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### TEMPLATE FOR A SPECIALIZED DOCTORAL COURSE (in English)

#### **Basic Information:**

Course Title: . **RISK MANAGEMENT.**

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Total Teaching Hours: 30

#### **Annotation** (up to 150 words)

The course introduces doctoral students to contemporary sociological approaches to risk and uncertainty, institutional and personal risk management strategies, as well as presents practical tools for identifying, analyzing, and managing risks — natural, health, economic, security, etc. The leading emphasis is on the relationship between structural inequalities, vulnerabilities, and equitable resilience. Another thematic focus is on methods for investigating the perception, assessment and response to risks by various social groups. The training combines lectures and seminars, including work with risk matrices, scenario building and tabletop simulations, risk communication and ethical data management (GDPR). Objectives: to expose key sociological theories of risk and interdisciplinary connections; to develop skills in mapping, assessing vulnerabilities and developing prevention, response and mitigation plans; to practice risk communication and decision-making under uncertainty; to integrate equity, ethics and data protection into risk management processes.

#### **Course content** (brief description by topics or modules)

Topic / Module 1: Approaches to risk interpretation.

Topic / Module 2: Types of risks. Structural determinants of vulnerability to individual risks

Topic / Module 3: Perception, assessment and response to risks. Personal and institutional strategies. Communicating risks.

Module 4: Empirical investigation on risks.

#### **Teaching and assessment methods**

Group lectures and seminars or individual classes and self-study (depending on the number of participants). Also included is work with risk matrices, scenario planning and table-top exercises, risk communication and ethical data management (GDPR).

#### **Competencies acquired as a result of training** (3–5 points)

Knowledge of the main approaches and concepts in the interpretation of risks

Identification and systematization of current risks facing Bulgarian society

Acquiring skills for empirical research of various risks and related challenges and problems

Ability to assess vulnerabilities and develop prevention, response and recovery plans.

Ability to plan for adequate risk communication

#### **Literature:**

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**Additional information** (optional) (e.g., special requirements, laboratory equipment, prior knowledge)

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