

## BIOGRAPHY

### Education

#### Postgraduate Studies:

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Department of Psychology (2009–2013).

Current title: **Ph.D. in Psychology.**

Defended doctoral dissertation titled *"Professional Ethical Beliefs and Practices of Clinical Psychologists in Serbia"* under the mentorship of Prof. Jelena Srna, PhD, on September 26, 2013.

Primary research focus: **Clinical Psychology.**

#### Undergraduate Studies:

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Department of Psychology (2003–2008), graduated psychologist.

Defended thesis *"Perception of Vandalism and Attitudes Toward Vandalism"* under the mentorship of Prof. Bora Kuzmanović, PhD, on September 15, 2008.

### Psychotherapy Education

- Completed a four-year training in Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy (REBT) – REBT Center Belgrade & Albert Ellis Institute, New York (2016).
- Completed the supervisor level in Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy – Albert Ellis Institute, New York (2019).
- Completed the fourth year of training in Systemic Family Psychotherapy – Association of Systemic Therapists (AST), Belgrade (2019).
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy – basic experiential-instructive course (trainer: Dragan Žuljević, PhD) – 2017.
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy – basic training attended (Yvette Vardy, Tony DuBose & Fragiskos Gonidakis, 2021).

### Additional Trainings and Workshops

- *Introduction to Compassion Focused Therapy* – online workshop (trainer: Paul Gilbert) – 2024
- *Psychological First Aid* – online course, Johns Hopkins University (trainer: George Everly) – 2020
- Negotiation in Crisis and Conflict Situations – Center for Crisis Management – 2017
- Cognitive Behavioral Coaching (trainer: Windy Dryden, PhD) – 2018
- Applications of RE&CBT to Couple Relationships (trainer: Ann Vernon, PhD) – 2018

- Rational Emotive & Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Eating Disorders and Body Image Problems (trainer: Kristene Doyle, PhD) – 2018
- Psychologist as Expert Witness (trainers: Mikloš Biro, PhD, Dušanka Đurović, PhD) – 2016
- Cognitive Behavioral Coaching in One Session (trainer: Windy Dryden, PhD) – 2015
- REBT/CBT for Individuals with Eating Disorders and Body Image Problems (trainer: Kristene Doyle, PhD) – 2015
- Workshop on Mediation (trainer: Johan Galtung, PhD) – 2010
- Basic Training for Work with Victims of Domestic Violence – VDS Info and Support Service for Victims (Victimology Society of Serbia) – 2009

### **Primary Research Areas**

- Professional ethics in clinical psychology and psychotherapy
- Crisis management and crisis interventions
- Psychotherapy
- Clinical sports psychology  
(*primary research focus: clinical psychology*)

### **Current Employment**

- **Since December 2016** – Assistant Professor at the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade
- **Since January 2017** – Assistant Professor (part-time) at the “Milutin Milanković” College of Applied Medical Sciences (with approval of the Faculty of Philosophy).
- **Since 2019** – Supervisor and trainer at the Association of Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies of Serbia.

### **Guest Lectures at Other Faculties**

- 2018–2020 – Guest lecturer in Victimology, Faculty of Special Education and Rehabilitation, University of Belgrade
- 2020/2021 – Guest lecturer at the Faculty of Music Arts, University of Belgrade

### **Volunteer Work**

- May–June 2014: Supervisor in the “Psychological First Aid” crisis intervention action for flood victims in Serbia; volunteer on the SOS line.
- October 2010 – February 2012: Volunteer at VDS Info and Support Service for Victims.

### **Participation in Scientific Research Projects**

- Principal investigator: “Practice of European CBT Psychotherapists with LGBT Clients”, EABCT (2022–2023)
- Principal investigator: “Ethical Reasoning and Ethics Education of European CBT Therapists”, EABCT (2020–2022)
- Principal investigator: “Ethical Beliefs and Behaviours of European CBT Psychotherapists”, EABCT (2019)
- Reviewer for project “Opismeni se – promeni se” (Neostart, 2016–2017)
- Educator on project “Developing Recommendations for Work with Offenders and Their Families in Post-Penal Support Programs” – Neostart & OSCE Mission to Serbia (2015)
- Researcher on FP7 project “ALTERNATIVE – Developing Alternative Understandings of Security and Justice through Restorative Justice Approaches” (2012–2016)
- Methodologist, project “Assessment of Needs of Former Offenders in the Post-Penal Period” – Neostart & OSCE Mission (2014)
- Project leader, “How to Live with Stress: Recognizing Stress and Coping Mechanisms” – Municipality of Palilula & Center for Mental Health Promotion (2013)
- Researcher, “Dealing with the Past and Peacebuilding in the Western Balkans” – Berghof Institute & Victimology Society of Serbia (2011)
- Researcher, “Toward a Comprehensive System for Combating Violence Against Women in Vojvodina” – Provincial Secretariat & VDS (2009)

### **Membership and Roles in Professional Associations**

- Since 2025 – Member, Ethics Committee of EABCT
- Since 2020 – Member, Ethics Committee of the European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (EFPA)
- Since 2019 – Deputy President, Board of the Association for Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies of Serbia
- Since 2019 – President, Ethics Committee of the Serbian Psychological Society; Member of the Court of Honor
- Since 2016 – Deputy President, Center for Mental Health Promotion and Protection
- Since 2016 – Member, Serbian Psychotherapists’ Association

### **Membership in Committees at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade**

- 2018–2024 – Member, Research Ethics Committee, Department of Psychology
- Since 2017 – Member, Admissions Committee for MA studies in Psychology – Clinical Module

### **Editorial and Reviewing Work**

- Reviewer of the book *Psychology of Exercise – Selected Topics* by Ana Vesković (2018)
- Editor of two special issues of the journal *Temida*
- Secretary and editorial board member, *Temida*
- Editorial board member, *Journal of Rational-Emotive and Cognitive-Behavior Therapy*
- Reviewer for journals: *Temida*, *Psihologija*, *Psychological Research*, *JRECBT*, *NBP Journal of Criminalistics and Law*, *Teme*, *Belgrade School of Special Education*

### **Scientific Committee Memberships**

- EABCT 2022 Conference *Rethinking CBT: Providing Strategies for a New Way of Living* (Barcelona, 2022)
- International Scientific Conference *Effects of Physical Activity on the Anthropological Status of Children, Youth, and Adults* (Belgrade, 2018)
- International Scientific Conference *Electronic Communication and ICT in Education* (Novi Bečej, 2017)

### **Collaboration with Other Higher Education Institutions**

- Participation in Erasmus exchange – International Psychoanalytic University (IPU), Berlin (2019)