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EDUCATION

University of Vienna

PhD, Department of Contemporary History

Vienna, Austria
expected 2024

- Dissertation: “Transformation at the Margins? (Anti-) Militarism and Sexuality in Late Yugoslavia” (Supervision: Claudia Kraft & Miranda Jakiša)
- Research interests: (Post-)Yugoslav Studies, Critical Area Studies, Historical Anthropology, Gender and Sexuality, Transformation and (Post-)Socialism, Militarism and Antimilitarism
- Visiting researcher, *Institute for Cultural and Memory Studies* at the Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana (Slovenia), March–June 2022

SSEES, University College London

Master of Research, East European Studies (with distinction)

London, UK
2016 – 2018

- Interdisciplinary, area-specific graduate course in social sciences with advance research training in the methodologies and approaches of economics, politics, history, culture, and literature
- Thesis: “The ‘National’ in Borderlands: Identification and Belonging in Rijeka” (Supervision: Wendy Bracewell)

Sciences Po Paris

Diplôme du Collège universitaire de Sciences Po

Paris, France
2013 – 2016

- Trilingual bachelor’s program in social sciences with academic and methodological foundations in economics, history, humanities, law, political science and sociology at the French-German campus in Nancy
- Visiting student at Boğaziçi University Istanbul (Turkey) and Free University Berlin (Germany), 09/2015 – 09/2016

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES (PEER REVIEWED)

“Making Sense of the ‘New Social Movements’: State Security Services and Gay-Lesbian Activism in Socialist Slovenia”, (forthcoming).

“Queer Repetitions? LGBTIQ+ Communities and (Post-)Yugoslav History”, in: *Zeszyty Łużyckie. Journal for Minority Studies*, 59, 2023, 53–78. <https://doi.org/10.32798/zl.1109>

(with Lea Horvat) “Galeb i golub: Heritage Scholars, Power, and Knowledge Production in (Post-)Yugoslav Studies”, in: *Südost-Forschungen* 81, 2022, 69–91. <https://doi.org/10.1515/sofo-2022-810107>

OTHERS

“Review: *Coming In. Sexual Politics and EU Accession in Serbia* by Koen Slootmaeckers”, in: *CEU Review of Books*, 2023, <https://ceureviewofbooks.com/review/sexual-politics-in-serbia/>

“Schwul-lesbischer Aktivismus in (Post-)Jugoslawien: Eine historische Einbettung”, in: *Themenportal Europäische Geschichte*, 2022, <https://www.europa.clio-online.de/essay/id/fdae-98957>

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, EVENTS (SELECTION)

“Queering the Socialist Crisis: Societal Change in Yugoslavia from the Perspective of Gay-Lesbian Activists”, presented at the 6th International Conference *Socialism on the Bench: Crisis and Reforms*, organized by the Center for Cultural and Historical Research of Socialism at the Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, September 28–30, 2023, Pula (Croatia).

“On Experts and Lay(wo)men: Fragmentary Archives of Gay–Lesbian Activism in Yugoslavia”, presented at the conference *Light On! Unearthing Queer Pasts in Socialist Archives*, hosted by the University of Regensburg, July 5–9, 2023, Regensburg (Germany).

“Transformation at the Margins? Sexuality and (Anti-)Militarism in Late Yugoslavia”, presented at the 30th Conference of Junior Scholars in East European Studies, hosted by the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, June 29–July 1, 2023, Regensburg (Germany).

“State Security Services and Gay-Lesbian Activism in Socialist Slovenia, 1984–1990”, presented at the conference *Queering (Post-)Yugoslavia and (Post-)Yugoslav Queerness*, hosted by the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Vienna, March 17–18, 2023, Vienna (Austria). [co-organizer]

(with Lea Horvat) “Talking Through Yugoslavia and Beyond: The Postmigrant Relevance of a Post-Yugoslav Framework”, presented at the workshop *(De)Constructing Yugoslavia: Migrants, Exiles, and Refugees*, hosted by the University of Glasgow, February 16–17, 2023, Glasgow (United Kingdom).

“Queerness in (Post-)Yugoslavia: History and Activism”, hosted by the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Vienna and supported by the German Southeastern Europe Society, November 16, 2022, Vienna (Austria). [co-organizer and co-moderator]

“Before Queerness: Gay–Lesbian Activism in Late Socialist Yugoslavia”, presented at the Fourth Vienna Graduate Conference South Slavic Studies, organized by the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Vienna, October 13–14, 2022, Vienna (Austria).

“Archiving and Collecting: LGBTIQ+ and Feminist Movements in the (Post-)Yugoslav Space”, presented at *Disziplinen in Bewegung* (Disciplines in motion), organized by the Faculty Center for Transdisciplinary Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna, April 25, 2022, Vienna (Austria). [co-organizer]

“Heritage Scholars, Power, and Knowledge Production in (Post-)Yugoslav Studies”, presented at and organized by Yugo-Region Research Group, Central European University, March 7, 2022, Vienna (Austria).

“Transformation at the Margins? (Anti-)Militarism and Sexuality in Late Yugoslavia”, presented at the 53rd (Virtual) Annual Convention of ASEEEES, organized by the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, December 01–03, 2021, New Orleans (USA). [online]

(with Lea Horvat) “Galeb i golub: Heritage Scholars, Power, and Knowledge Production in (Post-)Yugoslav Studies”, presented at the 10th Dr. Fritz Exner Colloquium on Southeast European Studies, organized by the German Southeastern Europe Society, October 13–15, 2021, Frankfurt/Oder (Germany).

“Beyond Historicisation: Approaching Archives of Feminists and Homosexuals in Late Yugoslavia”, presented at the PhD workshop *Gender in Global and Transnational History*, organized by the Basel Graduate School of History, University of Basel, June 3–4, 2021, Basel (Switzerland). [online]

“Transformation at the Margins? Conscientious Objectors and Sexuality in Late Yugoslavia”, presented at the *Peer Support Research Seminar*, organized by Yugo-Region Research Group, Central European University, December 17–19, 2020, Budapest (Hungary). [online]

“Borderland Atmospheres: Identification and Belonging in the Northern Adriatic”, presented at the PhD workshop *Symbolic Materialities and Atmospheres of Space in Southeastern Europe*, organized by the Department of History, University of Hamburg, September 19–20, 2019, Hamburg (Germany).

“‘National’ Belonging in Borderlands”, presented at the workshop *Contested Memories: Configurations of Memory and Space in Borderlands*, organized by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation, July 22–27, 2018, Trieste (Italy), Piran (Slovenia), Pula (Croatia). [co-organizer]

TEACHING (GRADUATE LEVEL)

(with Professor Miranda Jakiša) “Queerness in Yugoslavia”, University of Vienna, fall term 2022/2023

FELLOWSHIPS & MEMBERSHIPS

PhD fellowship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation, since 2021
Student member, German Association for East European Studies, since 2022
Student member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, since 2021
Student member, German Southeastern Europe Society, since 2020
Student fellowship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation, 2016–2018

LANGUAGES

German/Serbian: native; English/French: fluent (C2); Russian/Italian: intermediate (B2); Japanese: elementary (N4); Slovenian: reading knowledge

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for *CEU Review of Books* ; *Interalia. A Journal of Queer Studies*