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Curriculum vitae

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Education

2019 Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

University of Macedonia | School of Economic and Regional Studies | Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies | Thessaloniki, Greece

2012 Master of Arts in Southeast European Studies

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration | Postgraduate Programme in Southeast European Studies | Athens, Greece

2008 Bachelor of Laws

University of Belgrade | Faculty of Law | International Law | Belgrade, Serbia

Employment and affiliations

2023- Research Fellow

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory | University of Belgrade | Belgrade, Serbia

2022-2023 Consultant and Policy Advisor

Hoopoe Consulting | Belgrade, Serbia

2020-2022 Project and Communications Manager

RES Foundation | Belgrade, Serbia

2012-2019 Research Associate

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) | Athens, Greece

2009-2011 Professional Assistant for Internal Organisation and Processes

Telekom Srbija Telecommunications Company | Belgrade, Serbia

Publications

Journal Articles

Pupovac, Maja (2021): First we need trust for justice to be “just”: A view on energy transition from the coal-impacted community of Lazarevac, Serbia, Perspectives Southeastern Europe, p. 27-31

Pupovac, Maja (2020): Dvadeset pet godina poslije: uticaj rata i prisilnog raseljenja na kolektivne identitete Semberaca i izbjeglica u Bijeljini, Tragovi: Časopis za srpske i hrvatske teme 3 (1), p. 203-247 [in Serbian]

Maksimović, Maja (2017): Unattainable past, unsatisfying present - Yugonostalgia: An omen of a better future?, Nationalities Papers 45 (6), p. 1066-1081

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2014): Memory and the uses of wartime past in contemporary Bosnia and Herzegovina: The case of the Bosniak campaign for the October 2013 population census, Science and Society: Journal of Political and Moral Theory 32, p. 59-93

Policy studies and reports

Pupovac, Maja and Ognjan Pantić (2023): Integracija pravedne tranzicije u nacrt Integrisanog nacionalnog energetskeg i klimatskog plana (INEKP) Republike Srbije, Belgrade Open School, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2021): A wake-up call for us all: Just transition attitudes and perceptions in the coal-affected community of Lazarevac, Serbia, Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe, Brussels, Belgium

Maksimović, Maja (2016): "Greece returns to the Balkans"? Assessing Greece's Western Balkan policy under SYRIZA-led government, Graduate Centre Social Sciences and Humanities at the Research Academy Leipzig, Working Paper No. 14, Leipzig, Germany

Maksimović, Maja et al. (2015): SYRIZA victory in Greek parliamentary elections, January 2015: Perceptions of Western Balkan media and opinion makers, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Koktsidis, Pavlos et al. (2014): The Western Balkan EU accession process and the Greek presidency 2014, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2013): "Babylution" – A Civic awakening in Bosnia and Herzegovina?, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Short analyses and comments

Pupovac, Maja (2020): Čas pod maskama: Srpsko školstvo u vanrednim okolnostima, "Razgovarajmo", Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2020): "Buntovnici sa razlogom": Građani-pokretači društvenih promena, "Razgovarajmo", Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2020): Parkom na zgradu: Građani- čuvari zelenih površina, "Razgovarajmo", Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2020): "Zavadi pa vladaj": Agresija i govor mržnje u srpskom društvu, "Razgovarajmo", Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2020): O pozicijama opozicije u Srbiji: Gde je zapelo?, “Razgovarajmo”, Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2020): Srpska ekonomija i Covid-19: “100 evra za gospođu”, “Razgovarajmo”, Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2020): Srbija u vreme pandemije: Demokratija i rado je se sećam, “Razgovarajmo”, Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Pupovac, Maja (2020): Afera “Nedeljnik”: Neko nas posmatra, “Razgovarajmo”, Democratic Dialogue Network, Belgrade, Serbia [in Serbian]

Maksimović, Maja (2017): Presidential elections in Serbia: One victory “clean as a whistle” and one whistling crowd, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Maksimović, Maja and Ioannis Armakolas (2014): The March 2014 parliamentary elections in Serbia and their legacy, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2013): The beginning of the end for the Kosovo problem? The agreement on normalisation of relations between Belgrade and Pristina and its aftermath, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2013): A Balkan hotspot: The controversy over the UÇPMB war memorial in the Presevo Valley, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2013): Serbia's Resolution on Kosovo and Metohija and the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue: Is there a solution after the Resolution?, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2012): Serbia – ICTY trials and tribulations, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2012): Local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Change or more of the same?, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens, Greece

Media interviews and comments

Pupovac, Maja (2023): Zašto je važno da energetska tranzicija bude pravedna?, Interview, “Klima101” news portal [in Serbian]

Maksimović, Maja (2017): Προεδρικές εκλογές στη Σερβία: Η σαρωτική νίκη του Αλεξάνταρ Βούτσιτς ενισχύει την κυριαρχία του, Op-ed, “My portal” news portal [in Greek]

Armakolas, Ioannis and Maja Maksimović (2012): The risk of losing Serbia, Op-ed, EurActiv

Research projects and consultancy

2023 Just transition consultant

Project: "Civil society for energy transition" | Belgrade Open School (BOŠ) | Belgrade, Serbia

2022-23 International social justice expert / Senior key expert

Project: "Technical assistance in development of strategic basis for just transition towards low-carbon economy and building capacities of vulnerable groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH)" | Ernst & Young, Serbia and UNDP, Bosnia and Herzegovina

2022-2023 Project consultant

Project: "Smart-from-the start planning for sustainable development - Mapping solar potentials in Serbia" | TNC - The Nature Conservancy (Europe) | Southeast Europe Program

2021-22 Project manager

Project: "Inefficient household heating devices: Public awareness and public health" | RES Foundation for United Nations for Environment Programme's (UNEP) | Belgrade, Serbia

2020 Just transition researcher

Research on just transition attitudes and perceptions in the coal-impacted community of Lazarevac, Serbia | Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe | Brussels, Belgium

2015 Visiting researcher

Project: "Repositioning Greece in a globalising world: Transatlantic relations between Africa, the Middle East, Russia and Asia and their meaning for Greece" | Global and European Studies Institute | Leipzig, Germany

Conferences, workshops, summer schools

2016 Summer school in comparative conflict studies | University Singidunum, Center for Comparative Conflict Studies | Belgrade, Serbia

2015 "Visegrad school of political studies meets Balkans" initiative seminar | European Academy of Diplomacy and Council of Europe | Warsaw, Poland

2015 BASEES annual conference | Fitzwilliam College | Cambridge, UK

2015 Workshop: "Inside and outside Southeastern Europe: perspectives from Greece and Germany on the region" | Humboldt University | Berlin, Germany

2014 International Summer School: "Cultures, migrations, borders" | University of the Aegean and University of Amsterdam | Lesvos Island, Greece

Fellowships and recognitions

2013-2016 Doctoral Fellowship, Hellenic State Scholarship Foundation, Athens, Greece

2012 Valedictorian, Postgraduate Programme in Southeast European Studies, Athens, Greece

Selected talks and panels

- 2023** Just energy transition in Serbia | Terrestrial Forum - Horizons of Change | Ministry of Space | Požega, Serbia
- 2022** Energy transition and poverty | Metropolitan University - FEFA, Olaf Palme and Democratic Dialogue Network | Belgrade, Serbia
- 2022** The labour, environment and trade unions in the region – Education as a chance for building bridges | Regional Trade Union Council “Solidarnost” Youth Committee and Global Labor University | Belgrade, Serbia
- 2021** A just transition between bitter pills and sweet dreams | Green European Foundation and Organization for political ecology “Polekol” | Belgrade, Serbia

Book translations

Arnakolas, Ioannis (2017): Politika i društvo u Tuzli od 1992. do 1995. godine. Političko natjecanje i građanska inicijativa, Udruženje za modernu historiju, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina [English to Bosnian]

Peer review

- 2022** Croatian Sociological Review

Short video films (scenario, directing)

- 2021** Energy poverty in the Western Balkans: 100% for the “invisible millions”, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
- Do we want to be healthy?, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
- Energy Cooperatives: Decentralisation and democratisation of energy production, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
- Wind farms in Serbia: Tailwinds for good energy, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
- The valley of good energy: Increasing the energy efficiency of the Preševo Municipality, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
- Municipality of Priboj: Pioneer in introducing local, ecological and renewable fuel–wood biomass, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
- Gender and energy policies: #WOMENERgy in the public sector, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia
- “Renew Together”! Križevci's energy transition, mPOWER - Municipal Power Project, EU-wide
- “Renew Together”! Zenica's energy transition, mPOWER - Municipal Power Project, EU-wide
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Energy transition in Priboj: "We have a deal", RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia

2020 Better Stoves, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia

Better Solutions, RES Foundation, Belgrade, Serbia

Openly about USA-Serbia relations: American elections and Serbian dilemmas, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Belgrade, Serbia

Openly about USA-Serbia relations: Cultural cooperation, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Belgrade, Serbia

Languages

Serbian (native)

English (proficient)

Greek (B1 intermediate)
