

# Publikationen

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## Books

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2021 Co-editor of the special issue “Grassroots Responses to Mass Migration in Europe”, with Sabine Hess and Antonio De Lauri, *Intersections* 7(2) (open access): <https://intersections.tk.mta.hu/index.php/intersections/issue/view/27>

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- 2014 "Surviving in a Moveopticon: Humanitarian Actions in Bosnia and Herzegovina." *Contemporary Southeastern Europe* 1(2): 42–60.
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- 2020 “Gift”. In *Humanitarianism: Keywords*, ed. Antonio De Lauri, Leiden: Brill, pp. 79–80.
- 2020 “Vernacular Humanitarianism”. In *Humanitarianism: Keywords*. ed. Antonio De Lauri, Leiden: Brill. pp. 224–225.
- 2019 “Local Community and Ethical Citizenship. Neoliberal Reconfigurations of the Social Care System”. In *Care: Praktiken und Politike der Fürsorge*, pp. 83–95. eds. Beate Binder, Christine Bischoff, Cordula Endter, Sabine Hess, Sabine Kienitz, Sven Bergmann. Opladen, Berlin, Toronto: Barbara Budrich Verlag.
- 2019 “A Lively Border”, with Stef Jansen. In *Everyday Life in the Balkans*. ed. David W. Montgomery. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. pp. 230–238.
- 2018 “Štela (Bosnia and Herzegovina)”, with Karla Kutkova. In *The Global Encyclopaedia of Informality*, Volume 1, pp. 54–58. Ed. Alena Ledeneva. London: University College London Press.

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- 2019 Interview with the daily "Vijesti": New Vocabulary and New Practices of Resistance, 23 November 2019 (in Montenegrin): <https://www.vijesti.me/vijesti/kultura/410530/novi-rjecnik-i-nove-prakse-otpورا>
- 2016 Interview with Monitor: We do not Need to Catch up With Europe, but to Establish a Conversation, 15 Januar 2016 (in Montenegrin): <https://www.monitor.co.me/arna-brkovi-antropolokinja-ne-treba-da-dostignemo-evropu-ve-da-razgovaramo/>
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## Peer-Reviewed Texts in Bosnian / Croatian / Montenegrin / Serbian

- 2021 U ime kćerke. Antropologija roda u Crnoj Gori (In the Name of the Daughter. Anthropology of Gender in Montenegro) *Godišnjak za sociologiju* 27
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