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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 10/2020 – ongoing **Postdoctoral Researcher**
 Department of Cultural and Religious Studies at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Poland)
- PI for research project "[Civic Responses and Cultural Identity Dilemmas of the Second Generation of Balkan Muslims in Time of Illiberal Democracy](#)"
- 05/2024 - ongoing **Research Fellow**
 Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Vienna (Austria)
- 9th Cycle of FEPS Young Academics Network
- Researcher & Facilitator**
 Civil Society Forum (CSF) Berlin (Germany)
- 06/2024 – ongoing
 07/2021 – 05/2022
- EuroLab 2024 "Changing tides in Europe – Displacement and Migration Justice";
 - EuroLab 2021/22 "[Balkans of Colour. A Handbook for Decolonial Encounters](#)";
- Research Fellow**
 IED Institute of European Democrats, Brussels (Belgium)
- 07-10/2023
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- [Reconciling with You\(th\): Toward a new roadmap to active citizenship](#);
 - [What, Where and Whose Democracy?](#);
- 05/2018 - 09/2022 **Researcher & Policy Analyst**
 Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, Pristina (Kosovo)
- [Make Kosovo Green Again: Environmentalism as a Means of Civic Education](#);
 - [Reforming or Reconceptualising Post-Pandemic Education in the Western Balkans?](#);
 - [Local and international determinants of Kosovo's statehood](#);
- 04/2020-04/2022 **Research Coordinator & Contributor**
 Centre for Security Analysis and Prevention, Prague (Czech Republic)
- [Geopolitical Interests in Western Balkans: KOSOVO](#);
 - [De Facto States In Time of Covid-19 Facto States: An Eastern European Perspective](#);
- 01/2017 - 05/2019 **Non-Resident Fellow**
 Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs, London (UK) at the "Refugee and Border Security Program"
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**
 10/2017 - 02/2018
Winter semester
 Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia (Bulgaria)
 MA Anthropological Studies of the Mediterranean and the Balkans
- 02-06/2016 **International Fellow**
 Caucasus Resource Research Centre - CRRC, Yerevan (Armenia)
- Individual project on Armenia's constitutional reforms and minority rights;
- 06/2014 - 07/2015 **Intern** NGO Focus - European Centre for Development - Pazardzhik (Bulgaria)

RESEARCH VISITING

- 10-11/2023 **University of Warsaw**, Warsaw (Poland)
 Visiting Researcher at the Centre of Migration Research (CMR);
- 02-05/2023 **University of Antwerp**, Antwerp (Belgium)
 YUFE-Visiting Scholar at the Centre of Political History (PoHis);

04-06/2022 **Humboldt University**, Berlin (Germany)
Visiting Scholar at the Department of South Slavic Studies;

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- 01/2024 - ongoing **Cross-Borders Talk** – looking beyond the fences, between worlds
Commentator for Eastern European politics and culture;
- 09/2022 - ongoing **Jagiellonian University**, Krakow (Poland)
Contributor for project on cultural heritage in Central-Eastern Europe, under the supervision of Prof. K. Gajda;
- 07/2021 – 07/2022 **Trajectories of Changes - Forum Transregionale Studien**, Berlin (Germany)
Working group "In Search of the "Political": Law's (Il)legibility between Violence and Care";
- 2020 – 2021 **Forum for Ukrainian Studies - Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies**, Alberta (Canada)

EDUCATION

- 02/2017- 05/2020 **PhD in Philosophy**
Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia (Bulgaria)
Dissertation Topic: "Rethinking Subalternity. Identities, Hegemonies and Spaces of Existence of Minority Groups in Eastern Europe";
- 07/2017-08/2017 **Advanced Study Programme in Cultural Studies**
New York Institute at the Saint Petersburg University, Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- 03/2014-07/2015 **International MA Program in Philosophy**
Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia (Bulgaria)
- 09/2009-02/2014 **BA in Political Science and International Relations**
University of Catania – Department of Social Sciences (Italy)

OTHER SCHOOLS

- 04-05/2021 **Caucasus Institute**, Yerevan (Armenia)
Getting to Know Nagorno-Karabakh (online course);
- 10/2020 **School at The Jan Nowak-Jeziorański College of Eastern Europe**, Wroclaw (Poland)
Rethink1989;
- 08/2019 **Summer School as a School at Stacion at Gërmia Campus**, Pristina (Kosovo);
Post-Traumatic Space and Society: Radical Observations and Transformation of Violence;
- 07/2019 **Tom Lantos Institute**, Budapest (Hungary)
Global Minority Rights Summer School 2019;
- 07/2019 **Bulgarian Platform for International Development**, Sofia (Bulgaria)
"Decolonialising Education" under Bridge 47 Project;
- 05/2017 **University of Novi Sad**, Novi Sad Serbia;
Spring School Danube Regional Studies
- 08-09/2016 **European University Viadrina**, Frankfurt Oder (Germany)
Summer School Rethinking Europe. Pan-European Challenges in Ukrainian Perspectives
- 08/2015 **University of Peloponnese** – Department of International Relations, Athens (Greece)
Summer School Muslim Views of Economics: Development, Islamic Banking and Finance;
- 07/2015 **University of Economic Studies**, Bucharest (Romania)
Summer School Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness Intentions in the Global Economy;

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- (12-13/09/2024) Panellist and Chair at the Regional Studies Association 2024 Conference on Central Eastern Europe, University of Dubrovnik, Croatia;
- (24-26/07/2024) Panellist and Chair at the Seventh Global Conference of "World of Flux: Understanding Continuity, Change and Contestation", Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland;
- (4/07/2024) Panellist at the IMISCOE General Assembly, Panel: "The construction of belonging across integration stages: lived experiences of political integration across diverse contexts." (remote participation)
- (28-30/06/2024) Guest speaker at "Dimensions of the Post-Migrant Society", Evangelische Akademie Tutzing and Federal Agency for Civic Education, Tutzing, Germany;
- (18 – 21/06/2024) Panellist and Chair at the CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference "Knowing the global-local: Imagining pasts, debating futures", University of Rijeka, Croatia;
- (21/03/2024) Panellist at Peace, Conflict and Security Conference, Philipps University of Marburg, Germany;
- (4-5/12/2023) Panellist at The (Non)Commemoration of Heritage in Eastern Europe, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland;
- (08-09/12/2022) Panellist at The Heritage of Central-Eastern Europe, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland;
- (25-26/10/2022) Panellist at Faces of Post-Memory: Conflict or Negotiation? Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland;
- (20-09/1-10/2022) Panellist at Transforming State Socialism in East-Central Europe: Historical Sociology of the Long Change, Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland;
- (10 December 2021) Panellist at Polish Conference on Memory Studies, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun;
- (26 November 2021) Panellist at AACaPS – ESAANZ Conference 2021 "Beyond Borders and Boundaries: Europe, Eurasia and Asia", RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. *online participation
- (18-19 November 2021) Panellist at "Assassins of Memory - Political and legal problems of uncovering, whitewashing and rewriting history", Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Centre in Vienna, Austria;
- (04-08 October 2021) Panellist at the International Academic Week 2021 "Memory Cultures since 1945: Germans-Southeast European Entangled History", Sudosteuropa Gesellschaft - Tutzing, Germany;
- (17 June 2021) Guest Lecturer "Edinstvo and the Oriental: the Duality of the (Post-)Coloniality in Communist Bulgaria, at the international conference "The Balkans and the Post-Colonial World", U of Vienna, Austria;
- (27 April 2021) Lecture "Under the Shadow of the Posts: Semi/Peripheral Epistemologies and Minority Identities from Bulgaria" at the University Centre of Excellence – Nicolaus Copernicus University;
- (20/02/2021) Panellist at International Conference Post-memory and World Societies, U of Gdansk, Poland;
- (20/11/2020) Guest Speaker in "The Human Face of Karabakh Conflict" organised (online event) organised by the Koło Naukowe "Eurazja" student association from the Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland);
- (11-14/09/2019) Panellist in "Ethno-Politics in Kosovo: Twenty Years On" at the 13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria;
- (15/06/2019) Panellist at Dialoguing between the Posts 2.0: (Im)Possible Dialogue Between the Progressive Forces of the "Posts, U of Belgrade – Department of Political Science, Serbia;
- (5/07/2018) Panellist in "Minority Mobilisation in Local Contexts" at the 2018 ASN European Conference "Nationalism in Time of Uncertainty" at UniGraz, Austria;
- (18-20/10/2017) Panellist at the 2017 Istanbul Human Security Conference, Kadir Has University, Turkey;
- (28-30/08/2017) Panellist in "The radical – hero or frightening other?" at the 6th PACSA Conference on Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands;

(27-28/01/2017) Panellist at Re-Inventing Eastern Europe Euroacademia Conference, Belgrade, Serbia;

(15-17/09/2016) Panellist at "Political Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities and Anti-Minority Discourse in Europe", Babeş-Bolyai University, Department of Political Science, Cluj-Napoca - Romania;

(30/05/2016) Presenter, Topic: "Ethnic Minorities Issues in the Light of the Armenian Constitution Reforms" at the Yerevan State University, Armenia.

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

(23/05/2024) Speaker at the "25th Anniversary of the End of the Kosovo War in 1999" organised by Federal Agency for Civic Education in Berlin, Germany.

(09/11/2023) Guest speaker at the Centre for Migration Research (CMR), University of Warsaw, Poland. Presentation on "Political Sensitivities and Religiosity of the Second-Generation Bosnian Muslims 'in the West'";

(26-29 June 2023) Chair and Panelist at the "Law and Care Workshop" organized by Forum Transregionale Studien in Berlin and hosted by Krytyka Polityczna in Warsaw, Poland;

(05/04/2023) Guest Lecturer at The Orientale – U of Naples for "Ciclo di seminari Conoscere i Balcani Occidentali"; Lecture on "Kosovo-Serbia: (Im)Possible Peace?";

(03/2023) Guest Lecturer at the Centre for Political History – PoHis, University of Antwerp, Belgium. Lecture on "Being, Belonging and Believing. Heritage and Legacies of the Second Generation of Balkan Muslims in Belgium";

(27/10/2022) Presenter at the Worlding from South East Europe, remaking International Relations, online workshop organised by the British International Studies Association (BISA), UK;

(05/03/2021) "Rethinking post-Pandemic Education in the Western Balkans" (online event) powered by Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, Pristina;

(9/11/2019) "Kosovo and How to Speak About", promoted by Forum for Glocal Change, Sofia, Bulgaria.

(19/11/2018) "Redefining Multiculturalism: Theory, Critique and Practice", workshop organised with NGO Forum for Glocal Change, at the Sofia Goethe Institute, Bulgaria;

(8/09/2018) Organizer of the conference "Languages, Identities, Communities: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from Bulgaria and Kosovo" at the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria;

(09/2017) Facilitator for EU Training on "Migration and Otherness-Perspective for Change", Cascais, Portugal;

(08/2017) Facilitator for Summer Course "Bulgaria-Turkey Connecting Borders – Shifting Perspectives on Migration", for the United World Colleges (UWC), Sofia and Akurtino, Bulgaria;

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

1. Research Papers

- (co-authored) "Mnemonic Wars and Parallel Polis: The Anti-Politics of Memory in Central and Southeast Europe: Kosovar Women and Black/Roma Lives Matters", in: *Memory Studies*, 15 (6), pp. 1406-1419.
- What would have been my name? The Post-Memory of the Revival Process of the "Generation After" in Bulgaria, in: *Contemporary Southeastern Europe*, 9, 1 (2022):47-64;
- Debunking 'the Great Equalizer' Discourse. Minority Perspectives from Bulgaria and Kosovo during the First Shockwave of Covid-19 Pandemic, in: *Teorija in Praksa - Interdisciplinary Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 58, (2021): 616-631;
- Theorising Good Personhood in Kosovo. Inconspicuous Coexistence and Local Serb Responses to Security and Identity Dilemma', in: *Journal of Ethnopolitics and Minorities Issues in Europe*, (2021):78-103;
- Debating (Post-)Coloniality in Southeast Europe. A Minority Oriented Perspective in Bulgaria, *Acta Humana – Human Rights Publication*, 1 (2021):89-103;
- Good Personhood in Kosovo. A Serbian Perspective from Below', in: *Peacebuilding*, 2021;

- (Im)Possible Tolerance. A Paradox from within Multicultural Society in: *Balkan Journal of Philosophy – Special Issue on “Tolerance and Its Limits”* (2019), 31-40.
- Whose Identity? Rethinking Islam in Contemporary Southeast Europe’, in: *Prizren Social Sciences Journal*, vol.2, 2, (2018), 114 – 126.
- (co-authored) ‘Interview with Francesco Trupia on Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict’, in: *In Statu Nascendi - Journal of Political Philosophy and International Relations*, vol. 1, 2018, ibidem-Verlag, (2018), 117 -129.
- In Armenia’s Traces. Toward A New Armenian Perspective of Reconciliation, in: *Research in Social Change (Journal)*, vol.10, 1, (2018), 25-42.
- Migranhood and Self-Governing Rights: A New Paradigm for the post-Communist Eastern Europe, in: *Eastern Journal of European Studies*, vol. 8, 1, (2017) 177-195.
- Unfreezing the “Other”: Collective Trauma and Psychological Warfare over the Nagorno-Karabakh Rivalry, in: *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, vol. 2, 3, (2017), 30-43;
- The Constitutional Reform and the Position of the Ethnic Minorities in the Republic of Armenia, in: *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, vol. 2, 2, (2016), 20-28;

1.1. Forthcoming

- Book: *Islamophobia in European Cities. Solidarities, Responses and Dilemmas for Young Balkan Muslims*. London Routledge;
- Paper: “Believing and Belonging? Religious Salience and Politicality of Young Bosnian Muslims in the West”, *Journal Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*;
- Paper” “Otherness as a Commodity: Rethinking Islamophobia and Antisemitism in Central and East Europe from the Time of ‘Global Socialism’, *European Journal of Cultural Studies*, SAGE;
- Paper” “On Being Young, Muslim, and from the Balkans: Perspectives of Belonging in Belgium and Germany”, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*;
- Chapter: “Whose Heroes? The Paradox of Non-Commemoration of the Interwar Period in Bulgaria and Ukraine” In: (Non) Commemoration the Heritage of Eastern Europe, Kinga Anna Gajda (ed.) Berlin: Peter Lang.
- Book review: “Emil Hilton Saggau, *Nationalisation of the Sacred. Orthodox Historiography, Memory, and Politics in Montenegro*. New York: Peter Lang, 2024. pp. 218” for *Colloquia Humanistica*, Warsaw, Poland;

2. Research Monograph

Rethinking Subalternity in Central and Eastern Europe. London: Transnational Press London (2020).

3. Chapters in Collective Volumes

- “Beyond Multiculturalism. Minority Intellectuals in the Post-Socialist Predicament in Southeast Europe”, in: Petkovska Sanja (Ed.) *Decolonial Politics in European Peripheries*, 2023, London: Routledge, 129-144.
- “Between Resistance and State Violence: The Co-Belonging and Non-Exclusivity of Pomak Heritage”, in: Kinga Anna Gajda (Ed.) *The Heritage of Central-East Europe*, 2023, Berlin: Peter Lang, pp.159-177;
- “Decolonising Bulgaria’s Official Amnesia of the Communist Past”, in: Christian Voß, Katerina Kralova, Sabina Ferhadbegović (Eds.) *Memory Cultures in Southeast Europe since 1945*, October 2021. Berlin 2023, (*Südosteuropa-Jahrbuch*, 47), pp. 169-186.
- Kosovo-Serbia: A Territorial Swap for the Élites – Not to People, in: *In Brief: Takes on Kosovo’s Policy Challenges – 2019* © Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS), 2019, 8-9.
- Good Personhood: Serb Local Responses to Citizenship Dilemma in Everyday Life, in: *In Brief: Takes on Kosovo’s Policy Challenges – 2019* © Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS), 2019, 25-27.
- “Idiosyncratic Identity of Muslim Turks and the Romani of Bulgaria: Rethinking Human Security through the Prism of Self- Governing Rights”, in: E. Doğan (Ed.) *Reinventing Eastern Europe. Imaginaries, Identities and Transformation*, 2019, London: Transnational Press London, 115 -130;

4. Book Reviews

- *Ethnic Cleansing during the Cold War. The Forgotten 1989 Expulsion of Turks from Communist Bulgaria*, Tomasz Kamusella, New York: Routledge, 2019, 270pp, *East European Politics*, 2021;

- The Burden of the Past. History, Memory and Identity in Contemporary Ukraine. Anna Wylegała and Małgorzata Głowacka- Grajper (eds.) Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2020, in: Harvard Ukrainian Studies, Vol. 38, n.1-2, (2021):148-150;
- Ideology and International Institutions (by Erik Voeten), Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021, 239 pp, The Rest – Journal of Politics and Development, Vol. 11, No 2 (2021): 141-142;
- The Intermarium as the Polish-Ukrainian Linchpin of Baltic-Black Sea Cooperation (Ostap Kushnir, ed.) Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2019, 180 pp., East European Politics 36, 1, 2020;
- EU Enlargement and Civil Society in the Western Balkans. From Mobilisation to Empowerment (by Natasha Wunsch) Zurich: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, 171 pp., East European Politics, 35, 3, 2019;
- Ukraine and Russian Neo-Imperialism. The Divergent Break (by Ostap Kushnir) Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018, 203pp., East European Politics, vol. 35, 1, (2019), 113-115;
- Russian speakers in post-Soviet Latvia. Discursive identity strategy (by A. Cheskin) Edinburg: Edinburg University Press, 2016, 248 pp., East European Politics, vol. 34, 4, (2018), 503-508;
- De-Stalinising Eastern Europe. The rehabilitation of Stalin's Victims after 1953 (eds. McDermott, Kevin, and Matthew Stibbe) New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, in Україна модерна, pp. 300-326;

5. Policy Papers

- (10/2023) Reconciling with You(th): Toward a New Roadmap to Active Citizenship, Institute of European Democrats (IED), Bruxelles, Belgium;
- (09/2022) "Make Kosovo Green Again. Environmentalism as a Means of Civic Education", Kosovo Research and Analysis Fellowship (KRAF) © Kosovo Foundation for Open Society;
- (10/2022) What, where and whose democracy? Resetting Democratisation in Southeast Europe amidst Autocratic Temptations, Institute of European Democrats (IED), Bruxelles, Belgium;
- (06/2021) "Rethinking-and-Changing: A Lose-Lose Perspective for the Future of Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations" Caucasus Institute, Yerevan (Armenia), Guest Publications;
- (04/2021) "Reforming or Reconceptualising Post-Pandemic Education in the Western Balkans? An analysis of Albania, Kosovo and Serbia", Kosovo Research and Analysis Fellowship (KRAF) © Kosovo Foundation for Open Society.
- (11/2018) 'Left Behind in the Balkans. A Cross-Country Analysis of the Post-Balkan Route' © Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs, London (UK);
- (04/2017) 'Ghettoization, Insecurity and Destabilization: Refugees Crisis in Southeast Europe and South Caucasus', © Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs, London (UK);
- (02/2017) 'Connecting Humanitarian Logistics and Refugee Integration', © Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs, London (UK);