



IGOR IŠPANOVIĆ

BASIC INFORMATION

Sex: male

Date of birth: 21. April 1997.

Citizenship: Serbian

ACHIEVEMENTS

- School of Investigative Journalism - runner-up for the best investigative story (Center for Investigative Journalism of Serbia, 2021)
- Annual award of the Independent Association of Journalists of Vojvodina for investigative and analytical journalism (2021).
- Named one of the best students of basic academic studies at the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad - generation 2016/2020. (2020)
- Award of the Novi Sad School of Journalism for the best media story in the field of extremism, radicalization and terrorism. (2020)

CONTACT

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory |
March 2023 - present

- Developing, writing and publishing research papers; conducting empirical studies; participating in the implementation of project activities; involved in the organization of events and conferences; cooperating with the administrative and managerial structures of the Institute.

Project Manager

Independent Journalists' Association of
Vojvodina | March 2022 - November 2022

- Administrative and operational activities related to the implementation of media projects. The link between editors-in-chief and journalists. Organization of trainings, forums and other project activities; In charge of drafting proposals for media projects and writing narrative reports.

Researcher

Balkan Investigative Reporting Network | April
2022 - November 2022

- Involved in the project "The Future of Extremism in the Western Balkans", and responsible for the collection, selection and systematization of information on extremist and far-right organizations in Serbia. Special attention was paid to investigating the key figures, domestic and international networks, criminal background and aesthetic repertoire.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Faculty of Political Sciences University of Belgrade

2022 - present | PhD in Cultural Studies

- Enrolled in an interdisciplinary program situated at the intersection between theoretical approaches to culture, sociology, philosophy, anthropology and media studies.

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad

2020 - 2021 | MA in Communication Studies

- Grade point average: 10,00/10,00
- Defended the master's thesis on "Analysis of Fascism as a Signifier in Political Discourse of Online Editions of Daily Newspapers "Danas" and "Informer"". Mentorship: Jelena Kleut, PhD.

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad

2016 - 2020 | BA in Journalism

- Grade point average: 9,70/10,00
- Acquired theoretical knowledge and skills in the field of media and communication. Journalistic practice at: (1) local newspaper "Dnevnik", (2) radio "021", (3) Radio-Television of Vojvodina (RTV) and (4) the online magazine "Univerzitetski odjek!".



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JOURNALIST

PORTFOLIO

1. French Connection: 'Humanitarian' Far-Right Claims Kosovo as Cautionary Tale:

<https://balkaninsight.com/2022/02/16/french-connection-humanitarian-far-right-claims-kosovo-as-cautionary-tale/>

2. In Belgrade Bar, 'Forbidden' Books Fan Far-Right Flames:

<https://balkaninsight.com/2022/04/06/in-a-belgrade-bar-forbidden-books-fan-far-right-flames/>

3. Quads in Protected Areas: Mt. Fruška Gora a Driving Field but also Collateral Damage:

<https://www.cins.rs/en/quads-in-protected-areas-mt-fruska-gora-a-driving-field-but-also-collateral-damage/>

PUBLICATIONS

Original paper:

- - Išpanović, I. (2022). Analysis of fascism as a signifier in online editions of daily newspaper Danas and Informer. *Acta Academica*, 54(3), pp. 30-48. doi: 10.18820/24150479/aa54i3/3
- Išpanović, I. (2022). The Home is Where...: The Chronotopes of the Origin Myth in Pseudohistorical Narratives of the Serbian Far-Right. *For(e)Dialogue*, 4(1). <https://doi.org/10.21428/e3990ae6.9b81f1fc>

Secondary authorship:

- "Between manipulation and ethics - media coverage of the refugee crisis" (ISBN - 978-86-88303-22-4)

Coordinator of the publication:

- "How can we be of service? - Content analysis of local media in Vojvodina during the pandemic" (ISBN - 978-86-88303-24-8)

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- Summer School of Investigative Journalism - Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (2022)
- Training "Digital tools for credible reporting and fact-checking" - Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia (2022)
- Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy - Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (2021)
- Academy for Democracy - Center for Research, Transparency and Accountability (2021)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Certificate in fact-checking (Independent Journalists Association of Vojvodina, 2020)
- Certificate in Advanced English - Council of Europe C1
- TOEFL certificate (score: 116/120; tested on December 2020)
- Attended one semester at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands under the Erasmus + exchange program (2019)
- Drivers' licence: A1 & B