

Prof. dr. Frane ADAM
Academic Biography – CV

Studies and positions held

Frane Adam graduated from the Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana and then received his doctoral degree in sociology from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Zagreb (Croatia) in 1981. Between 1991 and 2015 he was employed at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana as a lecturer and researcher, and in 2004 he was appointed a full professor. From 2016 onward he is (fully) employed as director and researcher at the private, nonprofit Institute for Developmental and Strategic Analysis (IRSA). He is delivering lectures on the doctoral programme of the School of Advanced Social Studies (FUDŠ) in Nova Gorica.

Leadership positions

He is currently the director of Institute for Developmental and Strategic Analysis where he is also Head of the Research Centre. He used to be president of Slovenian Sociological Association and member of the Scientific Council of Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS).

Mentorship

Throughout his career, he has been a mentor to 15 doctoral candidates and 6 young researchers. In the past five years he has been mentor to four doctoral students who all successfully finished their studies.

Research focus and orientation

His research interest lies at the intersection of political and economic sociology as well as the social studies of science and technology.. His research is oriented to two thematic units: on one side, comparative studies of elites and democracy and, on the other, theories and indicators of developmental performance, as well as the influence of social capital on knowledge transfer and innovation

capability. From an epistemological and methodological viewpoint, he is a representative of the post-positivist paradigm, which emphasises the importance of methodological integration (triangulation) and meta-analysis.

Publications and citations

Frane Adam is the (co)author of more than 300 publications (also included are research reports, popular articles and published conference papers) in domestic and international monographs and peer-reviewed journals. He currently has 380 pure citations in the Scopus base and 245 in WoS base (see also ResearchGate where he has 580 citations and Google Scholar – about 1900 citations). He also acts as a reviewer for numerous international and domestic journals and monographs. He is intensively engaged in public debates and publish his views in various newspapers, social media and interviews as well as in cultural-political publications.

Acknowledgements and awards

He has been A. v.Humboldt-Stiftung scholar since 1984. In 2011 he was again granted the Humboldt research scholarship so he spent three months as a visiting researcher and lecturer at two German universities, namely at Freie Universitaet Berlin and at the (private) Zeppelin University in Friedrichshafen. In 2012 F. Adam was the recipient of the national Zois award as recognition for his scientific achievements in the social sciences and humanities. In 2019 he is again the recipient of the A- v. Humboldt-Stiftung Humboldt research scholarship at the Univerrity of Heidelberg in Germany.