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### Biography

Aleksandar Rakonjac was born in the town of Bajina Bašta (western Serbia), where he completed his elementary and secondary education. He graduated from the Department of History of Yugoslavia at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, in 2014 with a thesis titled "*The Beginnings of the Command-Planned Economy in Yugoslavia in 1946.*" At the same faculty, he defended his master's thesis in 2015, "*Reconstruction of the Yugoslav Economy (1944–1947): Industry and Mining.*"

In November 2021, he defended his doctoral dissertation, "*Industrialisation of Yugoslavia (1947–1952): Plans and Practice.*"

He received the award for the best scientific research in the field of the economic history of the Balkans in 2015 for his thesis "*The Beginnings of the Command-Planned Economy in Yugoslavia in 1946.*" The award was jointly presented by the **Publishing House Arhipelag** (Belgrade) and the **Center for Liberal-Democratic Studies** (Belgrade).

In 2015, he was a recipient of the **Dositeja** scholarship awarded by the Fund for Young Talents of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Serbia. From 2016 to 2018, he held a **doctoral scholarship** from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia.

Between 2018 and 2024, he worked at the **Institute for Recent History of Serbia**, and since 2024, he has been employed as an **Assistant Professor** at the **Department of History of Yugoslavia**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade.

His research focuses on the social and economic history of Yugoslavia, with a particular emphasis on the socialist period.