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Introduction

Approaching three decades of teaching at the Department of History, I have extensive experience in making lectures and education a highly dynamic process, aligned with lifelong learning objectives. Students' evaluations have consistently confirmed the quality of my teaching, with average scores around 4.5 (out of 5.0) for both for *Introduction to Historical Studies* (2006–10) and *Historical geography* (2006–present), which are core courses for first-year students, as well as for elective courses *Territorial development and Settlements in the medieval Bosnia*. As Collingwood observed – *All history is the history of thought*, meaning that all of the past is the present-day historians re-thinking the past, and since all history takes place in a geographical setting – *all history is historical geography*.

After completing my magisterium and PhD in the regional historical geography of medieval and early modern Bosnia, I broadened my research interests to the preindustrial environmental history of the Western Balkans and Southeast Europe. That was the main subject of my third book and several peer reviewed articles and chapters in edited volumes on climate history, the role of alcohol and plants in food history, landscapes, and ecocritical theory.

Recently, I started new courses for senior years of BA program: *Introduction to environmental history 1*, and for MA students, *Introduction to environmental history 2*. My current work is dedicated to the historical and cultural analysis of cartography and cultural anthropology, offering fresh perspective on the very construction of historical knowledge as socially situated and gendered. Through this work, I have developed deep self-reflection as a female historian, historical geographer, and an environmental historian within local and global scholarly community, as well as in relation to humanity in general.

Education

2007 PhD in History, Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

2001 Magisterium in History, Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

1997 BA in History, Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

Professional Appointments

2014 Associate Professor, Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

2007 Assistant Professor

2002 Assistant

1997 Teaching Assistant

Rewards and grants

2001 – reward for magisterium work by the Institute of the Balkan studies SASA

2008 – reward for the best book in historiography by the City Council of Belgrade

2003 and 2006 – research grant of the Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna (Institute for the Byzantine studies)

Membership and international cooperation

2006–24 – member of the editorial board of *National geographic – Srbija* magazine

2009 First World Congress of Environmental history, Copenhagen and Malmo

2010 Regional representative of Serbia in ESEH (European Society for Environmental History), regional congress in Zagreb, on-line sessions in 2021, joint region of Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, and Montenegro established in 2025

Skills: Historical data finding and analysis with an ever-broadening array of theoretical approaches with emphasis on socio-cultural and environmental context (locational analysis; center – periphery; border studies; paleoclimate studies; literary criticism, narratology; autoethnography); transdisciplinary collaboration, verbal and written communication; mentoring on all levels of studies.

Language English (all levels), German (reading, research), France (basic level), Old Church Slavonic and Latin.

Projects: National scientific projects financed by the Ministry of Education and Science, by the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (“Serbian Encyclopedia”), Matica Srpska Novi Sad (“Serbian Bibliographic dictionary”); Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade – “Man and Society in Times of Crises” (2021–22).

Publications

Books

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