

Prof. Dr. Frane Adam

Academic CV

Studies and employments

Frane Adam graduated from the Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana and received his doctoral degree in sociology from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Zagreb (Croatia) in 1981. Between 1991 and 2009, he was employed at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana as a lecturer and researcher, while in 2004 he was appointed a full professor. He gives lectures in the doctoral program of the School of Advanced Social Studies (FUDŠ) in Nova Gorica.

Leadership positions

He is currently the Director of (private, non-profit) Institute for Developmental and Strategic Analysis where he is also Head of the Research Center. He used to be the president of Slovenian Sociological Association and a member of Scientific Council of the Slovenian Research Agency.

Mentorship

Throughout his career, he has acted as a (co-)mentor for 17 doctoral candidates and 7 young researchers. In the past 5 years, he has (co)mentored three doctoral students (three of them have successfully finished their study).

Research focus and orientation

His research interests lie at the intersection of political and economic sociology as well as the social studies of science and technology. From an epistemological and methodological viewpoint, he is a representative of the post-positivist paradigm, which emphasizes the importance of methodological integration (triangulation) and meta-analysis.

Publications and citations

He has (co)authored more than 350 publications in domestic and international monographs and journals. Most of his recent publications are focusing on the phenomena of populism, the role of meritocracy and experts as well as cognitive mobilisation in the framework of pandemic, are included in Web of Science or Scopus database. Currently, he has 574 citations in Scopus database, 343 citations in Web of Science database.

Acknowledgements and awards

He has been a A. v. Humboldt-Stiftung scholar since 1984. In 2019 he was again granted the Humboldt research scholarship allowing him to spend 3 months as a visiting researcher at the Max-Weber Institute at the University of Heidelberg. In 2012, Adam was given the national Zois award in recognition for his research achievements in the social sciences.