

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, 2024.

Dissertation: *Anthropology of New Belgrad Blocks: Urban Dwelling, Production of Social Spaces and the New Life of Urban Commons*

M.A. in Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, 2017.

B.A. in Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, 2016.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Research Fellow

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, 2024 – ongoing

Research Associate

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, 2020 – 2024

Research Assistant

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, 2018 – 2020

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2024-2026

Funded by:

Position

EDU Home

European Union

Key Staff Member; Researcher; Housing Expert

2024

Funded by:

Position

Constituency building concept and practices in Serbia, programme

“For an Active Civil Society – Together” (ACT) phase 2 (2023-2027)

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (HSI) and Civic Initiatives

Key Staff Member; Researcher; Author of Final Report

2023-2024

Funded by:

Position

Interiors of Inequality: Ethnographic Exploration of Social Housing in Serbia

Sylff Association

Project coordinator; Core team researcher

2020-2021	<u>EnTrust</u> (Horizon 2020 project). Enlightened trust: An examination of trust and distrust in governance – conditions, effects and remedies
Funded by:	European Commission
Position	Field Researcher, WP2
2019-2020	Learning Democratic Participation
Funded by:	U.S. Embassy Belgrade
Position	PR Officer; Researcher; Workshop coordinator; Lecturer at the <i>Summer school on Social Engagement and Democracy</i>
2019-2021	<u>Cultures of Rejection in Europe (CuRe)</u>
Funded by:	Volkswagen Stiftung
Position	Core team member; Researcher
2019	Potential of Social Movements in Serbia: Curvy Road Towards Politics
Funded by:	Wesminister Foundation for Democracy
Position	Core team member; Researcher; Consultant; Author of final report
2019-2020	Bottom-up civic initiatives with democratizing potentials in the Western Balkans
Funded by:	European Fund for the Balkans
Position	Researcher; Country expert for Serbia
2018-2019	(Bottom-up) Democratization through regional synergies in the Western Balkans
Funded by:	The Balkan Trust for Democracy (German Marshall Fund)
Position	Researcher

PUBLICATIONS

Nikolić, S. (2024). Beyond Vandalism: Gentle Privatism and Graffiti Code of Conduct in Blok 45, *Maska* (219-220), 62- 79. https://doi.org/10.1386/maska_00185_1

Nikolić, S., Zejnullahović, D., & Janković, M. (2024). I'd Rather Bite My Tongue Off Than Stand with Them: Paralysis of Political Engagement in Serbia. *Issues in Ethnology and Anthropology* 19(1), 239–263. <https://doi.org/10.21301/eap.v19i1.10>

Bojanić, S., Čeriman, J. & **Nikolić, S.** (2023). Use of Photo-Elicitation in Sociology: Contextualising Poverty and Social Exclusion (in Croatian), *Croatian Sociological Review*, 53 (3), 429-457. <https://doi.org/10.5613/rzs.53.3.4>

Nikolić, S. (2023). Burning Tires, Sauerkraut and Dung: The (Classist) Boundaries of an Olfactory Landscape. *Sensory Environmental Relationships: Between Memories of the Past and Imaginings of the Future*, 155-173.

Iguman, S., Mijatović, N. i **Nikolić, S.** (2022). 'Keep Up the Good Work, Za naš Kej!' Citizen's Passive Support to the Local Activist Group. *Filozofija i društvo* 33(1): 120-142. <https://doi.org/10.2298/FID2201120I>

Nikolić, S., Timotijević J. & Ćurčić, D. (2022). *What do we mean when we say... Fair Housing Policies* (in Serbian). Belgrade, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory.

Nikolić, S. (2021). Praxis (in Serbian). *Glossary of Engagement*, 39-40. Belgrade: IFDT.

Fiket, I. & **Nikolić, S.** (2021). Civic disobedience (in Serbian). *Glossary of Engagement*, 35-36. Belgrade: IFDT.

Nikolić, S. & Vujović, A. (2020). Commoning stimuli: Sensory approaches to urban commons (in Serbian). *Bulletin of the Institute of Ethnography SASA*, 68 (1), 149-168. <https://doi.org/10.2298/GEI2001149N>

Nikolić, S. (2019). Off the Beaten Track - Sensory Ethnography as The Missing Layer in Urban Planning. *Engaging (for) Social Change: Towards New Forms of Collective Action*, 283-304.

Delibašić, B., **Nikolić, S.** & Vasiljević, J. (2019). Bottom-up Democratization Formation and Action of Social Movements in Serbia and Macedonia (in Serbian). Belgrade: IFDT & CELAP.

Nikolić, S. (2019). Pastelozza – Refurbishing the PPR Heritage, *Urban Development Issues* 63 (1): 51-64. <https://doi.org/10.2478/udi-2019-0016>

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2024. Practice of Commoning or Preserving Priviledges. Activism in New Belgrade LHEs. The Common City Conference. Uppsala University.

2024. Everything is Real Wood, No Chipboard, No Plastic in Sight. Materiality: practice, space, symbols (seminar). Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory.

2024. Visual Methods in Housing Research. Cities Building Cultures Conference – New Approaches to Heritage Development in Eastern Europe. RWTH Aachen University.

2023. Neglect and Allure: Gentrification of the Concrete Utopia. 10th International Urban Geographies of Post-Comunist States Conference. University of Riga.

2023. Burning Tires, Sauerkraut and Dung. The (Classist) Boundaries of an Olfactory Landscape. Uncommon Senses IV: Sensory Ecologies, Economies, and Aesthetics, Montral, Concordia University.

2023. New Belgrade midway privatism and the commons, European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) Young Housing Scholars Seminar.

2023: Ethics in Visual Research. Invisible Realities: Workshop of Visual and Architectural Ethnography. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade.

2022. Drawn to See: Corporeality, Design and Ethnography. STRAND 10th International Conference nn Architecture – Philosophy and Architecture. Belgrade.

2021. Spray Paint, Sludge and Sauteed Onions: Smellscapes of New Belgrade. IUAES Congress Legacies and Next Generation Anthropology.

2020. Solidarity, Not Charity. II Colloquio Internacional Conflictos Urbanos, Red Iberoamericana de Investigación en políticas, conflictos y movimientos urbanos.

2019. Commoning the Lifeworlds: Self-Managed Production of Social Space (with Anja Vujović). IUAES Inter-Congress World Solidarities.

2019. Rising of New Force: Core Values of New Social Movements in Serbia and Their Potential for Creating a New Political Front (with Baša Delibašić). Understanding East Central European Politics (UECEP) 2019, Corvinus University of Budapest.

2019. Housing As Commons Seminar with prof. Stavros Stavrides. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade.

2019: Rhetorics – Rethinking the Impact of Humanities Seminar. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Center for Ethics, Law and Applied Philosophy, Institute for Slavic Studies of the University of Cologne.

2018. Pastelozza: Refurbishing the PPR heritage. East Meets West: Contemporary Urban Issues Revisited. Institute of Urban and Regional Development.

2018. Fieldnotes – From Communis to Communication. Engagement for Social Change: Moving Beyond Resistance, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory.

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND PANELS

2024. Navigating Layers – Ethnographic Exploration of New Belgrade Large Housing Estates. Postgraduate researcher colloquia. School of Art, Kingston University.

2023. Invisible Realities: Workshop on Visual and Architectural Ethnography. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade.

2023. Photo-Essay: Ethnographic Toolkit for Exploring Industrial Heritage through Photography. Mines and Water: Interpreting the European Industrial Heritage (Erasmus+).

2022. (Un)exceptional Neighbourhoods: Transforming, Contesting and Reclaiming the Socialist-Modernist Large Housing Estates, RC21 Ordinary Cities in Exceptional Times.

2022, 2023, 2024. Engaged Research (with Ana Đorđević) Summer School of Democracy and Social Engagement. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory.

2022. Privatism vs Commons. Activism in New Belgrade. MIT architecture graduates study visit to Belgrade.

2021 Housing (with Danilo Ćurčić and Jovana Timotijević), Active for Social Change Series. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2022 PhD School "Heritage at Home. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Heritage of Residential Districts in the Post-Socialist/Soviet Cities", The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), RWTH Aachen University, Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe in Leipzig (GWZO).

2019 6th RC21- IJURR Doctoral School in Comparative Urban Studies, Delhi, India.

2018 Dialogic Anthropology, European University Viadrina

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

Change. June 12-15, 2024. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

Revitalizing democracy through participatory democratic innovations, May 16-18, 2022. Laboratory for Active Citizenship and Democratic Innovations. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

4th Summer School on Social Engagement and Democracy, September 18-22, 2022, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

3rd Summer School on Social Engagement and Democracy, September 19-23, 2022, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

2nd Summer School on Social Engagement and Democracy, September 20-24, 2022, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

ACADEMIC PAPER REVIEWS

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research
Slovenský národopis/Slovak Ethnology Journal

MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS

European Network for Housing Research
Ethnological and Anthropological Society of Serbia
Laboratory for Theory, Politics and Creation of Space, secretary (since 2024)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

2021-2024 host and editorial board member of Zvuk misli, podcast of Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
(2023). Zvuci i sećanja. Radio Beograd 1. <https://www.rts.rs/lat/radio/radio-beograd-1/5131793/kreativna-evropa-zvuci-i-secanja.html>

(2022) Interview for LeftEast, *The Huge Task of Repoliticizing the Question of Housing*
<https://lefteast.org/the-huge-task-of-repoliticizing-the-question-of-housing-reflections-on-the-reading-workshops-about-the-economy-of-housing-inequality-in-serbia-and-beyond/>

(2021) Priča o priči, Insajder TV
<https://insajder.net/emisije/pricaopruci/prica-o-prici-ne-mocni>

(2021) Život na srpskom, Nova S
<https://nova.rs/podcast/pravila-zivota-na-novom-beogradu/>

(2021) Naše male pijace, Peščanik
<https://pescanik.net/nase-male-pijace/>

(2020) Mladi i politička participacija, Oblakoder
<https://www.oblakodermagazin.rs/mladi-i-politicka-participacija-sara-nikolic-i-vuk-velebit-salon-e02/>