



Jean Monnet Network Workshop

“Governance, Law, Pluralism and Trans-nationalisation in Europe”

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1. The Govunet workshop in the University of Piraeus

In the framework of the Jean Monnet Network of the “**Governance, Pluralism and Trans-nationalisation in Europe**”, the Jean Monnet Chair on European Union’s Education, Training, Research and Innovation Policies and the Laboratory of Educational Policy, Research, Development and Interuniversity Cooperation organised a specialised methodology workshop aiming at introducing master student in the techniques of the Political and Research.



2. Participation and objectives

The workshop attended 30 master students from the University of Piraeus and it was supervised by the Jean Monnet Chair herself.

The main objective of the workshop was to familiarize master students with the introductory techniques of research. Most of the students have been in the process of establishing their research question for their master dissertation. As a result, the basic goal of the workshop was to help them and support them in their effort to construct a suitable research question and continue their research.



3. The Structure of the workshop

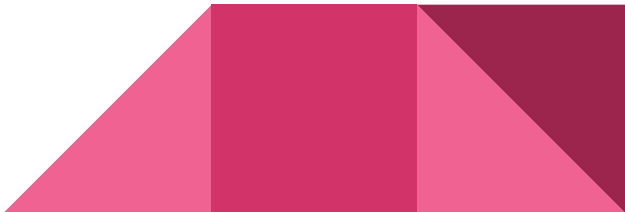
The workshop consisted of two parts:

- a) The first part of the workshop elaborated the main introductory techniques of research in European studies. Under this scope, the tutor initiated and answered questions like
 - What is a research in Political and Social Sciences?
 - What is an “idea” of a research?
 - How we get from the “idea” to the research question?
 - How can produce a research hypothesis and narrative?
 - How can we select the sources of our research?



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b) The second part of the workshop included practical exercises aiming at actually familiarizing the students with the process of research. In this framework, the students were asked to:

- Come up with a research “idea” related to the subject of **“Governance, Law, Pluralism and Trans-nationalisation in Europe”**
 - Transform the “idea” to a question
 - Write down and explain to all their research narrative
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For about half an hour, before closing up the workshop, the students had the opportunity to discuss on their own dissertation projects. Specifically, the students:

- Presented their ideas for their own research
- Discussed the issues and the title of their dissertation
- Posed their question on the research methods on political and social sciences



4. Results and impact

The most important result of the workshop was that the master students of the University of Piraeus understood the processes and techniques of the research. Thus, they are now well-prepared to proceed to their own research in European studies for the completion of their master degree.

The students were so enthusiastic about the quality and the context of the workshop that they asked for its repetition.

The tangible impact of the workshop is expected in the quality of the dissertation papers of the students.



Thank you!

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