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Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-present Professor of Cultural Studies and European Ethnology, University of Mainz
- WiSe 2024 Visiting Fellowship at the [Minda de Gunzburg Centre for European Studies](#), Harvard University, USA
- 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

Monographs

- Under review Brković, Čarna. *Worldmakings. Realigning Humanitarianism from Yugoslav Socialism to Neoliberal Capitalism in the Balkans* (under advanced contract with the Indiana University Press)
- 2017 Brković, Čarna. [Managing Ambiguity: How Clientelism, Citizenship, and Power Shape Personhood in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#). EASA Book Series, Berghahn.
- Reviewed in: *American Anthropologist*, *Social Anthropology*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Slavic Review*, *Allegra Lab*, *Acta Univ. Sapientiae*, *Anthropology Notebooks*, *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*. Published as paperback in 2020.

Edited Volumes

- 2023 Beate Binder, Čarna Brković, Sabine Hess, Marion Näser-Lather, Ronda Ramm. *Troubling Gender. Anthropological Perspectives on Gender Politics in/of Europe*. Berliner Blätter. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18452/28005>

- 2016 Jansen, Stef. Čarna Brković. Vanja Čelebičić, eds. [*Negotiating Social Relations in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Semiperipheral Entanglements*](#). New York: Routledge.

Special issues of peer-reviewed journals

- 2023 Editor of the special issue “Vernacular Humanitarianisms”. *Social Anthropology* 31(1): https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/saas/saas-overview.xml?tab_body=toc-4627
- 2021 Editor of the special issue “In the Name of the Daughter. Anthropology of Gender in Montenegro”, *Comparative Southeast European Studies* 69(1): <https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/SOEU/69/1/html>
- 2021 Co-editor of the special issue “Grassroots Responses to Mass Migration in Europe”, with Sabine Hess and Antonio De Lauri, *Journal Intersections* 7(2): <https://intersections.tk.mta.hu/index.php/intersections/issue/view/27>

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2024 Socialist Modernist Worldmaking: Yugoslav Interventions in the International Humanitarian Debates in the 1970s. *Humanity* 15(1)
- 2024 Disappointment and Awkwardness as Ugly Feelings. Humanitarian Affect in a ‘Global East’. *Focaal* (98): 47-63.
- 2023 Vernacular Humanitarianisms: An Introduction. *Social Anthropology* 31(1): 1-13.
- 2022 Postsocialist Mediterranean: Scalar Gaze, Moral Self, and Relational Labor of Favors in Eastern Europe. *Focaal* 92(1): 82-97.
- 2021 Minority Sexualities, Kinship, and Non-Autological Freedom in Montenegro. *Social Anthropology* 29(2): 387-403.
- 2020 European Anthropology as a Fortuitous Incident? Reflections on the Sustainability of the Field. *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* 29(2): 31-48.
- 2019 Preference for Censure: Yugoslav Film and Paradoxes of Visibility After the Cold War, *Terrain. Anthropologie und Sciences Humaines*
- 2018 Epistemological Eclecticism: Difference and the “Other” in the Balkans and Beyond, *Anthropological Theory* 18(1): 106–128.
- 2018 The Everyday Life of a Homo Sacer. Enclave Urbanism in Podgorica, Montenegro, *Südosteuropa* 66(1): 10–26.
- 2016 Depoliticization “from Below”: Everyday Humanitarianism in Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Narodna umjetnost* 53(1): 97–115.
- 2016 Scaling Humanitarianism: Humanitarian Actions in a Bosnian Town, *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 81(1): 99–124. (Won SIEF Young Scholar Prize)
- 2015 Management of Ambiguity. Favours and Flexibility in Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Social Anthropology* 23(3): 268–282.

- 2015 Rethinking World Anthropologies Through Fieldwork. Perspectives on “Extended Stay” and “Back and Forth” Methodologies, with Andrew Hodges. [Anthropological Notebooks](#) 21(1): 107–120.
- 2014 Surviving in a Moveopticon: Humanitarian Actions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, [Contemporary Southeastern Europe](#) 1(2): 42–60.

Other Publication Formats

- 2022 PoLAR Emergent Conversation 16: “Peer Review as Intellectual Accompaniment”, together with Jennifer Curtis: <https://polarjournal.org/2022/06/13/peer-review-as-intellectual-accompaniment/>
- 2022 “Promises and Limits of One Attempt to ‘Queer Communism’” *Kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur* 2/2022: 26-30.
- 2021 Essay “Between Decolonial and Postsocialist Political Imaginations: Redescribing Present Failures in Mostar”, special issue of the *Berliner Blätter* “Living in the Post: Ethnographic Perspectives on Postsocialism and Memory”, edited by Carina Fetter, Klara Nagel, and Beate Binder: <https://www.berliner-blaetter.de/index.php/blaetter/article/view/1095>
- 2018 Blog post: [Emergent humanitarian forms of life. Anthropology of humanitarianism between new vocabulary and critique](#), *Public Anthropologist*
- 2018 Blog post: [The Same, and Yet Different. Ethno-Anthropological Traditions in Europe](#), *American Anthropologist*
- 2017 Interview with Elizabeth C. Dunn: [Bypassing Chokepoints: On the Anthropogeography of Smuggling](#), *Anthropology Matters* 17(2): 1-9.
- 2017 Edited themed section: [Vernacular Humanitarianisms](#), *Allegra Laboratory*
- 2017 Blog post: [Humanitarianism Tomorrow? Humanitarian Actions in Former Yugoslavia](#), *Allegra Laboratory*
- 2016 One of the twenty-four invited reflections on anthropological perspectives on Brexit: [Forum. Brexit Referendum – first reactions from anthropology](#), *Social Anthropology / Anthropologie Sociale* 24(4): 478-502.
- 2015 Book review: [“Greenberg, Jessica. After the Revolution. Youth, Democracy, and the Politics of Disappointment in Serbia”](#). *Allegra Laboratory*.

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://chance.org/redigim/>
- 2022-2023 Wenner Gren Engaged Research Grant “Shared Freedom” <https://wennergren.org/grantee/carna-brkovic/>
- 2019 Grant of the Council for European Studies (CES) at Columbia University for organizing the workshop ‘Intersections of Humanitarianism’ in Göttingen

- 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
- 2015 Biennial Young Scholar Prize for the best paper, International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF): <https://www.siefhome.org/prize>
- 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>
- 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

INVITED LECTURES

- 2024 Humanitarian Aid and Complex Differences in a 'Global East'. Keynote talk at the workshop "Notes from the Margins: Human-Rights Related Activism, Advocacy, and Humanitarianism in Southeast Europe", Münster University, Germany
- 2024 Our Political Categories have always already been Shared: Socialist Histories of Humanitarianism in Europe. Keynote talk at the workshop "Reimagining Europe: De-colonizing Historical Imaginaries, Disciplinary Narratives in Folklore and Ethnology and Beyond", Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis Working Group, Herder Institute, Marburg, Germany
- 2023 Willing Suspension of Disbelief. The Work of Imagination in Sustaining Moral Projects. LSE Seminar in Anthropological Theory, UK
- 2021 Minority Sexualities, Kinship, and Non-autological Freedom in Montenegro, Centre for Advanced Studies SEE, University of Rijeka, Croatia
- 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 University, Germany
- 2018 Informality, Clientelism, Patronage, Favours: Anthropological Theories on Getting Things Done. Keynote talk at the workshop "Tracing Informality in Southeast and Northeast Europe", Riga Stradins University, Latvia
- 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, Romania
- 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

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/>

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

Russian – B1