

ANA VILENICA | Research FELLOW | ana.vilenica@ifdt.bg.ac.rs

MAIN AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH INTERESTS: HOUSING STRUGGLES
URBAN STRUGGLES SOCIAL MOVEMENTS FEMINIST STRUGGLES ANTI-RACIST
STRUGGLES POLITICAL SOLIDARITY ANTI-EXTRACTIVISM LAND GRAB
INTERNATIONALISM ENGAGED ART.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY IN ACADEMIA

Co-investigator on project at Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade

MARCH 2025 — ONGOING

Research fellow at University and Polytechnic of Turin, Turin

JUN 2021 — MARCH 2025

Research associate, University of Sheffield, Sheffield

OCTOBER 2020 — MARCH 2021

Principal Investigator, London South Bank University, London

AUGUST 2016 — AUGUST 2018

Post-doctoral researcher fellow, University of Art Novi Sad, Novi Sad

SEPTEMBER 2012 — SEPTEMBER 2014

Associate, University of Art Belgrade, Belgrade

SEPTEMBER 2008 — SEPTEMBER 2009

EDUCATION

PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Arts Belgrade

2006 — 2011

MA in Spatial Design, University of Arts Belgrade

2005 — 2009

BA in Art History, Faculty of Philosophy, University in Belgrade

1997 — 2005

EDITORIAL EXPERIANCE

Ultra-Red – a journal for militant sound investigation

2024 — PRESENT

Editor and member of core collective at Radical Housing Journal

2018 — PRESENT

Editor for Central and East Europe at Interface – a journal about and for social movements

2019 — 2022

Founder and editor in chief at Alarm – a journal for theory, political activism and art

2012 — 2015

EDITED VOLUMES

Filip Alexandrescu, Ryan Powel and Ana Vilenica (eds) (2025) *Urban Marginality, Racialisation and Interdependence: Learning from Eastern Europe*, London: Routledge.

Ana Vilenica (ed) (2023) *Decoloniality in Eastern Europe: A Lexicon of Reorientation*, Novi Sad: kuda.org.

Ana Vilenica (ed) (2021) *Radical Housing Struggle: Art Struggle Care*, Amsterdam: Institute of Network Culture.

Ana Vilenica, kuda.org etc. (ed) (2020) *Fragments for the study of art organisation in Yugoslavia*, Novi Sad: kuda.org.

Ana Vilenica (ed) (2013; 2016) *Postajanje majkom u neoliberalnom kapitalizmu* (Becoming a Mother in Neoliberal capitalism). Belgrade: (uz)bu(na)).

Ana Vilenica and kuda.org (2013) *Na ruševinama kreativnog grada* (Beyond the Ruins of the Creative City). Novi Sad: kuda.org.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Kallin, Hamish, Neil Gray, Joe Beswick, Damian Dempsey, Siobhan Donnachie, Tommy Gavin, Jennie Gustafsson, Konstantin A. Kholodilin, Oksana Mironova, Edna Monroy, Jaime Palomera, Maria Persdotter, Ana Vilenica and Maria Wallstam (2024) Rent Controls in Comparative Perspective: Reflections on an International Symposium. *Radical Housing Journal* 6(2): 237–51. <https://doi.org/10.54825/DZKS1999>.

Ana Vilenica, Nemanja Pantović, Milan Škobić (2023) CHF-indexed housing debts and the housing struggle in Serbia, *City- analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 27(3-4): 636-653 Special Feature: Dependent financialization and urban struggles in East Europe. DOI: 10.1080/13604813.2023.2229200

Ivana Pražić and Ana Vilenica (2023) Gadji Feminism(s) in Serbia: Racial Privilege and “Intersectional” Solidarity in an Eastern European Semiperiphery, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*. 44(2): 70-97. DOI: 10.1353/fro.2023.a902527

Ana Vilenica, Vladimir Mentus, Irena Ristić, (2021) Struggles for Care Infrastructures in Serbia: The Pandemic, Dispossessed Care, and Housing, *Historical Social Research*, 46(4):189-208. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.12759/hsr.46.2021.4.189-208>.

Ana Vilenica, Tonia Katerini, Maša Filipovič Hrast (2021) Housing Commodification in the Balkans: Serbia, Slovenia and Greece. *Social Policy* 14: 81-100. https://www.tlu.ee/sites/default/files/TUKO/veeb/failid/Social_Policy_Drilling_Negash_Wagaw.pdf.

Ana Vilenica (2021) The Doomed Pursuit of Dignity: Artists as Property Guardians in and Against Artwashing, *AM Journal for Art and Media Studies*, 25: 185-196. Doi: [10.25038/am.v0i25.455](https://doi.org/10.25038/am.v0i25.455)

Ana Vilenica, Tanja Šljivar, Vladimir Mentus, Petra Murić (2021) Solidarity as a Temporary Social Infrastructure: Anti-Eviction Struggles in Serbia during the Pandemic. *Radical Housing Journal* 3(1). <https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2021/solidarity-as-a-temporary-social-infrastructure/>

Ana Vilenica etc. (2019) Covid-19 and housing struggles: The remaking of austerity, disaster capitalism, and the no return to normal. *The Radical Housing Journal* Vol 2 Issue 1: 9-28.

Ana Vilenica & Marta Stojić Mitrović (2019) Enforcing and disrupting circular movement in an EU Borderscape: housingscaping in Serbia. *Citizenship Studies*, Vol 23 issue 6: 540-558.

Ana Vilenica (2019) Becoming an Accomplice in housing Struggles in Vulturilor Street, *Dialogues in Human Geography*, Vol 9 Issue 2: 210-213.

Ana Vilenica (2019) Contradictions and Antagonisms in (anti-)social(ist) Housing in Serbia, *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geography*, Vol 18 No 5: 1261-1282.

Ana Vilenica (2018) (Out)Performing Anti-Social(ist) Urban Transition, *Explorations in Space and Society*, No. 49: 41-46.

Ana Vilenica (2017) Contemporary housing activism in Serbia: Provisional mapping, *Interface: a journal for and about social movements* Article Volume 9 (1): 424 – 447.

Ana Vilenica (2015) Report from Belgrade Waterfront, *Derive*, No 59: 4-9.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Ana Vilenica and Vladimir Mentus (2025) Contradictions in infra-commoning networks in Serbia: evictions, pandemic, politics in Rachael Baker and Alexander Ferrer (eds) *Dispatches from the Threshold: Tenant Power in Times of Crisis*. Winnipeg: Fernwood Publishing.

Ana Vilenica and Vladimir Mentus (2025) Urbanization of Racial Capitalism in Serbia: Transition, Racialisation, Evictions, in Filip Alexandrescu, Ryan Powel and Ana Vilenica (eds)

Urban Marginality, Racialisation and Interdependence: Learning from Eastern Europe, London: Routledge.

Filip Alexandrescu, Ryan Powell and Ana Vilenica (2025) Thinking from the East: Urban marginality, racialisation and interdependence in Eastern Europe, in Filip Alexandrescu, Ryan Powel and Ana Vilenica (eds) *Urban Marginality, Racialisation and Interdependence: Learning from Eastern Europe*, London: Routledge.

Ana Vilenica (2022) Who Has “The Right to Common”? Decolonizing Commoning in East Europe in Mary N. Taylor and Noah Brehmer (eds) *The Commonist Horizon: Urban Futures Beyond Capitalist Urbanization*. NY: Common Notions.

Ana Vilenica and Marta Stojić Mitrović (2021) Enforcing and disrupting circular movement in an EU Borderscape: housingscaping in Serbia, in: Deana Dadusc, Margherita Grazioli and Miguel Martinez (eds) *Resisting Citizenship: Migrant housing Squats Against State Enclosures*, London: Routledge.

Ana Vilenica, Ioana Florea, Veda Popovica, Zsuzsi Pósfai (2021) Urban struggles and theorising from Eastern European cities: a collective interview in Michele Lancione and Colin McFarlane, *Global Urbanism: Knowledge, Power and the City*, London: Routledge.

Ana Vilenica (2019) Social Art in Anti-socialist Housing Transition in Ivana Hanacek, Vesna Vukovic, Ana Kutlesa (eds) *Art for Neighbourhood: Art and Housing Question*. Zagreb: BLOK: 14-20.

Ana Vilenica, Nebojaša Milikić, Tadej Kurepa (2018) Hard(ish) Answers to Easily Asked Questions in Borders, in Ovidiu Gherasim-Proca (ed) *Barriers and Protest Culture*. Iasi: Universităţii „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”: 147-162.

Ana Vilenica, Ana Džokic, Marc Neelen (2017) Affordable housing in your lifetime? in Doina Petrescu, Kim Trogal (eds) *The Social Production of Architecture - Politics, Values and Actions in Contemporary Practice*. London: Routledge: 245-257.

Ana Vilenica (2016) The art of new class geography of the city: culture-guided Urban regeneration serving the Modernization of the periphery. in Šefik Tatlić and Gordana Nikolić (eds) *The Gray Zones of Creativity and Capital*. Amsterdam: Institute of Network Cultures: 51-64.

Ana Vilenica and Dražen Crnomat (2016) We are hungry in tree languages: the urban social movements in Bosnia and Hercegovina. in Petropoulou, C., Vitopoulou, A. (eds) *Urban and Regional Social Movements*. Tessaaloniki: CC BY: 358-381.

Ana Vilenica (2014) Becoming a Mother on the Periphery, Belgrade: uz)bu))na))).

Ana Vilenica (2014) Umetnost regeneracije grada – Predu(z)metništvo kao biznis model novih geopolitičkih konstelacija (Art of urban regeneration - Art entrepreneurship as a business model of the new geopolitical constellations) in Živko Popović etc. (eds) *ZBORNIK*:

povodom osnivanja Centra za istraživanje umetnosti Akademije umetnosti Novi Sad. Novi Sad: Akademija umetnosti Novi Sad: 88-106.

Ana Vilenica (2011) Aktivizam i umetnost (Activism and Art) in Veselinović, Ana etc. (eds) *Izgubljeni u tranziciji*. Belgrade: Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung: 323-331.

Ana Vilenica (2011) Life Begins with the Introduction of a Parasite on Šuvaković, Miško (ed) *Tadej Pogačar: Daily life as public practice in the field of multiplicity - the productions and interventions of Tadej Pogačar at the end of the first decade of the new millennium*. Novi Sad: Museum of Contemporary Art of Voivodina: 672-679.

Ana Vilenica (2010) Life has no Alternative: Connecting Art and Activism in Rena Readle etc. (eds) *Reality Check – Art&Activism Reader*. Trondheim: Trøndelag Senter for Samtidskunst: 100-115.

EDITORIALS

Judith Keller, Erin McElroy, Samantha Thompson, and Ana Vilenica (2024) Archiving the Housing Conjecture. *The Radical Housing Journal* 6(2):1-10. doi.org/10.54825/ALYF7011

Ana Vilenica, Alejandra Reyes, Aysegul Can, Camila Cociña, Felicia Berryessa-Erich, Melissa Fernández Arrigoitia, Melissa García Lamarca, Solange Muñoz (2024) Housing as a battlefield. *The Radical Housing Journal* 6(1):1-10. doi.org/10.54825/JUBJ1686

Ana Vilenica; Aysegul Can; Derick Anderson; Erin McElroy; Judith Keller; Mara Ferreri; Melora Koepke; Michele Lancione; Samantha Thompson (2023) Life-Affirmative Struggles for Home Across Borders. *The Radical Housing Journal* 5(1):1-10. doi.org/10.54825/CPYL7371

Ana Vilenica, Erin McElroy, Michele Lancione and Samantha Thompson, Carcerality, housing precarity, and abolition (2022) *The Radical Housing Journal* 4(1):1-8. doi.org/10.54825/SSEI7993

Alejandra Reyes, Ana Vilenica, Erin McElroy, Hung-Ying Chen, Michele Lancione, Samantha Thompson and Solange Muñoz (2021) Tenant organizing, scholar activism, and global south perspectives as alternative infrastructures of knowledge production, *The Radical Housing Journal* 3(1):1-10. doi.org/10.54825/EWCU1239

Ana Vilenica etc. (2019) Editorial: The renewed ‘crises’: Housing struggles before and after pandemic. *The Radical Housing Journal* Vol 2 Issue 1.

Ana Vilenica etc. (2019) Editorial: Post-2008 as a field of action and inquiry in uneven housing justice struggles. *The Radical Housing Journal* Vol 1 Issue 1.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Housing and inhabitation: situated geographies of intersectional struggles, RC21 in Santiago, Chile, July 24th – 26th, 2024.

Lexicons of Housing Struggles, 9th International Congress of Critical Geography, 23rd-28th October 2023.

Grassroots internationalism in radical housing movements, AAG Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 23-27 2023.

Who is replacing us in our homes?" Nation, race and class in anti-migrant narratives in Serbia with Marta Stojic Mitrovic, Migration in the Western Balkans – Re-Thinking Crisis Narratives, University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Science, February 2-3, 2023, Belgrade, Serbia.

Becoming an Accomplice in Transnational and Transcontinental Radical Housing Struggles, RGS-IBG, 30th August – 3 September 2022.

Intersectionality and Housing Struggles: Liberating housing at the intersection of race, gender, class and other forms of structural inequality, RC21, 24-26 August 2022.

Beyond Inhabitation: A Collective Study Lab, 6th Annual Lagos Studies Association Conference, 23-25 June 2022.

Infracommoning: Anti-eviction struggles in Serbia, Evicted Planet workshop, 23-24. June 2022.

Thirty Years of Capitalist Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe: Inequalities and Social Resistance, 20th to 22nd May 2021. Eviction infrastructure in Serbia: coronavirus, infra-protecting and criminalisation of Solidarity.

Feminist critical analysis: Feminism and the Left, Dubrovnik, 24th to 28th May 2021. Feminist movement in the Global East in pandemic time.

Migration Governance workshop, University of Sheffield and University of Belgrade, 19th May 2021.

Pirate care: Politicising care, Piracy and Biopolitics, Disruption Lab, 27th March 2021.

Reclaiming the City: Space and Contentious Politics in the Western Balkan, University of Graz, 10 December 2020. From extreme to radical housing: anti-eviction housing struggles and social reproduction in Serbia.

International workshop The Pirate Care Syllabus, Drugo more, Rijeka, November 24-30, 2019. Housing Struggles Syllabus.

International workshop Household debt on the peripheries of Europe: new constellations since 2008, Peripheries Policy and Research Centre, Budapest, November 22-23, 2019.

Housing wars in Serbia: Debt as a means for accumulation by dispossession.

International Conference Domestic against Domestication, Roehampton University, London, 30 May 2019, Domesticscapes and Housing Struggles in Serbia.

International Conference the Pirate Care, University of Coventry, 19-20 Jun 2019, Between autonomy and regulation: Grassroots pirate care in the external borderscape of the EU or Pirate care as a tool for creating 'extreme domesticity' in migrant movement(s).

International Workshop Housing Struggles Syllabus, MayDay Rooms London, University of Coventry, 3-4 July 2019.

International Conference A Right to Home? Understanding and Responding to Housing Inequality, University of Brighton, 6-7 Jun 2019, Discomfort Contention, Struggle: Understanding and Responding to Housing Injustice.

International Workshop Citizenship, Migration and Housing on the Balkan Routh, University of Brighton, 23-24th Jun 2018.

International Workshop Housing Justice in Eastern Europe Research Workshop, Faculty of Sociology and Social work, Bucharest, Romania, 16-18 May 2018.

Engagement for Social Change: Moving beyond Resistance, 6th International Conference of the Group for Social Engagement Studies, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University in Belgrade, 19-21 April 2018, Housing struggles and the role of art: From art-activism to art and radical organising.

International Workshop Dialoguing Between the Posts: Post-socialist and post-/decolonial perspectives on domination, hierarchy and resistance in South-Eastern Europe, Faculty for Media and Communication, Belgrade, 22-23 September 2017, Anti-socialist urbanisation of history.

RC21, Leeds, 11th-13th September 2017, Property guardians in London's dark networks of art-enabled 'housing regeneration'.

International Conference Everyday Revolutions in Southern and Eastern Europe, The University of Manchester, 19-20 May 2017, Everyday revolutions in contra-revolutionary setting: Fighting individualisation of responsibility in new (old) social housing regimes in Serbia.

International Conference Troubling Histories: Public Art and Prejudice, South African Research Chair in South African Art and Visual Culture, Johannesburg, South Africa, 15-17 November 2017, The impossibility of the public monument: The Monument to all the Defenders of the Fatherland and Victims of the War from 1990 to 1999 (Belgrade, Serbia).

27th Annual Conference of International Network for Urban Researchers in Action (INURA), Havana, Cuba, 19-25 November 2017.

Workshop Building up/with the Communities, Plovdiv, Bulgaria, 7-12 September 2016.

SHORT INTERVENTIONS (in English language)

Ana Vilenica and Ivana Pražić (2021) Black Box East: Why All Of “Us” Are Challenged To Struggle Against “Whiteness”, Berliner Gazette.

Ana Vilenica (2021) Belgrade: Housing restitution in Serbia. *Mapping Against Restitution Project*.

Ana Vilenica (2020) (Post)pandemic struggles in social reproduction: COVID-19 and housing justice in Serbia, LeftEast.

Ana Vilenica and Nemanja Pantović (2019) On the frontlines of Serbia’s struggle for housing justice. ROAR.

Ana Vilenica (2019) Urbanization of the past and wars in 1990s. ForumZDF.

Ana Vilenica (2019) What is rotten with Serbia’s mass protests? LeftEast.

Ana Vilenica (2015) Report from Belgrade Waterfront, Eurozine.

CREATIVE OUTPUTS

Ana Vilenica, kuda.org etc. (2020) Exhibition: *Fragments for the study of art organisation in Yugoslavia*, Novi Sad: SULUV Gallery.

Ana Vilenica and Iva Marčetić (2020) Housing Struggles Syllabus in Pirate Care Syllabus.

Ana Vilenica (2019) No one without home! – Handbook for selforganisation in substandard settlements (Niko bez doma! - priručnik za samoorganizovanje u podstandardnim naseljima), Belgrade: A11.

Ana Vilenica and Nebojša Milikić (2017) Approach to Belgrade Suburbs in 20 century or Instruction for Broken Time Machine (The Illustrated Guide). Belgrade: uz(bu))na))).

Ana Vilenica, Ana Džokic and Marc Neelan (2016) Sta će se (za)desiti? / What is to (be)come? (Ethnographic fiction book published on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Cultural Centre Rex, Belgrade). Belgrade: Fond B92.

Ana Vilenica, Nebojša Milikić and Tadej Kurepa (2016) Man on the Road 3 (Placard Newspapers). Belgrade: Fond B92.

PUBLIC TALKS

Grammars of Tenant Internationalism from Elsewhere: Learning from the Struggles for Home in Abya Yala (public lecture), SFU, Vancouver, 15 February 2024.

Rent Control: A Tenants' Perspective (invited speaker), Edinburgh, May 2024.

Building Tenants International (speaker), Polytechnic of Turin, 16 May 2023.

Inhabiting social movements in Serbia and Beyond (panelist), TEACH-OUT Between a rock and a hard place: Experience and knowledge sharing for solidarity against authoritarian regimes, repression and war, Postane, Istanbul, 4-5-6 July 2022.

Invisible, Reproductive Labour and Dispossessed Care with Encarnacion Gutierrez Rodriguez and Lina Dokuzovic, Wienwoche, Vienna, September 2022.

Central-Eastern European Housing Movements Resisting Neoliberal Urban Transformations, (panelist), ELMO, 30. Jun 2022

Right to housing Struggle in Eastern Europe and the Berlin Referendum with Deutsche Wohnen Co Enteigen, Zsuzsi Posfai, Michail Dimitriu and Mary Taylor, December 2021.

East Europe, global division of reproductive work and transnational solidarity with Olena Lybuchenko, Sopiko Japaridze, Julia Kubise, Biennale Warszawa, March 2021.

Social art and (anti-)social(ist) housing in Serbia: contradictions and antagonisms, National Gallery of Art, Vilnius, March 2020.

Freedom of Cultural Work as Commodity Fetish with Agnė Bagdžiūnaitė, Luna6, Vilnius, October 2020.

Brutalism, Robin Hood gardens, and Council Housing as Found with Ben Highmore, Nick Thoburn, Exhibition: Lived Brutalism: Portraits at Robin Hood Gardens by Kois Miah, Four Corners Gallery London, Jun 2019.

Art and complicity with gentrification and how to fight it, The Royal Danish Academy of Art, Copenhagen, December 2018.

Long Table: Is this a Movement at Who are we? Art, Migration and the production of Democracy, Tate Modern, London, May 2018.

Roundtable 'Immaterial and 'Wasteful' Artistic Labour', MeCCSA, London South Bank University, London, January 2018.

Social housing as cultural heritage: Erno Goldfinger's Balfron Tower and the Role of Heritage in Housing Struggles in London, The Department of Planning and Regional Development, Faculty of Engineering, University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece, May 2018.

Social Housing, Not Social Cleansing: The performative representation of single mothers housing activism in London, London South Bank University, May 2017.

Summoning art to solve 'housing crises': Dark networks of art assisted housing regeneration, Borough Road Gallery, London, February 2017.

Relocating the Context, The Estate Agency Exhibition, Campbell Works, London, April 2017.

Belgrade Waterfront Project, Key Note Speaker at The Sweden Green Building Conference 2016 organized by Sweden Green Building Council in cooperation with the city of Stockholm and World Green Building Council, Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre, October 2016.

ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS

Beyond Inhabitation Lab Speakers Series, Turin, Italy, 2022/23.

Feminist No Border Summer School, 18-25 August 2022.

A Lexicon of Decoloniality in East in Eastern Europe, Webinar series, February 2022.

Vectors of collective imagination, Speakers series, Belgrade, July 2020.

Housing and Regeneration Struggle in South London Roundtable Series Winter 2017 (October 26 Post Grenfell Housing Struggles, November 29th How to stay put?, November 30th Where do we go from here?), London South Bank University, London, October-November 2017.

International Conference Art and Housing Struggles: between art and political organizing, London South Bank University, London, May 31st - 1st June 2018.

International Conference Becoming a Mother in Neoliberal Capitalism, Cultural Centre Rex, 21-22 May 2013.