

# Sara Nikolić

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My emerging thesis is based on ethnographic research of contemporary dwelling practices and post-transitional relationship towards urban commons in New Belgrade's blocks. I tend to explore those issues by relying on critical and sensory ethnographic techniques. I am affiliated with the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory where I have been a member of research teams that have conducted qualitative research on new social movements, cultures of rejection, and (dis)trust in governance.

## Academic Employment

2020-10 – Current

### Research Associate

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

2018-5 – 2020-10

### Research Assistant

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

## Education

2017-10 – Current

### PhD: Ethnology and Anthropology

Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

Thesis: *Anthropology of New Belgrade Blocks: Urban Housing, Production of Social Spaces and the New Life of Urban Commons*

Supervisors: Prof.Ph.D Ildiko Erdei, PhD Nina Kulenović

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellow (since 2020)

2017

### Master of Arts: Ethnology and Anthropology

Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

*Dositeja Scholarship* (Ministry of Youth and Sports) holder

2016

## **Bachelor of Arts: Ethnology and Anthropology**

Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

*Dositeja Scholarship* (Ministry of Youth and Sport) holder, 2015/16

*Scholarship for exceptionally gifted students* (Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development) holder, 2014/15

## **Publications**

### Academic Articles:

Nikolić, S., & Vujović, A. (2020). Дражи заједништва: сензорни приступи просторним заједничким добрима. *Гласник Етнографског института САНУ*, 68(1), 149–168.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2298/GEI2001149N>

Nikolić, S. (2019). Pasteloza – refurbishing of the PPR heritage, *Urban Development Issues*, 63(1), 51-64

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/udi-2019-0016>

### Books:

Delibašić, B., Nikolić, S., & Vasiljević, J. (2019). *Demokratizacija odozdo: Formiranje i delovanje novih društvenih pokreta u Srbiji i Makedoniji*.

### Working Papers and non-peer reviewed articles:

Nikolić, S. (2019). Šesta Letnja škola za komparativna urbana istraživanja. *Etnoantropološki problemi*, 4 (4), 1342-1343.

## **Projects**

### **EnTrust (Horizon 2020 project). Enlightened trust: An examination of trust and distrust in governance – conditions, effects and remedies, 2020-2024**

- Funded by: European Commission
- Participants: the University of Siegen, University of Copenhagen, Panteion University, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (IFDT), University of Warsaw, Masaryk University, Civil Society Europe, University of Siena
- Position: Researcher

### **Learning Democratic Participation, 2019-2020**

- Funded by: U.S. Embassy in Belgrade
- Position: PR Officer; Researcher, Workshop coordinator

**Cultures of Rejection (CuRe), 2019-2021**

- Funded by: Volkswagen Stiftung
- Participants: Leuphana University, Linköping University, University of Vienna, University of Rijeka, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
- Position: Researcher

**Befriending the Theory: A Video Glossary of Social Engagement Studies, 2019/2020**

- Funded by: Center for Promotion of Science
- Position: Project Coordinator, Researcher

**Take the City into Your Own Hands: The Basics of Civic Participation, 2018/2019**

- Funded by: Center for Promotion of Science
- Position: Core team member, Field Coordinator, Lecturer

## Conference Presentations and Lectures:

### CONFERENCES

ENGAGEMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE: MOVING BEYOND RESISTANCE, April 2018, Belgrade

- *Fieldnotes. From Communis to Communication*

EAST MEETS WEST: CONTEMPORARY URBAN ISSUES REVISITED, October 2018, Krakow

- *Pastelozza: refurbishing of the PPR heritage*

UNDERSTANDING EAST-CENTRAL EUROPEAN POLITICS, May 2019, Budapest

- *Rising of the New Force: Core Values of the New Social Movements in Serbia*, with B. Delibašić

IUAES INTER-CONGRES: WORLD SOLIDARITIES IUAES, August 2019, Poznań

- *Commoning the Lifeworlds: Self-Managed Production of Social Space*, with A. Vujović

CONFLICTOS URBANOS, November 2020 [online]

- *Solidarity, Not Charity*

### LECTURES

- *Off The Beaten Track: The Alternative Maps of Nowe Miasto*, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, 2018  
online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KO2cvl1qWXM>

- *Sensory Cartography*, Petnica Research Centre, May 2019

## Seminars and Summer Schools

### **6TH RC21-IJURR DOCTORAL SCHOOL IN COMPARATIVE URBAN STUDIES,**

7–21.Sep 2019. Delhi, India

- IJUUR Foundation Scholarship Holder

### **DIALOGIC ANTHROPOLOGY**

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY VIADRINA

20-22.Jun 2018. Frankfurt Oder, Germany

### **RETHINKING HOUSING AS URBAN COMMONS, SEMINAR WITH STAVROS STAVRIDES**

INSTITUTE FOR PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL THEORY 13 March 2019, Belgrade, Serbia

### **RHETORICS: RETHINKING THE IMPACT OF HUMANITIES**

INSTITUTE FOR PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL THEORY, CENTER FOR ETHICS, LAW AND APPLIED PHILOSOPHY AND INSTITUTE FOR SLAVIC STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

26. JAN. 2019. Belgrade, Serbia

## Other Professional Experience

Country expert/Researcher for Serbia

- European Fund for the Balkans
- Mapping of the bottom-up civic initiatives with democratic potential in the Western Balkans
- 2019

Curatorial Intern

- Museum of African Art
- Conducting a thematized guided tour of the permanent display: *(Post)Yugoslav Life of the Museum of African Art*
- 2017/18

Researcher

- Čuvari parka and Belgrade International Architecture Week (BINA)
- Mapping out the needs of the neighbourhood in Mileševska Street, mediating the process of participatory urban design
- 2016 - 2018

Field Interviewer

- SeCons Development Initiative Group and Roma Education Fund
- Research on employability of Roma high-school graduates
- 2017

#### Field Interviewer

- Institute for Sociological Research
- Carried out a questionnaire about charity and humanitarian work among the local population
- 2014

#### Field Interviewer

- SeCons Development Initiative Group
- Carried out a questionnaire about female entrepreneurs
- 2014

## Exhibitions

### ADVERTISING - FRAME FOR THE PORTRAIT OF A CONTEMPORARY WOMAN

- Ethnographic Museum of Belgrade, May 2016
- Museum of Jadar (Loznica), November 2016

## Professional Memberships

RC21 Research Committee 21 of the International Sociological Association (ISA)  
International Union of Ethnological and Anthropological Sciences (IUAES)