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EDUCATION

2014 – 2018: PhD in Political Sciences, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade

2012 – 2013: graduated at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

2010 – 2012: MA in International Studies, International Security Module, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade

2006 – 2010: BA in Security Studies, Faculty of Security Studies, University of Belgrade

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

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(2024). Dursun-Özkanca, O. and Glušac, L. Forming Connections between Security Sector Reform and Sustainable Development: The Potential of the Human Security Paradigm. *Journal of Regional Security*, 19 (1), pp. 7-27.

(2023). Glušac, L. Razvoj ideje o nacionalnim institucijama za ljudska prava: od Ženevskih smernica do Pariskih principa, *Međunarodna politika*, 74 (1188), str. 29-54.

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(2020). De Vrieze, F. and Glušac, L. *Combating Corruption Capably: An Assessment Framework for Parliament's Interaction with Anti-Corruption Agencies*, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, London.

(2020). Glušac, L. *Strengthening Ombudspersons in Central and Eastern Europe*, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Berlin.

(2019). Glušac, L. *Preventing Torture and Monitoring Change in Places of Detention*, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, London.

(2018). Glušac, L. *The Ombudsman: Models, Powers and Accountability*, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, London.

INVITED TALKS

(2025). Towards an Inductive Theory of the Fourth Branch of Power, *The Prague Constitutional Seminar Series (2024/2025)*, Charles University of Prague, Faculty of Law, Constitutional Law Department, Prague, 22 May.

(2024). How Many Branches of Government? Fourth Branch Institutions as Awkward Cousins, *Belgrade Legal Theory Group Meeting*, Serbian Association for Legal and Social Philosophy, Belgrade, 29 April.

(2022). Conceptualizing the Role of the Security Sector in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals?. *Belgrade Security Conference*, Belgrade, 27-28 October.

PRESENTATIONS

(2025). Awareness of What, Awareness by Whom?. *The 14th International Conference of Ombuds Institutions for the Armed Forces (ICOAF)*, Johannesburg, 7-9 October.

(2025). Academic Resistance against the Authoritarian Pressures: The Case of Serbia. *The 19th Serbian Political Science Association (SPSA) International Annual Conference*, Belgrade, 25-26 October.

(2025). National Human Rights Institutions as a Fourth Branch: Forging Partnerships, Preserving Independence, *Strengthening Democratic Constitutional Governance: Exploring the Role of Fourth Branch Institutions in the Protection of Fundamental Rights*, International Conference, The Secretariat of the State Great Hural (Parliament of Mongolia), Parliamentary Research and Development Institute (Parliament of Mongolia), University of Milan, School of Law of the National University of Mongolia, Research Center of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, Chimid Foundation, Ulaanbaatar, 22–23 September.

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(2025). Escalation of violence and illegal actions, *Understanding the March 15 Protests and State Repression in Serbia*, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP) and the Center for Southeast European Studies of the University of Graz on (online event), 26 March.

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(2024). Identifying Fourth-Branch Institutions in the World's Constitutions, *Belgrade Legal Philosophy Week: Law And Empirical Sciences*, Serbian Association for Legal and Social Philosophy, Belgrade, 15-16 November.

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(2022). The 2030 Agenda and the Security-Development-Nexus, *Lecture at the Workshop “Ombuds Institutions, SDG 16, and Security Sector Governance: Towards Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies in Sub-Saharan Africa”*, Oslo, 5-6 October.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Memberships

- The Statutory Issues Committee of the University of Belgrade
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA)
- International Ombudsman Institute (IOI)
- UPR Academic Network
- The Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law
- Research Committee on Sociology of Law, International Sociological Association
- Serbian Association for Legal and Social Philosophy
- OSCE Academic Alumni Network

Reviewer

- International Journal of Human Rights, Taylor and Francis
- International Review of Sociology, Taylor and Francis
- Journal of Human Rights and Social Work, Springer Nature
- Nordic Journal of Human Rights Practice, Taylor and Francis
- Journal of Human Rights Practice, Oxford University Press
- Journal of Southeast Asian Human Rights, University of Jember, Indonesia
- Journal of Regional Security, University of Belgrade and Belgrade Centre for Security Policy
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