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AOS: Science Studies, Philosophy of Science in Practice, Human Nature, Science and Society, Social Responsibility in Science, Academic Freedom

AOC: Social Philosophy, Philosophy of Gender

EDUCATION

- 2020–** **PhD Candidate in Cultural Anthropology**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade
Dissertation: *An Anthropological Analysis of Evolutionary Social Science Methods*
- 2019–2020** **MA in Philosophy**, Central European University
Thesis: *The Epistemic Value of Participant Observation*
- 2013–2019** **BA in Philosophy**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023–** **Research Associate**
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade
- 2021–2023** **Research Assistant**
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & ACADEMIC VISITS

- 2026** **DAAD Visiting Research Fellow**
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Project: Uni4Democracy – Academic Freedoms & Democracy under Pressure: A Berlin–Belgrade Dialogue
- Organized and led a workshop on case study methodology in academic freedom research
 - Mentored students from Berlin and Belgrade in developing case studies on academic freedom
 - Contributed to collaborative research exchange on higher education, democracy, and academic freedoms in Europe
- 2026** **Research Fellow**
Egenis – Centre for the Study of the Life Sciences, University of Exeter
EPSA (European Philosophy of Science Association) Fellowship Scheme
- 2024** **Research Fellow**
Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna
- Developed framework for feminist anthropology of science

- Presented research at the [Philosophy of Science Colloquium](#)

2024

Research Fellow

University of Graz

Elisabeth-List-Fellowship Programme for Gender Research

- Conducted a systematic literature mapping of feminist and intersectional scholarship in Southeast Europe, resulting in a thematic annotated bibliography

2024

Visiting Student, Social Mind Center, Central European University (Jan-June)

2021–22

Visiting Student, Philosophy Department, CEU (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, CEU

Open Society University Network (OSUN) Courses at CEU

Course: *Science and Society: Advanced Issues* (Prof. Maria Kronfeldner)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2025

Researcher

Project: *Navigating University Autonomy: Academic Policy Center for Better Higher Education (NUANCE)* EU Danube Region Programme

- Co-author of the regional report on university autonomy and academic freedom
- Developed and analyzed a comparative questionnaire on university governance
- Conducted research on higher education legislation across Southeast Europe

INVITED TALKS

2025

Invited speaker, Roundtable “[Academic Freedom Under Pressure: A Professor’s Perspective](#)”

Circle U Open Conversation Series, Circle U European University Alliance

Invited speaker, Webinar “[Student Protests, Public Accountability, and Global Dynamics: The Case of Serbia](#)”

The RUTA Association

Invited lecture, “Where Evolutionary Psychology Meets Anthropology: Lessons from Practice”

Institute of Anthropology “Francisc I. Rainer”, Romanian Academy

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026

“Using Autoethnography to Study Science in Practice”
Ethnographilosophy Conference, Freie Universität Berlin

2025

“Beyond Reductionism: Scientific Practices and Integration in Evolutionary Psychology”
ISHPSSB 2025, Porto, Portugal

“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, Jagiellonian University, Kraków

“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 Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

“Uncovering the Ontology of Social Change”
Social Ontology 2023 Conference, Stockholm University

“When Is Science Gender Sensitive?”
Summer School “Science, Values, and Democracy” (with 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

“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

OTHER TALKS

2025

“Responsibility as the Foundation of Free Thought”

Panel Discussion: “[Gaza: Thinking and Acting in a Time of Genocide](#)”

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

“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

“Feminist Engagement in Science”

The Fifth Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

“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

“When Is Science Gender Sensitive?”

Talk for Faculty Members

Faculty of Chemistry, University of Belgrade

2022

“Science, Values, and Democracy”

Talk for Alumni of the Regional School of Political Philosophy Zoran Djindjic

Zoran Djindjic Foundation and Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade

“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

“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”

East European Network for Philosophy of Science

2021

“Thinking Between the Times: The Open-Ended Past and the Challenges of Today”

OSUN 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

EVENT ORGANIZATION

2025

Co-organizer, **Roundtable** “[Revolutionary Potential of the Serbian Student Movement: Education, Democracy, and Social Justice](#)”

Central European University

2023

Co-organizer and Co-moderator, **Reading Workshop** “[Can Metaphysics Break Bricks?](#)”

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (hybrid)

2022

Organizer, Moderator, and Participant, **Book Talk** on Maria Kronfeldner’s [What’s Left of Human Nature?](#)

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory

Organizer and Moderator, **Lecture** by Maria Kronfeldner “[Not All Critique Is an Infringement of Freedom](#)”

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory

Organizer and Moderator, **International Reading Workshop** “[Is Philosophy of Science a Socially Engaged Discipline?](#)”

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (April–June)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2024–

Initiator & Leader, [Early Career Scholars Working Group](#)
East European Network for Philosophy of Science (EENPS)

- Organize academic workshops and work-in-progress seminars

2021–

Editorial Team Member, [Kritika: časopis za filozofiju i teoriju društva](#)

- Manage electronic processing of new issues, DOI registration, and website updates (2024–)
- Editorial Assistant (2021–2023)

HONORS & RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

2026 DAAD Research Scholarship, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

2026 EPSA Fellowship, Egenis–Centre for the Study of the Life Sciences, University of Exeter

2024 Elisabeth-List-Fellowship Programme for Gender Research, University of Graz

2024 Institute Vienna Circle Fellowship, University of Vienna

2021 OSUN Summer University Scholarship, Central European University

2019–2020 Full Master's Fellowship, Central European University

2019–2020 Scholarship for International Students “Dositeja”, Fund for Young Talents, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Serbia

2014–2015 Annual Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

MEMBERSHIPS

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)

EDITED VOLUMES

2026

Knežević, A., Balunović, F., & Ševo, A. (Eds.). *Voices of Change: The Student Movement and Social Transformations in Serbia, 2024–2025*. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory. [in Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian]

2024

Ćeriman, J., **Knežević, A.**, & Lalić-Krstin, G. (Eds.). *Gender and Violence in the Balkans*. TPO Foundation, Sarajevo; University of Novi Sad; Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory.

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.

CHAPTERS

2025

Knežević, A. "Who Hides Behind the Idea of Value Neutrality of Science? On the Case of Gender in Biology Textbooks." In Tijana Matijević & Milica Resanović (Eds.), *All Are Afraid of Gender: Contemporary Contestations and Uses of the Term in Serbia* (pp. 284–322). Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory. [in Serbian]

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]

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]

ARTICLES

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. "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]

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

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

2026

Knežević, A. "Human Nature as a Channel of Communication: A Marxist and Scientific Perspective." *Res Publica*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-026-09782-x>

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), 481–482.

<https://journal.instifdt.bg.ac.rs/index.php/fid/article/view/1001/788>

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY & OUTREACH

2025

Podcast episode: IFDT Researchers on the Student Movement: Clearly Politically Articulate (w/ N. Anđelković, A. Knežević), *The Sound of Thoughts*. [Watch here.](#)

Podcast episode: Student protests in Serbia (w/A. Knežević), *The Monkey Dance*. [Watch here.](#)

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

Podcast episode: Should Different Scientific Fields Work to Integrate (w/A. Knežević)? *The Monkey Dance*. [Watch here.](#)

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]