Publishing Research from the Western Balkans in Top-Tier Journals series - the practical Paper Development Workshop, in which participants will work on their own research ideas and receive feedback aimed at strengthening their own papers.

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

- Hands-on developmental workshop focused on participants' own research projects.
- Participants submit an extended abstract - a full manuscript is not required.
- Plenary session followed by small-group paper development discussions with the facilitators.
- Focused feedback on theoretical positioning, contribution, and key challenges before formal submission.
- Suitable for conceptual and empirical work in management and organization studies.
- Especially relevant for research being developed for high-quality international journals and/or AOM 2027.

LIMITED TO 20 EXTENDED ABSTRACTS
Application details, deadlines, and submission instructions continue on pages 2-3.

How to Apply

Extended abstract and application requirements

A Extended Abstract Guidelines

Researchers interested in receiving developmental feedback are invited to submit an extended abstract in English of no more than five pages, excluding references.

Key requirements

- Maximum length: 5 pages, excluding references.
- A full manuscript is not required.
- Conceptual and empirical research are both welcome.

The extended abstract should clearly include:

- title and author(s)
- central research problem or research question
- relevant theoretical background and literature gap
- intended theoretical contribution
- research design / methodology, where applicable
- preliminary or expected findings, where applicable
- up to three specific questions or challenges on which feedback would be especially valuable

What to submit

- Submit work you are currently developing - not a paper submitted to EBM 2026.
- The workshop is intended for research you plan to develop further and potentially submit to a journal and/or AOM 2027.

B Who Should Apply?

The workshop is suitable for researchers at different career stages working on conceptual or empirical research in management and organization studies, especially those seeking to strengthen their work before submission to high-quality international journals or the AOM 2027 conference.

Previous participation in Part I is not required, although it is highly encouraged.

Participation is free of charge.

Important Dates & Submission

Final application steps and participation details

1 Important Dates

10 November 2026	Extended abstract submission deadline
20 November 2026	Notification of acceptance
27 November 2026	Confirmation of participation

2 Submission

Extended abstracts should be submitted by email to ebm@ekf.rs with the subject line "PDW Submission".

As places are limited, submission of an extended abstract does not automatically guarantee participation. Selected participants will receive further instructions following notification of acceptance.

3 Participation and Selection

- Participation is free of charge.
- Places are limited; a maximum of 20 extended abstracts will be accepted.
- Selection will be based on a review of submitted extended abstracts and the order of submission.
- Previous participation in Part I is not required, although it is highly encouraged.

Questions / further information: ebm@ekf.rs

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