

Curriculum Vitae

Prof. Dr. Čarna Brković

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Leitung der KAEE Mainz

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-present W2 Professor for Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology, University of Mainz
- 2018-2023 Lecturer and postdoctoral researcher (*wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin*), Institute for Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2015-2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, and Lecturer at the University of Regensburg, Germany
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- 2008-2012 PhD, Social Anthropology, University of Manchester, United Kingdom
Dissertation: *Navigating Rules and Wills: Healthcare and Social Protection in a Bosnian Border Town*. Available at:
<https://www.escholar.manchester.ac.uk/item/?pid=uk-ac-man-scw:167437>
- 2003-2007 Graduate Degree in Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Belgrade, Serbia

RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2023-2025 CHANSE Grant "Redistributive Imaginaries: investigating prosocial contribution in the digital era. How does digitalisation shape our understanding of what it means to contribute to society?" (ReDigim, €1,328,347) <https://chanse.org/redigim/>
- 2022-2023 Wenner Gren Engaged Research Grant "Shared Freedom"
<https://wennergren.org/grantee/carna-brkovic/>
- 2019 Grant of the Ministry of Science and Culture of the Lower Saxony (Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Wissenschaft und Kultur) for organizing an international workshop 'Intersections of Humanitarianism' in Göttingen
- 2019 Grant of the Council for European Studies (CES) at Columbia University for organizing the workshop 'Intersections of Humanitarianism' in Göttingen

- 2019 Grant of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) for organizing the workshop 'Intersections of Humanitarianism' in Göttingen
- 2019 Universitätsbund Göttingen Conference Travel Grant
- 2018-2019 DAAD Grant 'East-West Dialogue: Academic Dialogue with Western Balkan Countries' to organize a conference on 'Anthropology of Gender in the Balkans' in Göttingen
- 2016 Women Professors Program, Mobility Grant for Fieldwork, University of Regensburg
- 2015 Bayhost Mobility Grant for Fieldwork
- 2015 Biennial Young Scholar Prize for the best paper, International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF): <https://www.siefhome.org/prize>
- 2015-2017 Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung Belgrade grant for an academic-activist collaboration 'Queering Montenegro'
- 2014 Second Annual Essay Prize of Matica Crnogorska
- 2014 Visiting Fellowship, University of Graz, Scholarship of the Republic of Austria
- 2014-2015 NEC IAS Fellowship
- 2013-2014 CEU IAS Core Junior Fellowship
- 2012 CEELBAS Research Internship, ethnographic research on Montenegrin-Albanian border
- 2011 Wenner Gren workshop and conference grant for organising a workshop "Anthropology Otherwise: Rethinking Approaches to Fieldwork in Different Anthropological Traditions": <https://anthropologyotherwise.blogspot.com/2011/04/conference-call.html>
- 2010 Visiting Researcher, Summer Research University Srebrenica-Potočari, BiH
- 2008-2011 Leverhulme research grant for PhD studies at the University of Manchester, PI Stef Jansen, Transforming Borders: a Comparative Anthropology of Post-Yugoslav Home
- 2008-2011 Global Supplementary Grant Programme, Open Society Institute grant for PhD studies
- 2008 Visiting Researcher, Free University Berlin, DAAD Research Grants scholarship (German Academic Exchange Service)
- 2007-2009 Junior Researcher, historical-anthropological project, PI Ulf Brunnbauer and Hannes Grandits, Free University Berlin and University of Graz: New and Ambiguous Nation-building processes in South-Eastern Europe

INVITED LECTURES

- 2023 Willing Suspension of Disbelief. The Work of Imagination in Sustaining Moral Projects. LSE Seminar in Anthropological Theory
- 2021 Epistemological Eclecticism, talk embedded into the course "History of Anthropological Thought," organized by prof. Saida Hodzic, Cornell University, US
- 2021 Minority Sexualities, Kinship, and Non-autological Freedom in Montenegro, Centre for Advanced Studies SEE, University of Rijeka, Croatia. Video recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5ueoHZ0WYM&t=1s>

- 2020 Bios, Zoe, Psuche? Forms of Life in a Refugee Camp in Montenegro, departmental seminar in social anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 2019 Humanitarianism as a Politics of Denizenship, Philosophers' Square, KotorArt, Montenegro
- 2018 Doing Gender in a Refugee Camp: Politics and Ethics beyond a Subject. Institutskolloquium, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt Universität
- 2018 Informality, Clientelism, Patronage, Favours: Anthropological Theories on Getting Things Done. Keynote Lecture at the workshop "Tracing Informality in Southeast and Northeast Europe", Riga Stradins University, Latvia. Video recording:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=c2NNwf72ai0&feature=emb_logo
- 2017 Favours, Community, and Citizenship: Social Protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina, departmental seminar, Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society, and Rule of Law, University of Aberdeen, UK
- 2015 Ethnographies of the Balkans at the turn of the 20th century, departmental seminar, New Europe College, Institute for Advanced Study, Rumänien
- 2015 Queering Montenegro: Challenging Homophobia in Montenegro, Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality, Netherlands
- 2014 Favours and Flexibility: Rethinking Informality and Care in post-Yugoslav Contexts, departmental seminar, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria
- 2014 "Fixing Relations": Rethinking Favours (veze/štele) as Political Practice in BiH, CEU Institute for Advanced Study, Hungary
- 2012 You Never Know when you might Need Someone: Biological Citizenship in a Border Town in BiH, departmental seminar, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- 2011 Borders and Hybridity, lecture embedded into the course Borders, organized by Professor Stef Jansen, University of Manchester, UK
- 2010 Women Solidarity and Negotiations with the State: Social Care on the Bosnian-Serbian Border, Belgrade Centre for Women and Gender Studies, Serbia
- 2010 Where is the Border? Petnica International Summer School, Petnica Science Centre, Serbia

(CO)ORGANIZED CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PANELS (SELECTION)

- 05/2022 Workshop "Facetten des hegemonialen "Tunnelblicks" auf Südosteuropa: Wissensproduktion und –transfer zwischen Deutschland und Südosteuropa aus ethnografischer und historischer Sicht", with Dr. Ursula Rütten, in collaboration and with the support of Südosteuropa Gesellschaft, Schroubek Fonds östliches Europa, University of Goettingen, and University of Regensburg
- 11/2021 Panel "Wonder, surprise and 'othering' in anthropological encounters,". Annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, USA
- 04/2021 Panel "Can we Fight Together? Contentions of Feminist and LGBTIQ Activism in Southeast Europe", at the online conference *Troubling Gender. Neue geschlechterpolitischen Turbulenzen in Europa*
- SoSe 2021 Planned and organized the *Institutskolloquium* at the Institut für Kulturanthropologie/Europäische Ethnologie, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen,

titled [Kulturanthropologie/Europäische Ethnologie an der Ost\(Europäischen\) Peripherie: Gender, Nation, Dekolonisierung?](#)

- 11/2019 Workshop "[Intersections of Humanitarianism](#)", kickoff workshop, EASA Anthropology of Humanitarianism Network – AHN, 01-03 November, Göttingen, keynote: Prof. Elizabeth C. Dunn
- 10/2019 Meeting of the dgv-Kommission "Europäisierung_Globalisierung. Ethnographien des Politischen", d-g-v Kongress, Hamburg
- 09/2019 Workshop "[Anthropology of Gender in the Balkans](#)", supported by the DAAD programme "East-West Dialogue. University Dialogue with the Countries of the Western Balkans", University of Göttingen
- 04/2018 Panel "Ambivalences of Displacement in Eastern Europe". Displacements. The 2018 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, virtual conference: <https://displacements.jhu.edu/>
- 12/2017 Panel "[Anthropology of Anachronism: On Failures, Reversals and the Space-Time of Political Possibility](#)" with Andrew Gilbert, Annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, USA
- 05/2017 Workshop "Translating Policy in the Semi-periphery", Graduiertenschule für Ost- und Südosteuropastudien, Regensburg
- 05/2016 Panel "Translating Policy in the Semi-Periphery: cases, comparisons and concepts", with Paul Stubbs, sponsored by the AAA Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP). IUAES Congress, Croatia
- 06/2015 Panel "Human, All Too Human: Locating Humanity in Humanitarianism, Charity, Human Rights Activism in Eastern Europe", with David Henig. Discussant: Don Kalb. 12th SIEF Congress, Croatia
- 11/2014 "Negotiating Social Relations in Bosnia and Herzegovina", editorial workshop, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz
- 09/2011 Workshop "Anthropology Otherwise: Rethinking Approaches to Fieldwork in Different Anthropological Traditions", Serbia. Keynote talks: Sarah Green, Stef Jansen, Zorica Ivanović, Slobodan Naumović, Margareta Kern. Supported by the Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES (15-20 min)

- 05/2021 "(South)East Europe and Geopolitics of Surprise in Anthropological Epistemology", at the online workshop *Not Quite Equal: Exploring Intersectional Power Relations in the European East-West Divide*, University of Augsburg, invited by Dr. Tereza Hendl
- 07/2020 "From Socialist to Postsocialist Humanitarianism: Transformations of the Montenegrin Red Cross", online workshop *Care and Volunteering in Transformation*, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies, TU Dresden, invited by Dr. Friederike Kind Kovacz
- 02/2020 "Is It Possible to Create Theory About and From Postsocialist Europe?", *Workshop on Post-Yugoslav Neoliberal Academic Selves and Possibilities of Knowing the Balkans Otherwise*. University of St Gallen, Switzerland, invited by Dr. Jelena Tošić
- 01/2020 "From Sovereignty to Mandate, and Back Again. Hot Potato Games with Responsibility in a Refugee Camp in Southeast Europe", workshop *Carceral Junctions*, Universität Copenhagen, Dänemark, invited by prof. Simon Turner

- 10/2019 “Who is Responsible for Refugee Accommodation in Global Peripheries?”, workshop Infrastructures of Arrival, Universität Indiana Bloomington, Hub in Berlin, invited by prof. Elizabeth C. Dunn
- 03/2019 “Developing Philanthropy: Reshaping Moral Imagination in Montenegro”, workshop *The Moral Dimensions of Economic Life in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia*, University of Oxford, UK, invited by Dr. Nicolette Makovicky
- 03/2018 “Change the Consciousness. Humanitarians, Europe, and Supervision in an IDP Camp in Montenegro”, *Care in Crisis. Ethnographic Perspectives on Humanitarianism*, Universität Mainz, invited by prof. Heike Drotbohm
- 10/2015 “Favors in social protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina“,workshop *Bosnia and Herzegovina: 20 Years After Dayton*, Central European University, Hungary, invited by Dr. Karla Koutkova
- 05/2014 “Ignorance and stubbornness: struggles for social security in a Bosnian town“, Workshop *Voluntary Associations in the Yugoslav Space Since the 19th Century*, Central European University, Hungary, invited by Dr. Fabio Giomi

INVITED TO SERVE AS A DISCUSSANT

- 12/2021 Invited speaker at the roundtable of the *Fachgesellschaft Geschlechterstudien*, #4EuropeanGenderStudies: Practices & Politics of Queer-Feminist Solidarities in Academia <https://www.fg-gender.de/roundtable-discussion-online-4european-gender-studies-practices-and-politics-of-queer-feminist-solidarities-in-academia-dec-18-2021-2-330-pm-cet/>
- 04/2021 “Queering Europe,” invited comment at the panel by the dgv Commission for Europeanization/Globalization, organized during the 17th Meeting of the Committee for Women- and Gender-Studies of the German Association for European Ethnology (dgv) <https://troubling-gender.eu/events/fish-bowl-queering-europe-anthropological-perspectives-in-conversation/>
- 07/2020 Discussant at the panel “Locating the Humanitarian Impulse”, EASA online Conference: <https://ahneasa.wordpress.com/2021/04/25/carna-brkovics-reflections-on-the-papers-presented-at-session-ii-ahn-easa-2020/>
- 11/2019 Discussant at the panel “Scaling Humanitarianism“, Workshop “Intersections of Humanitarianism”, kickoff workshop, EASA Anthropology of Humanitarianism Network – AHN, 01-03 November, Göttingen
- 06/2017 Chair, Podium Populist Subjectivities, Jahreskonferenz der Graduiertenschule für Ost- und Südosteuropa, Regensburg
- 06/2015 Discussant of the book “Making Policy Move,” authors: John Clarke, Dave Bainton, Naomi Lendvai, and Paul Stubbs, during the book launch at the Institute for Economics, Croatia
- 2014 Discussant at the workshop “Europeanisation and LGBT Activism in the Post-Yugoslav Space,” Institute for Central, East, and Balkan Europa, Italy
- 2014 Discussant of the book “After the Revolution”, author Jessica Greenberg, at the workshop “Nationalist Responses to Economic and Political Crises,” “Association for the Study of Nationalities”, CEU, Hungary

SERVICE

Senior Editor for Europe in the Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of Anthropology:
<https://oxfordre.com/anthropology/page/editorial>

Member of the SIEF Executive Board (International Society for Ethnology and Folklore):
<https://www.siefhome.org/about/board.shtml>

Secretary of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, section of the American Anthropological Association, 2020 – 2022 <http://sae.americananthro.org/>

Member of the Editorial Board of “PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review”:
<https://polarjournal.org/about/>

Founder and Co-Convener of EASA “Anthropology of Humanitarianism” Network:
<https://www.easaonline.org/networks/ahn/>

Peer Reviewer:

See: <https://publons.com/researcher/1649253/carna-brkovic/peer-review/>

Journals: American Anthropologist
American Ethnologist
American Historical Review
Anthropological Forum
Anthropological Journal of European Cultures
Antropologija – journal of the Institute for Ethnology/Anthropology Belgrade
Cultural Anthropology
Ethnologica Europaea
Etnološka tribina
GEI SANU
History and Anthropology
Journal of Borderland Studies
Movements. Journal for Critical Migration and Border Regime Studies
PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review
Social Anthropology
Sociological Review
Südosteuropa
Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finish Anthropological Society
Contemporary Southeastern Europe

Publishers: Indiana University Press
Palgrave Macmillan
Routledge

Science Foundations:
European Research Council (ERC)
US National Science Foundation
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Erasmus+ Coordinator, Institut für Kulturanthropologie/Europäische Ethnologie, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Co-editor of “Anthropology Matters”, 2012-2016. Open-access journal for early career scholars in social anthropology supported by the ASA: <http://www.anthropologymatters.com>

Editorial assistant at HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory, February-July 2012
<http://www.haujournal.org>

Director of a micro publishing house *Aquamarine Press*, Montenegro, specializing in social sciences and science fiction, 2012-2016: <http://aquamarinepress.com/>

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Panel participant "[Queer and Antifascist Struggles](#)," organized by NGO Queer Montenegro, May 2021

Public lecture "[Feminism, Nationalism, and Trans Persons between Cultural Recognition and Economic Redistribution in Montenegro](#)," online festival "Women-Comrades: Women and Women's Collectives in the Post-Yugoslav Arena", June 2021

Public lecture "[Humanitarianism as a Politics of Citizenship](#)," 9th Philosophers' Square, KotorArt, Montenegro, 2019

Public lecture "Queer Culture," held at the Ministry of Culture of Montenegro, 2018

Media report about my work: <https://www.danas.rs/kultura/u-raljama-zivota/>

Media interviews:

<https://www.monitor.co.me/arna-brkovi-antropolokinja-ne-treba-da-dostignemo-evropu-ve-da-razgovaramo/>

<https://www.vijesti.me/zabava/kultura/novi-rjecnik-i-nove-prakse-otpora>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ovXV3L0MCE>

Book: "Queer Dreambook" (*Kvir sanovnik*), 2016

http://aquamarinepress.com/kvir%20sanovnik_eng.html

Monograph: "History of the Pupper Theater The *Blue Lagune*," 2019

<https://lutkarskopozoristeplavalaguna.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/plava-laguna-monografija-6.pdf>

MEMBERSHIPS

SIEF – International Society for Ethnology and Folklore; member of the Executive Board

AAA – American Anthropological Association; Secretary of the AAA Section "Society for the Anthropology of Europe" (SAE)

EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists

IUAES – International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

DGEKW– Deutsche Gesellschaft für Empirische Kulturwissenschaft

DGSKA – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie

LANGUAGES

Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian – first language

English – fluent

German – C2, Goethe Zertifikat obtained in December 2020

Russian – B1