

Professor Zvezdan Penezić, PhD

Curriculum vitae

He was born in 1973 in Bajmok (Subotica). He graduated in psychology from the Faculty of Arts in Zadar (1996) and received his master's degree in psychology in 1999 and his doctorate in psychology in 2004 at the Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb.

He has been employed at the Department of Psychology at the Faculty of Arts in Zadar since 1996, first as a research assistant, and in 2017 he was elected full professor in the field of social sciences at the University of Zadar.

He has been a researcher on six research projects approved and funded by the Government of the Republic of Croatia. From 2007 to 2008, as one of the representatives from the University of Zadar, he participated in the TEMPUS project "Establishment of Public Relations Offices at Croatian Universities (PRO-CRO)". He is currently a researcher on two projects funded by the Croatian Science Foundation.

Many years of scientific research have resulted in authorship and co-authorship in a series of scientific and professional papers published in relevant psychology journals and publications, and numerous researches have been successfully presented at national and international scientific and professional conferences. He has co-authored several scientific books and monographs. He co-authored a university textbook.

He was the chairman of the Organizing Committee of the European Conference on Personality, held in July 2018 at the University of Zadar. On several occasions he was a member of the Organizing and / or Program Committee of the international scientific and professional conference Psychology Days in Zadar, organized by the Department of Psychology in Zadar.

He is the Editor-in-Chief of *Suvremena Psihologija* Journal. He is a reviewer of several university textbooks and has been involved in a number of scientific journals (*Personality and Individual Differences*, *Learning and Individual Differences*, *Croatian Medical Journal*, *Social Research*, *Psychological Topics*, *Contemporary Psychology*, *Acta Iadertina*, *Clinical Psychology*, *Croatian Educational Journal*, *Nordic Psychology*, *Journal of Social Policy*, *Journal of Sociology*, *Psychology*). He was also appointed by the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Croatia as a reviewer of scientific research projects, and by the Croatian Science Foundation as a member of the panel for reviewing applied scientific projects. He is also a project reviewer for the Slovak Research and Development Agency.

From the very beginning of his work at the Department he has been engaged in teaching (undergraduate study in psychology) and has taught several different subjects over the years. After the start of the "Bologna" reform, he actively participated in the creation of part of the new psychology study program. He teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels of psychology studies and has been engaged in the postgraduate studies of Psychology, International Relations, and in the International Joint Study of Sociology of Regional and Local Development. He was a mentor to produce over 80 diploma papers and final papers. He was a supervisor for three doctoral dissertations (two for doctoral studies in psychology and one for doctoral studies in kinesiology), and a supervisor for two doctoral dissertations (at the Faculty of Medicine in Osijek and at the International Joint Study in Sociology of Regional and Local Development). He is currently a mentor for three PhD theses in various phases of development.

He is a member of the Croatian Psychological Society, the European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP), the Association for Research in Personality, and the EFPA (European Federation of Psychologists Associations) Task Force on Cultural and Ethnic Diversity (2009 – 2011), EFPA Standing Committee of Psychology in Education (2011 – 2013), EFPA Board of Educational Affairs (2013 – 2019).

Since 2016, he has been the head of Department of Psychology at the University of Zadar, and a deputy head of the same Department in several mandates.

During his work hitherto he has received several awards: Bujas Gold Badge for Particularly Valuable Graduation Thesis (1997), Rector of the University of Zadar Award for Excellence in Scientific Productivity and Improving Teaching Quality (2018), Social Recognition: "Marulić: Fiat Psychologia" for his special contribution to the development and work of the Croatian Psychological Society (2018), and the Ramiro Bujas Psychological Award for his particularly valuable psychological scientific work (2019).