**Summer Field School (Hybrid)**

on **Mountain Ecosystems & Resource Management**

10-19 September 2023 | Mountain Igman, Bosnia i Herzegovina

#### The Grassroots Institute (Canada), Valahia University of Targoviste (Romania), Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (Romania), World Agricultural Heritage Forum (Italy), NatRisk at the University of Torino (Italy), Lviv Polytechnic National University (Ukraine), Yaroslav Mudriy National Law University (Ukraine), Carpathian National Nature Park (Ukraine), Rural Development Fund (Kyrgyzstan), and Central Himalayan Institute for Nature & Applied Research (India) are co-organizing “Summer Field School (Hybrid) on Mountain Ecosystems & Resource Management 2023” (FSc MER 2023) at Mountain Igman in Bosnia i Herzegovina for 45 in-person Delegate Participants and for a thousand of (virtual) Speaker/Learner Participants. In addition to 9 Lead Partners, there are 23 General Partners and 7 Collaborators. Full details of the program are online at the website <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2023/>.

This same global program, “**Summer Field School on Mountain Ecosystems & Resource Management**” (FSc MER 2021), was organized successfully in September 2021 with the partnership and collaboration of 64 universities, institutes, national parks, and organizations from 21 countries. Nearly 700 people from 70 countries took part in this 10-days event. All details are available on the weblink [www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020](http://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2020).

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This international training program examines the mountain ecosystems in contexts of human development and natural resources, principles of managing natural resources, and governing the resources for sustainable conservation. Depicting on case studies from a wide range of the current natural resources across the globe, the program considers how different social, political, economic and cultural and gender aspects compete for and sustain the natural resources in mountain ecosystems. The program also examines how environmental activists and their interventions conserved parks, energy, water and land in the face of climate variability based on a gender perspective. The program will consider how the current international and development system elaborates and processes to sustainably manage the available natural resources in mountain landscapes. ***The program aims at equipping researchers, students, practitioners and young teachers seeking to learn about mountain ecosystems and sustainable development, with practical approaches, knowledge and skills necessary for meeting the challenges of sustainable use of natural resources globally. This international training program is executed in partnership with various academic and practice-oriented organizations.***

**Structure of the Program**

The proposed program will constitute following 10 thematic groups to be executed on 10 different days:

#### Day 1: 10 September 2023 > Mountain Ecosystems, Climate Change and Local Communities

#### Day 2: 11 September 2023 > Water, Watershed, Wetland and River Basin Management

#### Day 3: 12 September 2023 > Mountain Forest & Biodiversity Management, and Park-People Interface

#### Day 4: 13 September 2023 > Mountain Transhumance, Pastoralism and Rangeland Governance

Day 5: 14 September 2023 > Livestock-Based Livelihoods and Veterinary Support in Mountain Areas

Day 6: 15 September 2023 > Developing the Mountain Economies, Livelihoods and Micro-Enterprises

Day 7: 16 September 2023 > Agrobiodiversity, Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems in Mountains

Day 8: 17 September 2023 > Mountain Sustainability, Renewable Energy and SDGs

Day 9: 18 September 2023 > Sustainable Tourism and Socio-Cultural Integration in Mountains

Day 10: 19 September 2023 > Mountain Related International and National Laws & Policies

**How to Participate in the Summer Field School?**

The website <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2023/> has all possible information about the Eligibility, Procedures, Application Deadlines, Faculties & Experts, Partners & Collaborators, Methodology, Certification, Cost & Fees, Scholarship, etc.

**Extended Deadlines for Applications**

Please see the website for deadlines: <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2023/> and <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2023/register.html>

Delegate Participation (self-financing): 31 March 2023

Delegate Participation (nominated): 31 March 2023

Speaker Participation (virtual): 31 March 2023

Attendee Participation (virtual): 31 July 2023

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2023/register.html>

 **Call for Institutional Partnership**

In an attempt to engage more and more stakeholders and prepare intra-institutional and inter-institutional platforms from where mountain sustainability can be promoted regionally or globally, we invited many academic institutions, international organizations, national parks, local councils and NGOs to partner/collaborate with the program. Interested parties can approach for Partnership or Collaboration in this international program. Detailed information may be obtained on the link <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2023/call-for-cooperation.html>

**Other Opportunities and Engagements**

The Grassroots Institute is willing to engage with you at an individual level too. Please look at the opportunities section <http://grassrootsinstitute.net/opportunities.html> of our main website and find out how we may associate. DOWNLOAD ALL OPPORTUNITIES from this link. Please write and submit your articles/papers to our journals [https://grassrootsjournals.org](https://grassrootsjournals.org/). Our other important websites are [https://grassrootsinstitute.ca](https://grassrootsinstitute.ca/), https://grassrootsglobal.net.

**Further Information**

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