

Siniša Lakić is an assistant professor in the field of research methods in psychology at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Banja Luka. Already during his diploma studies, he participated in a number of international research projects. In 2004, he was granted a scholarship from the DAAD, thanks to which he enrolled in the two-year MA program “Psychology of Excellence” at the LMU, Munich (Germany). While studying there, he worked as a teaching assistant at the same program and conducted his internship at the Hunter College Center for Gifted Studies & Education (New York, USA). After finishing postgraduate studies, he began working as a graduate teaching assistant at the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Banja Luka. In this position, he taught 9 different courses related to quantitative data analysis and research design in general. He participated in different roles (e.g. data analyst, interviewer) in various research projects, while he has been simultaneously working as an ECTS coordinator at the Faculty of Philosophy. From 2010 to 2013 he participated in revising the curriculum of the Study program of Psychology, after which he coordinated its successful accreditation. In 2014, he defended his doctoral thesis “Multimethod validation of psychometrically derived construct of conscientiousness”. In 2015, he was selected as a fellow in the multi-year monitoring and evaluation training program MEASURE-BIH implemented by the The Evaluators' Institute at The George Washington University. Siniša already plans to further hone his research skills related to psychometric exploration of social identity at the Department of Research Methods and Evaluation at the Freie University Berlin (Germany) where he will, as a recipient of Erasmus scholarship, spend one month in 2016.

Selected publications:

- Tutnjević, S., & Lakić, S. (2014). Word-based categorization in 14 to 16 month-old infants: evidence from a Slavic language. *Psihologija*, 47(2), 215-229. doi:10.2298/PSI1402215T
- Lepir, D. & Lakić, S. (2014). Struktura motivacije za bavljenje sportom iz perspektive bivših aktivnih sportista [Structure of sport motivation among formerly active athletes]. *Primenjena psihologija*, 7(2), 203-219.
- Lakić, S., Mišćević, S., & Tutnjević, S. (2014). Adaptacija kratke forme Child Behavior Questionnaire (CBQ) za procjenu temperamenta kod djece od tri do šest godina [Adaptation of the short form of the Child Behavior Questionnaire (CBQ) for 3 to 6-year-old children]. *Proceedings of the international conference Empirical studies in psychology 2014 - EIP14*, Belgrade: Faculty of Philosophy.
- Bukara-Radujković, G., Zdravković, D., & Lakić, S. (2011). Short-term use of continuous glucose monitoring system adds to glycemic control in young type 1 diabetes mellitus patients in the long run: A clinical trial. *Vojnosanitetski Pregled*, 68(8), 650-654.

Selected projects:***Benchmarking as a tool for improvement of higher education performance (BIHTEK) (2015-ongoing)***

TEMPUS project introducing benchmarking methodology to improve quality control of universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Activities: designing indicators, constructing instruments, collecting data, analysing data, and writing up findings related to internalization of the University of Banja Luka.

Trauma Trust Memory (TTM) (2013 - ongoing)

International research and educational project sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Member of a team conducting content analysis of trauma-related study materials used in a sample of European universities. Coordinated organization activities for lecturers, staff and students at the TTM Summer School Banja Luka 2014.

Knowledge, attitudes and behaviours related to reproductive health among the first-grade high-school students in Republic of Srpska (2014)

Research project commissioned by Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of Republic of Srpska. Activities: designing instruments, planning sample, analysing data, reporting findings.