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Current appointment

Assistant professor, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia, since June 2018
(Previously: Post-doctoral fellow, since June 2017; Assistant, since May 2015)

Education

PhD in Sociology (awarded in December 2015)
University of Wisconsin Madison
Department of Sociology
September 2010 – December 2015
Preliminary examinations passed in:
Political sociology (with distinction) and Economic sociology
GPA: 3.87 out of 4.0

MA in Political Science
University of Wisconsin Madison
Department of Political Science
September 2008 – May 2010

MA in Political Science (with distinction)
Central European University, Budapest
Department of Political Science
September 2005 – May 2006
GPA: 3.8 out of 4.0

BA in Political Science
Faculty of Political Sciences
University of Zagreb, Croatia
September 2000 – May 2005
GPA: 4.6 out of 5.0

Dissertation

“Populism as interaction: How ‘the people happened’ in Serbia in the late 1980s”

Dissertation committee: Pamela Oliver (Adviser), Ivan Ermakoff, Myra Marx Ferree, Yoshiko Herrera (Political Science), Veljko Vujacic (Oberlin College).

Oral defense successfully completed on October 29th 2015

Publications

“Images of Populism and Producerism: Political Cartoons from Serbia’s Anti-Bureaucratic Revolution.” *Europe-Asia Studies*, 69 (3), 2017, 483-507.

“Serbia’s Anti-Bureaucratic Revolution as Manipulation? A Cultural Alternative to the Elite-Centric Approach.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 58 (3), 2016, pp. 774-803.

“What do economists think of Karl Polanyi?”, blog-post for *orgtheory.net*, April 2016, <https://orgtheory.wordpress.com/2016/04/02/what-do-economists-think-of-karl-polanyi/>

“Spatial Patterns of Thermidor: Protest and Voting in East Germany’s Revolution, 1989-1990.” *German Politics and Society*, 34 (2), 2016, pp. 17-35.

“A Citation Analysis of Piketty”, blog-post for *Scatterplot*, December 2015, <https://scatter.wordpress.com/2015/12/02/a-citation-analysis-of-piketty/>

“Class Discourse in Croatia: Where Did It Go? Is It Coming Back?” *East European Politics and Societies*, 29 (3), 2015, pp. 663-671.

“Exceptionalism and Its Limits: The Legacy of Self-Management in the Former Yugoslavia”, in *Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective*, Stephen Crowley, Teri Caraway and Maria Cook (eds). Cornell University Press, Ithaca NY, 2015, pp. 103-121.

“Workers and Unions after Yugoslavia”, in *Welcome to the Desert of Post-Socialism: Radical Politics after Yugoslavia*, Igor Stiks and Srečko Horvat (eds). Verso, London and New York, 2015, pp. 65-81.

“Television and Protest in East Germany’s Revolution, 1989-1990: A Mixed-Methods Analysis.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 47 (1), 2014, pp. 94-103.

“Mapping the Paths of the Yugoslav Model: Labour Strength and Weakness in Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia”, *European Journal of Industrial Relations*, 14 (2), 2008, pp. 133-151.

Works in progress

“Fractal Populism: How the People were Constructed and Sabotaged in Serbia.” Book manuscript. Passed peer review and forthcoming with the University of Michigan Press. Expected publication: 2019.

“Who are the Neoliberals in Eastern Europe? Assessing Public Support for Neoliberalism in 11 New Member States.” Forthcoming at *Europe Asia Studies*.

“Looking Back at Milosevic’s Anti-Bureaucratic Revolution: What do Ordinary Participants Now Think of Their Involvement?” Forthcoming at *Nationalities Papers*.

“Institutions and Demotions: Collective Leadership in Authoritarian Regimes.” Co-written with Ivan Ermakoff. Revise and resubmit at *Theory and Society*.

“Neoliberalism and Welfare Chauvinism: Survey Evidence from Germany.” Under review at *German Politics and Society*.

“The Strange Case of Welfare Chauvinism in Eastern Europe.” Under review at *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*.

Publications in Croatian

“Sto ekonomskoj teoriji nudi Karl Polanyi?” [What does Karl Polanyi offer to economic theory?], *Ekonomski prehled* [Economic review], 68 (2), 2017, 144-160.

“Je li Adam Smith konzervativac? Nevidljiva ruka, institucionalni dizajn i društvena hijerarhija” [Is Adam Smith a Conservative? The Invisible Hand, Institutional Design and Social Hierarchy], *Politicka misao* [Croatian Political Science Review], 53 (3), 2016, 85-107.

“Piketty, ekonomija i sociologija: Znanstvena i politicka agenda o nejednakosti” [Piketty, Economics and Sociology: The Analytical and Political Agenda on Inequality], *Anali Hrvatskog politoloskog drustva* [Annals of the Croatian Political Science Association], 12 (1), 2015, pp. 119-136.

“Javno mnijenje, radnicka klasa i raspad Jugoslavije” [Public Opinion, the Working Class and the Dissolution of Yugoslavia], *Revija za sociologiju* [Croatian Sociology Review], 43 (2), 2013, 159-181.

“Prostorna analiza ‘crvene’ i ‘crne’ Hrvatske: eksplorativna studija” [A Spatial Analysis of ‘Red’ and ‘Black’ Croatia: An Explorative Study], *Politicka misao* [Croatian Political Science Review], 50 (1), 2013, pp. 183-203.

“Inovativne ili bogate regije? Prostorna ekonometrijska analiza regija Europske Unije” [Innovative or Wealthy Regions? A Spatial Econometric Analysis of European Union’s Regions], *Sociologija i prostor* [Sociology and Space], 51 (1), 2013, pp. 3-19.

“Problem slabih država i slabih društava u istočnoj Europi” [The Weak State-Weak Society Problem of Eastern Europe], *Analiz hrvatskog politološkog društva* [Annals of the Croatian Political Science Association], 5, 2008, pp. 241-262.

“Uspon i pad stozera za obranu kompanija u Hrvatskoj” [The Rise and Fall of Headquarters for the Defense of Companies in Croatia], *Revija za sociologiju* [Croatian Sociology Review], 38 (1-2), 2007, pp. 55-67.

“Kako usporedivati kapitalizme? Pregled razvoja komparativne političke ekonomije” [How to Compare Capitalisms? An Overview of The Development of Comparative Political Economy], *Politička misao* [Croatian Political Science Review], 44 (4), 2007, pp. 133-154.

“Tranzicija, sindikati i političke elite u Sloveniji i Hrvatskoj” [Transition, Trade Unions and Political Elites in Slovenia and Croatia], *Politička misao* [Croatian Political Science Review], 43 (4), 2006, pp. 121-141.

“Adam Smith i James Steuart: Suprotstavljeni imaginariji ranog kapitalizma” [Adam Smith and James Steuart: Opposing Imagineries of Early Capitalism], *Diskrepancija*, 6 (10), 2005, pp. 3-16.

Conferences

“British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies”

Cambridge, April 2017

Title of talk:

“Roundtable: Thirty Years of Yugoslavia’s Anti-Bureaucratic Revolution: A Long-Run Appraisal and New Avenues of Research”

“Socialism on the Bench: Cultural and Historical Interpretations of Yugoslav and Post-Yugoslav Societies”

Pula, Croatia, September 2017

Title of talk:

“Why did Milosevic Win at the Eighth Session?”

“Causes, Faces and Consequences of Populism in the Global Context”

Inter-University Center, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 2017

Title of talk:

“Constructing the People in Late Socialist Serbia: The Case of Letters to the Press?”

“European Sociological Association”

Athens, August 2017

Title of talk:

“The Split Elite Thesis Revisited: An ‘Eventful’ Analysis of Serbia in the late 1980s”

“Populism in Historical Perspective”

University College London, November 2016

Title of talk:

“Constructing the People in Late Socialist Serbia: The Case of Letters to the Press”

“Association for the Study of Nationalities”

Columbia University, New York, April 2016

Title of talk:

“Legacies of Populism: How Focus Groups Discuss Milosevic’s Hybrid of Class and Nation”

“The Power of the People: The Dynamics and Limits of Social Mobilization in South-Eastern Europe”

Oxford University

Oxford, UK, February 2015

Title of talk:

“Lessons from Serbia’s Anti-Bureaucratic Revolution”

“From Contention to Social Change”

ESA Research Network on Social Movements

Universidad Complutense

Madrid, Spain, February 2015

Title of talk:

“Spatial Patterns of Thermidor: Protest and Voting in East Germany, 1989-1990”

Aage Sorensen Memorial Conference

Oxford University

Oxford, UK, April 2014

Title of talk:

“The Splite Elite Thesis Revisited: The Case of the Serbian Protest Wave of 1988”

Manchester Social Movement Conference, “Alternative Futures and Popular Protest”

Manchester Metropolitan University

Manchester, UK, April 2014

Title of talk:

“The Splite Elite Thesis Revisited: The Case of the Serbian Protest Wave of 1988”

“Socialism on the Bench: Cultural and Historical Interpretations of Yugoslav and Post-Yugoslav Societies”

Juraj Dobrila University of Pula (Croatia)

Pula, December 2013

Title of talk:

“Uncomfortable Similarities Between Nationalism and Socialism: Discursive Complementarities in Serbia’s ‘Anti-bureaucratic’ Revolution”

Advanced research seminar
Faculty of political sciences, University of Zagreb
Zagreb, June 2013
Title of talk:
“Inside Serbia’s Anti-Bureaucratic Revolution”

6th Subversive festival
Zagreb, May 2013
Collective presentation “Mapping Workers’ Struggles: The Role of Labor in Post-Socialism”

“In the eye of the beholder: Germany, Europe, China”
DAAD Center for German and European Studies
Beijing, November 2012
Title of conference paper:
“Television and Protest in East Germany’s Revolution: A Mixed-Methods Analysis”

Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association
Las Vegas, August 2011
Title of conference paper:
“Information and Leadership in Protest Waves”

“Making connections: Movements and research in a global context”
Collective behavior and social movements section of the American Sociological Association
University of Nevada Las Vegas, August, 2011
Title of conference paper:
“Information and Leadership in Protest Waves”

“Twenty years after (the) Split, thirty years after Prishtina, ten years after Tanushevci: Beginnings, endings, continuities and discontinuities in the former Yugoslavia and the successor states”
University of Wisconsin Madison, April, 2011
Title of conference paper:
“Inside the Serbian Nationalist Protest Wave of 1988: Top-down or Bottom-up?”

“Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective”
AFL-CIO Solidarity Center, Washington DC, September, 2010
Title of conference paper:
“Historical Legacies, Critical Junctures and Labor Strength in the Former Yugoslavia”
Chapter in book project “Working Through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective”, editors Stephen Crowley, Teri Caraway, Maria Cook.

“1989: Then and Now”
Havighurst Center, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, October, 2009
Title of conference paper:
“Does each Regime Get the Critical Juncture it Deserves? Yugoslav Workers and Nationalists in 1989”

“Traleg workshop, Equalsoc research network”

Institute for Advanced Labor Studies, University of Amsterdam, July, 2009

Title of conference paper:

“Labor Strength as More than Union Membership: Possibilities for Concept Formation”

International Political Science Association

World Congress, Santiago, Chile, July, 2009

Title of conference paper:

“Governance in the Weak State-Weak Society Settings of Eastern Europe”

Co-written with Viktor Koska (PhD candidate, University of Zagreb)

International Political Science Association

Research Committee 32 on Public Policy and Administration

University of Dubrovnik, Croatia, June, 2008

Title of conference paper:

“Pitfalls of Policy Work in Weak State/Weak Society Settings”

Industrial Relations in Europe Conference: The Future of Social Models

Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana, Slovenia August - September 2006

Title of conference paper:

“Government-Trade Union Interaction in Croatia: Continuity through Instability”

Work experience

Lecturer, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, “Statistics”, co-taught with Daniela Sirinic, spring semester 2016, fall semester 2016-2017, fall semester 2017-2018.

Lecturer, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, “Global and Comparative Political Economy”, co-taught with Zdravko Petak, spring semester 2017, spring semester 2018.

Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, “Political Economy”, co-taught with Andrija Henjak and Kristijan Kotarski, fall semester 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018.

Project Assistant for “Political Priorities in Croatia”, part of the international research project “Comparative Agendas Project”, funded by the European Social Fund, program for the development of young scholars. This is a “big data” project which aims to digitize a large body of archival material (legislation, government minutes, agendas, media materials etc), ongoing.

Lecturer, Center for Ethnicity, Citizenship and Migration, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, “Introduction to Statistical Computing in R”, fall-winter semester 2014

Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, “Policies of Development”, co-lectured with Andrija Henjak, spring semester 2014

Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, “Political Economy”, course professor: Zdravko Petak, fall-winter semester 2013-2014

Project Assistant, SWEPT evaluation program, International Institute, University of Wisconsin Madison, Project Head: Ted Gerber, spring semester 2011

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin Madison, “Comparative Regional Integration: EU and Beyond”, course professors: Nils Ringe and Mark Copelovitch, fall semester 2010

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin Madison, “Introduction to Comparative Politics”, course professor: Yoshiko M. Herrera, spring semester 2010

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin Madison, “Introduction to International Studies”, course professor: Scott S. Straus, fall semester 2009

Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, “Political Economy”, “Global and Comparative Political Economy”, “Policies of Development”, course professor: Dag Strpic, October 2006 to June 2008

Writer and contributor to “H-Alter”, a Croatian alternative news and commentary website, column on economic issues
From May 2016

Writer and contributor to *Banka*, a Croatian business monthly magazine, column on trade unions, occasionally since August 2010

Writer and contributor to *Zarez*, a Croatian bi-weekly on society and culture
January 2004 to October 2004

One of the editors of *Diskrepancija* [Discrepancy], sociology students’ journal
October 2004 to October 2005

One of the editors of *Mali Levijatan* [Little Leviathan], political science students’ journal
June 2005 to June 2006

Scholarships

Center for German and European Studies at the University of Wisconsin Madison
Graduate student exchange program with the University of Bonn, Germany
April and May 2012

European Studies Center at the University of Wisconsin Madison
Award for pre-dissertation research in Belgrade, Serbia
Summer of 2010

University Fellowship
University of Wisconsin Madison
Department of Political Science
2008-2009, 2011-2012

Scholarship of the Adris foundation
For doctoral study in the US
August, 2008

Scholarship of the Ministry of Science of the Republic of Croatia
For doctoral study in the US
August, 2008

Scholarship of the Frankopan fund (Staples Trust)
For graduate study at the Central European University
October, 2005

Languages

English (see below), Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian (native), German (intermediate speaking and reading, beginner writing)

Standardized tests

GRE
October 18th 2007
Verbal: 720 (Percent below: 98)
Quantitative: 770 (Percent below: 88)
Analytical writing: 4.5 (Percent below: 54)

TOEFL (internet based)
October 21st 2007
Reading: 30; Listening: 30; Speaking: 29; Writing: 30
Total: 119 out of 120

Software

R, Stata, LaTeX, Matlab, ArcGIS

References

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