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Research Areas

Normative political theory; critical theory; social justice; humanist Marxism; Praxis philosophy; theories of democracy; European integration; public policy; climate change and energy transition; political implications of artificial intelligence.

Research Agenda

My research focuses on normative and critical political theory, with a particular emphasis on the relationship between theory, practice, and social transformation. The central line of inquiry concerns the reinterpretation of the legacy of humanist Marxism and Praxis philosophy, especially through the concept of the “thought of revolution” developed by Gajo Petrović, and its relevance for contemporary theoretical debates.

Within this framework, my research develops along three interconnected directions. The first involves the reconstruction and theoretical positioning of Praxis philosophy in relation to contemporary currents in critical theory, including the Frankfurt School, post-structuralism, and recent ontological turns in political theory. The second direction focuses on the concept of praxis as a site of producing the new, explored through a dialogue with phenomenology, analytic philosophy, and systems theory. In this context, particular attention is given to the relationship between intentionality, event, and transformation. The third direction addresses contemporary challenges for political theory in the context of global transformations, including climate change, energy transition, and artificial intelligence, with a focus on their normative implications and emancipatory potential.

The overall aim of this research is to develop a theoretical framework capable of accounting for the conditions under which social transformation can be conceived and realized in contemporary societies.

Education

PhD Studies (ongoing)

Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade

Dissertation: Humanist Marxism and Praxis Philosophy, with a focus on the “thought of revolution” of Gajo Petrović

MA in Political Analysis (2008)

Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade

MA Thesis: *Europeanization and Democratization* (grade: 10/10)

BA in International Relations (2005)

Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade

Final Thesis: *European Civic Identity* (grade: 10/10)

Supervisor: Prof. Milan Podunavac

International Baccalaureate (1997)

Red Cross Nordic United World College, Norway

Academic and Research Positions

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

Research Associate / Program Development Manager (2023–)

Engaged in research on critical social theory and contemporary political and institutional processes. Actively involved in the Kritik Lab research platform. Leads a working group on

the relationship between academic research and public policy, focusing on translating theoretical insights into analytical and advocacy frameworks. His work bridges theoretical inquiry and practical institutional contexts.

Teaching Experience

Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade

Teaching Assistant – Contemporary Political Theory (2006–2009)

Contributed to course delivery, preparation of teaching materials, and student mentoring in the field of political theory, with a focus on classical and contemporary approaches to democracy, justice, and social change.

Institutional and Leadership Experience

Center for Applied European Studies (CPES)

Director (2008–2015)

Led a research center focused on public policy analysis and European integration processes. Designed and managed research projects in areas such as anti-corruption, institutional reform, and public administration.

Co-editor of the first PrEUgovor coalition reports and contributor to the development of the Institutional Barometer methodology for assessing institutional effectiveness and governance quality.

Professional Memberships and International Engagement

- National Convention on the European Union (Working Groups 23 and 30/31)
- UN Network on Indicators for SDG 16
- Long-term collaboration with the European Commission (DG Enlargement)
- Cooperation with think-tank networks in Brussels

Professional Training

- Harvard University – John F. Kennedy School of Government
- University of Oxford – International Relations Summer School
- Westminster University – International School for Democracy
- Belgrade Open School

Publications

Đurović, Srđan. “Lessons from the Story of Two Sisters: The Relationship between the Frankfurt School and Yugoslav Praxis Philosophy from the Perspective of Epistemic Injustice.” *Kritika*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (2025).

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Đurović, Srđan. “Politics and the COVID-19 Crisis: Care, Fear, and Social Justice.” In: *What and Why We Care About* (CK13).

Đurović, Srđan. “Political Preconditions for Serbia’s EU Accession Negotiations.” In: Teokarević (ed.), *The Western Balkans after Croatia’s EU Accession* (2013).

Pavićević, Đorđe; Đurović, Srđan. “Relations between Montenegro and Serbia from 1991 to 2006.” In: *Media Discourse and the Yugoslav Conflicts* (Ashgate, 2008).