

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AOS: science studies, philosophy of science in practice, human nature, science and society, academic freedom

AOC: social philosophy, social ontology, philosophy of gender

EDUCATION

- 2020– **PhD Cultural Anthropology**, University of Belgrade
Thesis: An anthropological analysis of evolutionary behavioral science methods
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Nina Kulenović
Co-advisor: Prof. Miloš Milenković
- 2019–20 **MA Philosophy**, Central European University
Thesis: The epistemic value of participant observation
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Christophe Heintz
- 2013–19 **BA Philosophy**, University of Belgrade

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2026 **Research Fellow**, Egenis: the Centre for the Study of the Life Sciences, University of Exeter (March)
The EPSA Fellowship Scheme
- 2024 **Research Fellow**, University of Graz (Oct-Dec)
Project: “Women’s and Gender History in Southeast Europe in the 20th Century: Oral History, Ethnographic, and Biographical Approaches as a Way to Advance Intersectionality”
 - Investigated knowledge production on intersectionality in Serbia and Croatia
- 2024 **Research Fellow**, Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna (Mar-Aug)
 - Conducted independent research on “A Framework for the Feminist Anthropology of Science”
- 2024 **Visiting Student**, Social Mind Center, Central European University (Jan-June)
- 2021–22 **Visiting Student**, Philosophy Department, Central European University (Oct-Apr)
Doctoral Support Program for non-CEU students
 - Courses: *The Ethos of Science: Objectivity, Disinterestedness and Autonomy of Scientific Research* (Prof. Maria Kronfeldner)
Philosophy of Gender and Race; Social Metaphysics (Asst. Prof. Asya Passinsky)
- 2021 **OSUN guest student**, Philosophy Department, Central European University
Open Society University Network (OSUN) Courses at CEU
 - Course: *Science and Society: Advanced Issues* (Prof. Maria Kronfeldner)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2023– **Research Associate**, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- Laboratory for Social Critique (CriticLab)
 - Laboratory for Gender Research (GenderLab)
- 2021–23 **Research Assistant**, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2024– **Initiator & Leader**, [*Early Career Scholars Working Group*](#) of the EENPS
- Organize academic workshops and work-in-progress seminars
- 2021– **Editorial Team Member**, [*Critique: Journal for Philosophy and Theory of Society*](#)
- Manage electronic processing of new issues (DOI retrieval, website updates) (2024–)
 - Editorial Assistant (2021–2023)

EVENT ORGANIZING

- 2025 Roundtable: [“Revolutionary Potential of the Serbian Student Movement: Education, Democracy, and Social Justice”](#)
Central European University, Co-organizer (May)
- 2023 Reading workshop: [“Can metaphysics break bricks?”](#)
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (IFDT) (hybrid), Co-organizer and co-moderator (April)
- 2022 Book talk on Maria Kronfeldner’s [*What’s Left of Human Nature?*](#)
IFDT, Organizer, moderator, and participant (June)
- 2022 Lecture by Maria Kronfeldner [“Not all critique is an infringement of freedom”](#)
IFDT (online), Organizer and moderator (May)
- 2022 Reading workshop: [“Is the philosophy of science a socially engaged discipline?”](#)
IFDT (online), Organizer and moderator (April-June)

CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2025 “Beyond Reductionism: Scientific Practices and Integration in Evolutionary Psychology”
The 2025 meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Porto, Portugal, July 20-25.
- 2025 “The Revitalization of Democracy in Serbia: Participant Observation and the Student Movement”
From Minds to Movements: Foresight in Cognition and Activism
Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, University of Vienna
- 2024 “A framework for the feminist anthropology of science”
East European Network for Philosophy of Science Conference 2024
Jagiellonian University, Kraków
- 2024 [“Uncovering the ontology of social change”](#)
The International Conference on CHANGE
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- 2023 “The epistemic value of participant observation: Between explanation and understanding”
Explanation and Understanding in Philosophy and Science Conference
Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

- 2023 [“Uncovering the ontology of social change”](#)
Social Ontology 2023 Conference
Stockholm University
- 2023 “When is science gender sensitive?”
Summer School [“Science, values, and democracy”](#) (w/ Philip Kitcher)
University of Rijeka
- 2022 [“Socially engaged philosophy is biased but not in a bad way: A reply to van der Vossen”](#)
INCLUSION BEYOND FACE VALUE: Metaphilosophy and/of Social Justice
Central European University
- 2021 “Deliberative division of labor in policy-making”
The 7th International Conference of the Group for Social Engagement Studies
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- 2021 “Recreating human nature”
The IX International Smolny Student Conference
Saint Petersburg State University
- 2019 [“Integrated information theory and panpsychism: Are there any connections?”](#)
Philosophy Students’ Symposium,
University of Maribor
- 2018 “Can artificial intelligence create art?”
Artificial Intelligence/Intelligent Art Conference
University of Copenhagen

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

- 2025 [“Academic Freedom Under Pressure: A Professor’s Perspective”](#)
Circle U. Open Conversation
- 2025 “Where Evolutionary Psychology Meets Anthropology: Lessons from Practice”
Institute of Anthropology “Francisc I. Rainer”, Romanian Academy
- 2025 [“Student Protests, Public Accountability, and Global Dynamics: The Case of Serbia”](#)
Webinar organized by The RUTA Association (April)
- 2024 [“A framework for the feminist anthropology of science: The problem of normativity”](#)
Philosophy of Science Colloquium
Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna

OTHER TALKS

- 2025 “Is there any room for political activism in scientific research?”
The Sixth Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- 2024 “Reconstructing love: Beyond deconstruction, postmodernism, and neoliberalism”
The International Workshop [“Philosophy and Eros”](#)
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- 2024 “Feminist engagement in science”
The Fifth Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- 2024 “How does science contribute to and maintain gender inequality?”
Winter School “Gender and Violence”

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, University of Novi Sad, TPO Foundation Sarajevo

- 2023 “Science, values, and democracy”
The Fourth Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- 2023 [“When is science gender sensitive?”](#)
Talk conducted for the faculty members of
The Faculty of Chemistry, University of Belgrade
- 2022 “Science, values, and democracy”
Talk conducted for the alumni of
The Regional School of Political Philosophy Zoran Djindjic
Zoran Djindjic Foundation and Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade
- 2022 [“Science, values, and democracy”](#)
The Third Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy,
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (AS AUDIENCE)

- 2025 [“Philosophy of science in practice – in practice”](#)
Philosophy of Open Science ERC project
- 2023 [“Methods in philosophy of science”](#)
University of Vienna
- 2021 [“Thick concepts in the philosophy of science”](#)
Leibniz University Hannover
- 2021 “Philosophical fieldwork: Strategies for participatory engagement”
Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy, George Mason University

READING WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- 2024 [Vienna Science Studies Lab](#)
- 2023 [“Feminist philosophy of science”](#)
The East European Network for Philosophy of Science
- 2021 “Thinking between the times: The open-ended past and the challenges of today”
OSUN’s Open Society Research Platform, Central European University

SUMMER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- 2021 [“Confronting the crisis of expertise: Historical roots and current challenges”](#)
CEU Summer University
- 2020 “The summer school of social engagement and democracy”
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2017–19 Tour Guide, Museum of Yugoslavia, Belgrade, Serbia
- giving guided tours at two Museum’s exhibitions:
 - *The Day Worth a Century*
 - *The Storeroom Opens*
- 2017–18 Tour Guide, National Museum, Belgrade, Serbia

- giving guided tours at the Museum's Yugoslav art collection
- 2017 Curatorial Intern, Museum of African Art, Belgrade, Serbia
- doing research on Ubuntu philosophy and the morality of Akan people
 - giving thematized guided tours at the Museum's permanent display "Humanity has no boundaries: understanding the morality of Akan people" during "Practicum" and "Sunday at the MAA" programs, Afro Festival 2017, and European Heritage Days

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2026 Research Fellowship, **The EPSA Fellowship Scheme**
- 2024 Senior Research Fellowship, University of Graz, **Elisabeth-List-Fellowship Programme for Gender Research**
- 2024 **Institute Vienna Circle Fellowship**, University of Vienna
- 2021 **OSUN Summer University Scholarship**, Central European University
- 2019–20 **Full Master's Fellowship**, Central European University
- 2019–20 **Scholarship for International Students *Dositeja*** – Fund for Young Talents, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Serbia
- 2014–15 **Annual Scholarship**, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

MEMBERSHIP

The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)
 East European Network for Philosophy of Science (EENPS)
 International Social Ontology Society (ISOS)
 OSUN Global Observatory on Academic Freedom (GOAF)

LANGUAGES

Serbian Native; English C1

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2024 Čeriman, J., **Knežević, A.**, Lalić-Krstin, G. (Eds.) *Gender and violence in the Balkans*. TPO Fondacija, Sarajevo; University of Novi Sad; Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory. [in Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian]
- 2024 **Knežević, A.** (Ed.). *Exploring the post-essentialist, pluralist, and interactive human nature: Applications, implications, and critical assessment* [Special issue]. *Philosophy and Society*, 35(1), 3–123.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 **Knežević, A.** An autoethnographic account of the anti-corruption student protests in Serbia 2024/25. *Contemporary Southeastern Europe*, 12(1), 51–61.
<https://doi.org/10.25364/02.12:2025.1.5>
- 2024 **Knežević, A.** The integrative potential of contemporary perspectives on the nature/culture conceptual relationship. *Philosophy and Society*, 35(1), 103–123.
<https://doi.org/10.2298/FID2401103K>

- 2023 **Knežević, A.**, Lončarević, K., & Zaharijević, A. Feminist critique of knowledge. In M. Ivković & Ž. Radinković (Eds.), *Critique. A handbook* (pp.231–261). Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory. [in Serbian]
- 2023 Prodanović, S., & **Knežević, A.** Critical aspects of pragmatism: From justification to irony. In M. Ivković & Ž. Radinković (Eds.), *Critique. A handbook* (pp. 385–420). Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory. [in Serbian]
- 2023 **Knežević, A.** Nature and culture revisited: What do Neo-Darwinism and developmental systems theory have to say? *Antropologija*, 23(1), 25–45.
<https://antropologija.com/index.php/an/article/view/447> [in Serbian]
- 2020 Deb, A. & **Knežević, A.** Towards methodological pluralism in psychological sciences. In T. K. Shackelford & V. A. Weekes-Shackelford (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6_3868-1

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 **Knežević, A.** Review of Jana Ndiaye Berenkova; Michael Hauser; Nick Nesbitt (eds.) *Revolutions for The Future: May '68 and The Prague Spring*, Suture Press 2020. *Philosophy and Society*, 32(3), 481–2. <https://journal.institfdt.bg.ac.rs/index.php/fid/article/view/1001/788>

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- 2025 **Podcast episode: Student protests in Serbia** (w/A. Knežević), *The Monkey Dance*. [Watch here](#).
- 2025 **Podcast episode: The Scope of Alternative Education – On the Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy** (w/ M. Urošević, A. Knežević), *The Sound of Thoughts*. [Watch here](#). [in Serbian]
- 2024 **Poster presentation: Science and Feminism**, Lange Nacht der Forschung, Central European University
- 2024 **Podcast episode: Should Different Scientific Fields Work to Integrate** (w/A. Knežević)? *The Monkey Dance*. [Watch here](#).
- 2024 **Handbook entry: Knežević, A. Freedom**. In A. Lipij, M. Janković, M. Jeremić, M. Sekulović & P. Krstić (Eds.). *A Guide for Doing Philosophy with Children* (pp.122–127). Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory. [in Serbian]
- 2023 **Dictionary entry: Knežević, A. Leisure**. In A. Zaharijević (Ed.), *The Dictionary of Precarity* (pp.60). Srpsko Književno Društvo. [in Serbian]
- 2017 **Blog article: Knežević, A. ‘Ubuntu’ means ‘to be human’. Do you have prejudice about the Black Continent?** *Kultiviši se*. [Read here](#). [in Serbian]
- 2017 **Blog article: Knežević, A. What are the limits of tolerating other cultural customs?** *Kultiviši se*. [Read here](#). [in Serbian]