

CV Natascha Schmelz

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Work experience and engagement

November 2023 – **Research Associate** at the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

March 2021 – November 2023 **Research Assistant** at the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

- *Primary Laboratory*: Laboratory for Social Critique (CriticLab) (2021 –)
- *Secondary Laboratory*: Gender Research Laboratory (GenLab) (2025 –)
- *Secondary Laboratory*: Laboratory of Educational Theories (EduLab) (2023–2025)
- Secretary of the journal *Philosophy and Society* (2022–2026)

Teaching experience

October 2021– December 2021 Teaching Assistant at the course “Directions of Contemporary Philosophy” (Prof. Milanko Govedarica), Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

February 2022 – May 2022 Teaching Assistant at the course “History of Philosophy IVb (Contemporary Continental Philosophy)” (Prof. Milanko Govedarica), Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

Education

2020 –	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy Doctoral student Thesis title: <i>The Actuality of the Problem of Alienation: Adorno and Baudrillard</i> Mentor: Prof. dr Milanko Govedarica
2019 – 2020	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy Master's Degree in Philosophy Master thesis: <i>Bataille's understanding of the Sacred</i> Mentor: Prof. dr Milanko Govedarica
2013 – 2019	University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy Bachelor Thesis: <i>Kierkegaard's understanding of Despair</i> Mentor: Prof. dr Milanko Govedarica
2009 – 2013	Ballet School "Lujo Davicho", Department of Contemporary Dance

Fields of Study

Critical Theory, Postmodern Philosophy, Philosophy of Art and Media, History of Philosophy (Contemporary Continental Philosophy)

Languages

Serbian (mother tongue)
German (mother tongue)
English (C1)
French (A2)

Publications

Schmelz, Natascha and Predrag Krstić. 2024. "Half-education as Alienated Spirit: Adorno via Hegel." *Theoria* 67 (3): 49–61. [In Serbian]

Schmelz, Natascha. 2024. "The Concept of Art." In: A. Lipij, M. Janković, M. Jeremić, M. Sekulović and P. Krstić, eds. *Philosophising with Children: A Handbook*. Belgrade: Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory: pp.: 97–104. [In Serbian]

Balunović, Filip, Marjan Ivković, and Natascha Schmelz. 2023. "Critical Theory." In: M. Ivković and Ž. Radinković, eds. *The Handbook of Critique*. Belgrade: Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory: pp.: 191–230. [In Serbian]

Schmelz, Natascha. 2023. "Play, Truth, Identity: on Gadamer's hermeneutical-ontological Aesthetics." *Theoria* 66 (1): 77–88. [In Serbian]

Conferences

2025. "Virtuality and New Media: Digital Capitalism and the Disappearance of the Other in Baudrillard and Han." *Philosophy and New Media Conference*. Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Macau, 13–15 October, 2025

2024. "Alienation in Adorno's and Baudrillard's Thought: From Utopian to Dystopian Pessimism." *Pessimism: Problematising the Value of Life*. Nova University, Lisbon, 25–27 November 2024

2024. "Alienated Spirit as a Diagnosis: From Bildung to Halbbildung." 4th International Conference *Why still education? Experience of Education*. Belgrade, 9–11 October 2024

2023. "The 'nonidentical' and 'difference in itself' – a micro-resistance to domination." 15th International *Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference*. Belgrade, 10–12 July 2023

Other Talks

2024. “Beyond Desire: Seduction after Eros.” International Workshop “Philosophy and Eros.” Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (CriticLab & GenLab), Belgrade, 9–10 December 2024

Panels

2026. Book seminar on Bojan Kovačević’s *In Machiavelli’s Theatre: Stories from the Stage of the Political*, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (CriticLab), Belgrade, 02 March 2026

2024. *Philosophy and Society* special issue “Hegel and Postmodernism” promotional event, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (CriticLab), Belgrade, 15 October 2024

2024. Book seminar on Wolfgang Schmale’s *History of Modern Enlightenment*, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (EduLab), Belgrade, 10 April 2024

2022. Book seminar on Maurizio Ferraris’s *Doc-Humanity*, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (CriticLab), Belgrade, 11 November 2022

Reading Workshops

2025. International reading workshop “Domination, Trauma and Resistance in Poland and Serbia”, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, 5–6 June 2025

Editorial Work

Mitranić Marinković, Nevena, Natascha Schmelz and Antonio Pinilla Torres, eds. 2024. Fourth International Conference *Why Still Education? Experience of Education*, Belgrade, October 9–11, 2024 Book of Abstracts. Belgrade: Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory

Academic Service

2025. 1st International Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference in the Balkans, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade, 24–25 April 2025 – *organising committee*

2024. Fourth International Conference Why Still Education? Experience of Education, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade, 9–11 October 2024 – *organising committee*

Summer Schools

Deleuze and Guattari Studies Camp 2024, TU Delft, 3–5 July