

Professor **Petar Veselinović** was born on January 4<sup>th</sup> 1969 in Čuprija, Serbia. He finished primary and secondary Economic and Commercial School in Rekovac with excellent marks and was awarded with the diploma *Vuk Stefanović Karadžić*. He enrolled the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac in academic year 1989/1990, where he graduated on July 18<sup>th</sup> 1993, with an average grade 8,20 (out of 10). In 1993/1994 he started his postgraduate studies, programme Theory and Policy of Economic Development. He passed all exams with an average grade 8,75 which qualified him for the award for the best postgraduate in that academic year. On October 17<sup>th</sup> 1997 he defended his Master thesis *Economic Causes of the Economic Failure and Breakdown of Former Yugoslavia* at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac. He defended his PhD thesis *Influence of Institutional Solutions on Development Flows of Yugoslavian Economy* on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002, also at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac.

His employment at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac endures since September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1996 when he started working as the collaborator, and in 1997 he became assistant-trainee for the course Economics of Yugoslavia. On July 14<sup>th</sup> 1998 he started working as teaching assistant for the same course and was reselected for the same position on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2002. On April 10<sup>th</sup> 2003, by the Decision of the Expert Council for Social and Humanistic Sciences of the University of Kragujevac, he was selected for the post of assistant professor for the scientific field General Economics and Economic Development – teaching course National Economics. For the same teaching course and the same university rank he was reselected on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2008. On November 12<sup>th</sup> 2009, by the Decision of the Expert Council for Social and Humanistic Sciences of the University of Kragujevac, he was selected for the post of associate professor for the scientific field General Economics and Economic Development – teaching course National Economics. By decision of the Senate of the University of Kragujevac on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 he was selected for the university rank of full professor for the scientific field General Economics and Economic Development – teaching course National Economics. In addition to the above mentioned course, he was also involved in teaching courses Demography and Economic Growth, as well as General Theory of Economic Systems.

Apart from teaching on Bachelor studies, professor Veselinović is also involved in teaching process on Master's studies (course Globalisation and Transition) and on PhD studies (course Regional Economics). He also taught at the departments of the Faculty of Economics in Novi Pazar and Vrnjačka Banja.

During his career, professor Veselinović achieved great results in work with students, as confirmed by the results of regular annual student survey which show that professor Veselinović was always among three best rated teachers on the given year of studies. He uses interactive approach in teaching and encourages active participation of students in the teaching process. He pays special attention to training the students to solve practical tasks in the fields of functioning and developing the national economy.

Professor Petar Veselinović was mentoring students in preparation of over two hundred Bachelor theses, twenty five Master's theses and four Master's theses (before the creation of Bologna process), as well as member of commissions for assessment and defence of numerous Master's theses. Moreover, he provided his mentorship to two PhD candidates who successfully defended their theses and he is currently member of mentor commissions to three PhD theses. In addition, he took part in commissions for assessment and defence of several PhD theses and Master's theses (before the creation of Bologna process) not only at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac, but also at Faculties of Economics of the University of Belgrade and the University of Niš. He was also a member of several commissions for selection of the candidates for university ranks teaching assistant and assistant professor. He was a member of programme committees and organizing committees of numerous national and international scientific meetings and editor of three issues of national scientific conference proceedings.

Professor Veselinović is a member of the Editorial Board of the scientific journal *Ekonomika* (M52). Since May 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 he is a member of the Scientific Society of Economists of Serbia and on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 he became a member of the Presidency of the Serbian Association of Economists for the mandate period 2015-2019.

During his work at the Faculty of Economics in Kragujevac, he was engaged in the work of a number of faculty bodies. He was the secretary of the Department of General Economics and Economic Development (1998-2000). In academic year 2003/2004 he performed also as the head of Bachelor studies at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac – Department in Novi Pazar. In two mandate periods he was elected as a member of the Council of the Faculty of Economics (2004-2006 and 2006-2009). During his second mandate period he was appointed as a deputy of the Council president.

In the period from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 until March 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 he held the position of the vice-dean for education and student affairs and in the period from March 26<sup>th</sup> until December 2012 the position of the vice-dean for scientific research. He was also director of the Center for Economic Research of the Faculty of Economics in Kragujevac (2009-2015).

Upon being elected as university teacher, professor Petar Veselinović was also engaged in several research projects, some of which are: *The Strategy of Regional Development of Serbia* (2004), for the needs of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, furthermore *Economic Reforms in Healthcare* (2002), project organised by the USAID and the Serbian Medical Society, as well as the international Tempus project *JEP CD 41146-2006 – Rationalisation of the Postgraduate Studies in Business, Management and Economics in Serbia* (2007-2009).

Professor Veselinović takes an active part in two basic research projects supported by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia: *Challenges and Perspectives of Structural Changes in Serbia – Strategic Directions of Economic Development and Compliance with EU Requirements (OI 179015)*, whose grant holder is the Institute of Economic Sciences in Belgrade, and *Research and Development of the Platform for Scientific Support in Decision-making and Managing the Scientific and Technological Development of Serbia (47005)*, whose grant holder is the Institute Mihailo Pupin in Belgrade.

Main areas of scientific research of professor Petar Veselinovic are: national economics, transition, regional development, globalisation, economic policy and economic development. For the purpose of scientific and professional training, he visited the Cracow University of Economics, Poland, in 2003.

His scientific career resulted so far in publication of a number of scientific papers, articles and presentations on scientific meetings in the country and abroad. Besides, he published a significant number of monographs, chapters in monographs and textbooks, both as author and co-author. In total, he published 166 scientific papers, including 4 textbooks and 2 monographs.

From May 25<sup>th</sup> until December 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 he was a member of the City Council for Youth, Sports and Tourism of the City of Kragujevac, and from December 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 until October 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 he held the position of a member of the City Council for Economic Policy and Finance. In addition, he is a chairman of the Board of University Library of the University of Kragujevac, as well as member of the following boards: Board of the Red Cross of Kragujevac, Board of the Foundation *Professor Ilija Rosic*, Board of the Football Club *Radnički 1923* and Board of the Futsal Club *Ekonomac*, Board of the Football Association of Kragujevac.

In the period from 2012 until 2014 professor Veselinović was coordinator of the Local Anti-Corruption Forum of the City of Kragujevac.

From December 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 until September 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 he held the position of the vice-rector for education and student affairs of the University of Kragujevac.

Since December 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 he holds the position of the dean of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac.

Professor Petar Veselinović is also the official president of the Society of Economists of Kragujevac.