## Course on "Introduction to Novel Optimization Methods in Economics"

# 23-27 May, 2022

## **Course content**

The course is an introduction to novel optimization methods (linear and fuzzy linear optimization, genetic and memetic algorithms, swarm theory, bacterial evolutionary algorithms, etc.). Basic theory with economic application examples. Basic ideas of artificial intelligence are also presented (fuzzy systems, neural networks). Excel and Matlab are used for examples.

#### Learning outcomes

Basic knowledge of novel optimization methods. Ability to construct economic optimization models.

#### **Course participants**

For Doctoral students in economics. Other students or young researchers interested in this topic are also welcome.

#### **Course lecturer**

*Professor dr. Vesa Niskanen* is researcher at Helsinki University (Finland) and Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania). His main research areas are computational intelligence (i.e. fuzzy systems, neural networks, probabilistic reasoning, evolutionary computing, logico-methodological problems, decision making), general methodology, mathematical & statistical modelling, and the human sciences (i.e. methodological problems, e-learning).

| Date         | Topics   | Duration of<br>activity | Time        |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|
| 23 May, 2022 | <ul> <li>Introduction to optimization methods and central artificial intelligence approaches.</li> </ul>   | 3 acad. hours           | 14:00-16:15 |
| 24 May, 2022 | <ul> <li>Introduction to optimization methods and<br/>central artificial intelligence approaches.</li> <li>Introduction to Excel optimization and<br/>Matlab environment.</li> </ul> | 3 acad. hours           | 9:00-11:15  |
| 25 May, 2022 | <ul> <li>Optimization applications with Excel and<br/>Matlab.</li> <li>Introduction to fuzzy cognitive maps.</li> </ul>  | 3 acad. hours           | 9:00-11:15  |
| 26 May, 2022 | - Optimization applications with Excel and Matlab.   | 3 acad. hours           | 9:00-11:15  |
| 27 May, 2022 | <ul> <li>Optimization applications with Excel and Matlab.</li> </ul>   | 3 acad. hours           | 9:00-11:15  |

#### Course "Fundamentals of Linear and Non-linear Optimization in Economics" schedule

This online course will take place at the Faculty of Bioeconomy Development in Vytautas Magnus University. Lectures will be held online, using "Zoom" platform. Participants (who attended no less than 50 % lectures) will be awarded certificates.

## Registration to the course: press here

We will send you a link to the "Zoom" platform as a reminder after registration. For more information, please contact Jevgenija Furgasė, e-mail jevgenija.furgase@vdu.lt