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## Employment

2023 - Present

Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Novi Sad  
Assistant Professor  
(English Language and Linguistics)

2017 - 2022

Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Novi Sad  
Teaching Fellow  
(English Language and Linguistics)

2015 - 2017

Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Novi Sad  
Instructor (Volunteering)  
(English Language and Linguistics)

## Education

2014 - 2022	Ph.D. in Linguistics University of Novi Sad Advisor: Dr. Sabina Halupka Rešetar
2013 - 2014	MA in English Language and Literature (Linguistics Track) University of Novi Sad Advisor: Dr. Sabina Halupka Rešetar
2009 - 2013	BA in English Language and Literature (Linguistics Track)

## Research Interests

Formal Syntax and Semantics; Morphology

## Publications

### Journal Articles

accepted	Aspect of <i>nje/će</i> nominalizations in Pannonian Rusyn and Its Related and Neighboring Languages (in Pannonian Rusyn). <i>Ruthenian Studies</i> . (with Marko Simonović)
accepted	A Concreteness Effect in Morphosyntactic Variation: Evidence from the variation in the choice of clausal complements in Serbo-Croatian. <i>Psihologija</i> (with Boban Arsenijević and Tanja Milićev)
2024	The prosodic Correlates of the grammaticalization scale: a case study of the Serbian lexical, modal, and auxiliary uses of <i>hteti</i> ('want'). <i>Teme: A Journal for Social Sciences</i> 48(2), 327-341. (with Bojana Jakovljević)
2024	The status of verbal theme vowels in contemporary linguistic theorizing: some recent developments. An

	Introduction. <i>Glossa: a journal of general linguistics</i> 9(1), 1-40. (with Svitlana Antonyuk and Stefano Quaglia).
2024	Theme Vowel Minimal Pairs Show Argument Structure Alternations. <i>Journal of Linguistics</i> (with Marko Simonović and Stefan Milosavljević)
2023	Clitic climbing with different kinds of da-complements in Serbian and the status of probabilistic rules in Grammar. <i>Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, Novi Sad</i> 48(3), 135-155. (with Stefan Ivanović and Nataša Milićević).
2022	Possessive, Kind, and not so Kind: The Different Uses of the Adjectival -ov in Serbo-Croatian. <i>Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, Novi Sad</i> 47(3), 87-109. (with Marko Simonović)
2021	On the internal structure of Serbian -(n)je nominalizations. <i>Acta Linguistica Academica</i> 68(4), 426-453.
2021	Gaps in the aspectual paradigms of experiencer verbs in Serbian. <i>Nasleđe</i> 49: 2-28.
2020	A Corpus-Based Contrastive Study of Experiencer Verbs in English and Serbian: Some Implications for the Structure of VP. <i>Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, Novi Sad</i> 45(5), 57-73.
2020	Not all object experiencers are the same: the role of SE and the argument structure of Serbian psych verb anticausatives. <i>Bucharest Working Papers in Linguistics</i> 22(2), 77-96

2018	Between the First and the Second Serbia: On the political and class dimensions of hip-hop subculture in Serbia. <i>Sociološki pregled</i> 52(3), 699-720.
2018	The variation in non-finite complements in Serbian: empirical evidence at an intra-speaker level. <i>Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, Novi Sad</i> , 43-1: 437-451. (with Ivana Đurić Paunović and Tanja Milićev)
2017	Language, art, and the (social) body in modern and postmodern aestheticism: A comparison of Wilde and Nabokov. <i>Collection of Papers of the Faculty of Philosophy of Prština</i> 47 (3), 19-37.
2016	The lies of liberalism in Ian McEwan's novels. <i>Kultura</i> 150, 91-114.
2015	Funkcijske projekcija u srpskom nominalnom kompleksu. <i>Zbornik za jezike i književnosti Filozofskog fakulteta u Novom Sadu</i> 5, 21-31

## Chapters

in press	What governs the choice between infinitives and finite complements in Serbo-Croatian? Quantitative data from Northern Serbian. In: D. Serés, S. Milosavljević, J. Simić, M. Simonović, J. Stojković & J. Živojinović, (eds.). <i>Advances in formal Slavic linguistics 2023</i> . Berlin: Language Science Press.
in press	When <i>-nie</i> met <i>-nje</i> : Slavonic-Serbian loan deverbal nominals. In: D. Serés, S. Milosavljević, J. Simić, M. Simonović, J. Stojković & J. Živojinović, (eds.). <i>Advances in formal Slavic linguistics 2023</i> . Berlin: Language Science Press. (with Marko Simonović and Tanja Milićev)

2022	The Use of <i>It</i> -Extraposition in MA Theses Written in English by British, American, Croatian, and Serbian Students. In S. Gudurić, J. Dražić, M. Stefanović (Eds.), <i>Languages and Cultures in Space and Time 10</i> , pp. 277-289. Novi Sad: Faculty of Philosophy. (with Sabina Halupka Rešetar, Mirna Varga, and Tanja Erdeljić-Gradaček)
2022	Gradients of Reflexivity: Psych verbs in causative alternations. In: M. Janebová, J. Emonds, & L. Veselovská (eds.), <i>Proceedings of the Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium 2021. Language Use and Linguistic Structure</i> , pp. 141-161. Olomouc: Palacký University.
2020	Layers of verbal structure in psych verb nominalizations in Serbian. In S. Gudurić, B. Radić Bojanić, & P. Mutavdžić (Eds.), <i>Languages and Cultures in Space and Time 9</i> (Vol. 1, pp. 431-442). Novi Sad: Faculty of Philosophy.
2020	Establishing the criteria for building comparable corpora in research on academic writing in L1 and L2 English. In S. Gudurić, B. Radić Bojanić, & P. Mutavdžić (Eds.), <i>Languages and Cultures in Space and Time 9</i> (Vol. 1, pp. 145-155). Novi Sad: Faculty of Philosophy. (with Mirna Varga and Draženka Molnar).
2019	Acoustic manifestations of information and contrastive focus in Serbian. In S. Gudurić & B. Radić Bojanić (Eds.), <i>Languages and Cultures in Space and Time 8</i> (Vol. 1, pp. 499-509). Novi Sad: Faculty of Philosophy (with Maja Marković).
2019	Patterns of case and aspect with Serbian experiencer verbs: some implications for the theory of causation. In V. Lopičić & B. Mišić Ilić (Eds.), <i>Language, Literature, Theory</i> (pp. 169-183). Niš: Faculty of Philosophy.

2018	The nature(s) of syntactic variation: Evidence from the Serbian/Croatian dialect continuum. In: D. Lenertová, R. Meyer, R. Šimík & L. Szucsich (eds.), <i>Advances in Formal Slavic Linguistics 2016</i> , Chapter 7, pp. 147- 167. Berlin: Language Science Press. (with Tanja Milićev)
2016	Case suffixes as theta role signals. In B. Vujin & M. Radin-Sabadoš (Eds.). <i>English studies today: words and visions</i> (pp. 317-332). Novi Sad: Faculty of Philosophy.

## Theses and Dissertations

2022	Syntax and Semantics of Psych Verbs in English and Serbian. Doctoral Dissertation. University of Novi Sad.
2014	A (Very) Minimal Syntax: On the Relationship of DP, Scrambling, and Case. MA Thesis. University of Novi Sad.

## Presentations

2024	Severing affixes from categories and borrowed Derivations, BCGL 17: Categories & categorization, December 12-13, 2024 (with Marko Simonović).
2024	Dialectal discrimination at work: the case of infinitive and finite complements in Serbian. <i>Language, Literature, Intersectionality</i> , University of Niš, Niš, April 21-22, 2024 (with Branimir Stanković).

2023	What governs the choice between infinitives and finite complements in Serbo-Croatian? Quantitative data from Northwestern Serbian. <i>Formal Description of Slavic Languages (FDSL) 16</i> , University of Graz, Austria, November 29 - December 1, 2023.
2023	When <i>-nie</i> met <i>-nje</i> : Slavonic-Serbian loan deverbal nominals. <i>Formal Description of Slavic Languages (FDSL) 16</i> , University of Graz, Austria, November 29 - December 1, 2023.
2023	Prosodic Correlates of the Grammaticalization Scale: A Case Study of the Serbian Lexical, Modal and Auxiliary Uses of <i>Hteti</i> ('Want'). <i>Language, Literature, Process (Workshop: The Process of Grammaticalization in Languages)</i> , University of Niš, Niš, April 21-22, 2023 (with Bojana Jakovljević).
2022	Clitic climbing with different kinds of DA-complements in Serbian. <i>ELALT 6 (Workshop: Formal Approaches to Clausal Embedding)</i> , University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, October 29-30, 2022 (with Stefan Ivanović and Nataša Milićević).
2021	Possessive, kind, and not so kind: The different uses of the adjectival <i>-ov</i> in Serbo-Croatian. <i>SinFonIJA 14</i> . University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, September 22-24, 2021. (with Marko Simonović)
2021	Gradients of reflexivity: psych verbs in causative alternations. <i>Olinco 5</i> , Palacký University Olomouc, Olomouc, June 10-12 2021.
2021	The vowel minimal pairs show argument structure alternations. <i>Theme vowels in V(P) Structure and Beyond</i> , University of Graz, April 22-23, 2021. (with Marko Simonović and Stefan Milosavljević).
2020	The Use of It-Extraposition in MA Theses Written in

	English By British, American, Croatian and Serbian Students. <i>Languages and Cultures in Time and Space 10 (JIKUVIP 10)</i> , University of Novi Sad, November 14-15. (with Tanja Gradaček, Erdeljić, Sabina Halupka Rešetar, and Mirna Varga).
2020	On the internal structure of Serbian -nje nominalizations. <i>SinFonIJA 13</i> , Research Institute for Linguistics (Nyelvtudományi Intézet), Budapest, September 24-26, 2020.
2019	Psych-verb participles in Serbian. <i>NSLingColl 9</i> , University of Novi Sad, December 27, 2019.
2019	Establishing the criteria for building comparable corpora in cross-cultural research on graduates' academic writing. <i>Languages and Cultures in Time and Space (JIKUVIP 9)</i> , University of Novi Sad, November 16, 2019. (with Mirna Varga and Draženka Molnar).
2019	NP-internal PP licensing with psych verb nominalizations in Serbian. <i>Languages and Cultures in Time and Space (JIKUVIP 9)</i> , University of Novi Sad, November 16, 2019.
2019	Not all object experiencers are the same: evidence from SE anti-causatives with Serbian psych verbs. <i>Syntax and Semantics of Internal Arguments</i> . University of Bucharest and University of Cologne. 24-25 October, 2019.
2019	Serbo-Croatian long and short-form adjectives: definiteness inside AP. <i>RTANJ Linguistics 3</i> , Humboldt University (the event took place in Rtanj, Serbia), July 4-7, 2019.
2019	A corpus-based contrastive study of experiencer verbs in English and Serbian: some implications for the structure of VP. <i>English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT 5)</i> , University of Novi Sad,



	March 9, 2019.
2018	Case, aspect and the role of SE with Serbian experiencer verbs. <i>RTANJ Linguistics 2</i> , Humboldt University, (the event took place in Rtanj, Serbia), September 20-23, 2018.
2018	Gaps in the aspectual paradigms of experiencer verbs in Serbian. <i>NSLingColl 8</i> , University of Novi Sad, December 27, 2018.
2018	Acoustic manifestations of information and contrastive focus in Serbian. <i>Languages and Cultures in Time and Space (JIKUVIP 8)</i> , University of Novi Sad, November 17, 2018. (with Maja Marković).
2018	Case patterns with Serbian experiencer verbs. <i>Language, Literature, Theory</i> , University of Niš, April 27-28, 2018.
2017	Non-finite complements in Serbian: empirical evidence from translation. <i>English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT 4)</i> , University of Novi Sad, March 25, 2017.
2017	Case, aspect, and theta roles with psych verbs in Serbian. <i>NS LingColl 7</i> , University of Novi Sad, December 27, 2016.
2017	On DP, scrambling, case and the clausal structure of Serbo-Croatian. <i>RTANJ Linguistics 1</i> , University of Niš and Humboldt University, (the event took place in Rtanj, Serbia) July 6-9, 2017.
2016	The nature(s) of syntactic variation: evidence from the Serbian/Croatian dialect continuum, <i>FDSL 2016</i> , Humboldt University, December 8-10, 2016. (with Tanja Milićev).
2016	Serbo-Croatian complementizer DA as an accusative

	case marker, <i>NS LingColl</i> 6, University of Novi Sad, December 27, 2016.
2015	Case inflections as theta role signals. <i>The Third International Conference on English Studies English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT 3)</i> , University of Novi Sad, March 21, 2015.
2014	Uticaj određenosti na distribuciju imenica u srpskom jeziku. [The impact of definiteness on the distribution of nouns in Serbian]. <i>STULIKON</i> 3, University of Sarajevo, April 25-27, 2014.
2013	Ekstrakcija argumenata u nominativu iz zavisnih rečenica u srpskom jeziku. [The extraction of nominative case-marked arguments from embedded clauses in Serbian], <i>STULIKON</i> 2, University of Zagreb, May 3-4, 2013.
2011	Determinatorska fraza u srpskom jeziku? [Determiner phrase in Serbian?]. <i>STULIKON</i> 1, University of Belgrade, May 6-8, 2011. (with Milan Pupezin)

## Invited talks

2024	<i>What predicts the choice of clausal complement with modal verbs in Serbian.</i> SinFonIJA 17, University of Nova Gorica, September 27-29, 2024.
2023	<i>Clausal complements between language structure and identity: documenting, visualizing and theorizing variation in Shtokavian (non-)finite embedded clauses.</i> Vuk's Foundation/Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade, October 16, 2023. (with Branimir Stanković)
2023	<i>The status of verbal theme vowels in contemporary</i>

	<i>linguistic theorizing: some recent developments.</i> University of Graz, Austria, January 10, 2023.
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## Teaching

2015-2020	English as a Foreign Language - upper intermediate. University of Novi Sad.
2017-2018	English as a Foreign Language - intermediate. University of Novi Sad.
2018-present	Theoretical Grammar 1&2. University of Novi Sad (a research seminar for advanced 4th-year undergraduate students; helping students to produce their first research paper)
2019-present	Grammar of English Language 4. (an overview of English syntax cast in the framework of the Government and Binding model - practice classes).
2018-present	Integrated Language Skills 7. University of Novi Sad. (a skills-oriented course designed to build students' research and academic skills through close reading of cutting-edge research literature in Linguistics).
2018-present	Integrated Language Skills 8. University of Novi Sad. (a skills-oriented course designed to build students' research and academic skills with the practical goal of helping students to produce original research proposals)
2022	Integrated Language Skills 6. University of Novi Sad. (English composition/Academic writing skills-oriented course)
2022	Integrated Language Skills 5. University of Novi Sad. (English composition/Academic writing

	skills-oriented course)
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## Participation in research projects

2023 -	Clausal Complements between Language Structure and Identity: Documenting, Visualizing, and Theorizing Variation in Shtokavian (Non-)Finite Embedded Clauses (ClaCoLaSi), The Science Fund of the Government of Serbia. PI: Branimir Stanković.
2019-2022	Expressions of hedging, stance, and interaction with the reader in the academic writing of novice researchers in English as a foreign language. Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia. PI: Biljana Radić Bojanić.
2015-2022	Languages and Cultures in Time and Space. Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia. PI: Snežana Gudurić.
2014-2016	Producing and contesting the national order of things: tracing how language standardisation processes and state effects configure (non)users near Serbian/Croatian border. Marie Curie/NEWFELPRO. PI: Andrew Hodges.

## Editorial work

2022 - 2023	Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad (guest co-editor of a Special Issue dedicated to the proceedings of ELALT 6 with Nataša Milićević)
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2021-2023	Glossa: A Journal of general linguistics (guest co-editor of the Special Collection "Thematic Formatives and Linguistic Theory" with Svitlana Antonyuk and Stefano Quaglia).
2021-2023	Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad (guest co-editor of a Special Issue dedicated to the proceedings of SinFonIJA 14 with Nataša Milićević and Tanja Milićev).

## Reviewing

2024	<i>Annals of the Faculty of Philosophy (1 paper)</i>
2024	<i>Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, Novi Sad (1 paper)</i>
2024	<i>Teme: A Journal for Social Sciences (1 paper)</i>
2023	<i>Studies in Language and Mind 5</i> (proceedings of PNCLR10), Silvia Martinez Fereiro and Sabina Halupka Rešetar eds. (1 paper)
2023	Formal Description of Slavic Languages 16 (abstracts)
2023	Advances in formal Slavic linguistics 2022 (proceedings of Formal Description of Slavic Languages 15)
2022	Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics. (1 paper)
2022	English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT) 6. (abstracts)
2022	SinFonIJA (Syntax, Phonology, and Language

	Analysis) 15. (abstracts)
2021	SinFonIJA (Syntax, Phonology, and Language Analysis) 14. (abstracts)
2021	Interslav (abstracts)
2021	Theme vowels in V(P) Structure and Beyond (abstracts)
2019	ELALT (English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today) 5 (abstracts)
2017	ELALT (English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today) 4. (abstracts)

## Supervision and Committees

2024	Micol Vianello. Quantitative clitic <i>ne</i> and clitic climbing in Italian: an empirical study. (University of Novi Sad, MA Thesis). Supervisor
2024	Branislava Ciganović. . (University of Novi Sad, MA Thesis). Committee member
in progress	Marija Popović. Applicative and Possessor Datives in English and Serbian. (University of Novi Sad, MA Thesis). Supervisor.
2020	Jelena Vukičević. A comparative analysis of self-efficacy beliefs of elementary and high-school EFL teachers. (University of Novi Sad, MA Thesis). Committee member
2019	Gordana Ćirić. Clausal parentheticals introduced by a conjunction. (University of Novi Sad, MA Thesis). Committee member

## Organizational/Administrative service

2025	Workshop on Language and Identity. University of Novi Sad. January 30, 2025 at the University of Novi Sad. Main organizer.
2024	Panel on Variation in the Use of the Infinitive and the Construction "da + Present" in the Serbian Language. November 8, 2024 at the University of Novi Sad. Member of the Organizing Committee.
2024	English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT) 7. October 26-27, 2024 at the University of Novi Sad. Technical support.
2024	<i>Introduction to Formal Semantics</i> . 5-lecture course taught by Berit Gehrke (Humboldt University in Berlin). October 28-November 1, 2024 at the University of Novi Sad. Main organizer.
2024	4th International Spring School on Psycholinguistics, Neurolinguistics, and Clinical Linguistics. University of Novi Sad. April 15-19 2024. Assistant to the main organizer.
2023	Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) Summer School. University of Novi Sad. July 24 - August 4, 2023. Principal local organizer.
2023	3rd International Spring School on Psycholinguistics, Neurolinguistics, and Clinical Linguistics. University of Novi Sad. April 17-21 2023. Assistant to the main organizer.
2022	English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT) 6. Member of the Organizing Committee/leading organizer of the workshop titled

	<i>Formal Approaches to Embedding.</i>
2021	SinFonIJA 14. Member of the Organizing Committee.
2021	2nd International School on Psycholinguistics, Neurolinguistics, and Clinical Linguistics. University of Novi Sad (online). October 25-29, 2021. Assistant to the main organizer.
2021	Theme vowels in V(P) Structure and Beyond. Member of the Organizing Committee.
2019	International Spring School on Psycholinguistics, Neurolinguistics, and Clinical Linguistics. University of Novi Sad. April 2019. Assistant to the main organizer.
2019	English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT) 5. Member of the Organizing Committee.
2017	English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today (ELALT) 4. Member of the Organizing Committee.

## Community outreach / Science popularization

2023	Lingvistički razgovor o Univerzalnoj gramatici [A Linguistic conversation about Universal Grammar]. University of Niš. January 31, 2023. Available at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_ZjgwjKaiA&amp;list=PLNrwuvb0p3rzD9iCiTGA0neesUbZy0pbS&amp;index=5">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_ZjgwjKaiA&amp;list=PLNrwuvb0p3rzD9iCiTGA0neesUbZy0pbS&amp;index=5</a>
2019	A (Crash) Course on the Syntax of the Nominal Domain. Petnica Science Center. May 2019. (5 lectures + office hours)
2019	Ko je stvorio jezička pravila? [Who created language rules?]. University of Novi Sad, Science Festival, Novi Sad. (coauthor of the workshop and



	presenter)
2018	Koliko se jezici mogu razlikovati? Teorija univerzalne gramatike [How much can languages differ? Theory of Universal Grammar]. (coauthor of the workshop and presenter)
2018	Minimalism and Biolinguistics. Petnica Science Center. May 2018 (5 lectures + office hours)
2017	Minimalism and Biolinguistics. Petnica Science Center. May 2017 (5 lectures + office hours)
2016	Minimalism and Biolinguistics. Petnica Science Center. May 2016 (5 lectures + office hours)
2015	Minimalism and Biolinguistics. Petnica Science Center, May 2015 (5 lectures + office hours)
2014	Kafa sa naučnicima (Coffee with scientists). University of Novi Sad, European Researchers' Night.
2013	Mondegreens. University of Novi Sad, European Researchers' Night.

## Awards and Scholarships

2023	Award for the Best Young Researcher of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad.
2015 - 2017	Stipend for Ph.D. Students awarded by the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia.
2013-2014	Fund for Young Talents of the Republic of Serbia -

2012-2013	<p>Dositeja</p> <p>Fund for Young Talents of the Republic of Serbia - Dositeja</p>
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## Schools/Lectures/Workshops/Seminars

2023	<p>Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) Summer School. University of Novi Sad. July 24 - August 4, 2023.</p>
2022	<p>The second UPSKILLS multiplier event. University of Graz. July 5, 2022. (learning about the outcomes of the UPgrading the SKills of Linguistics and Language Students project aimed at promoting the integration of research into linguistics syllabi and curricula)</p>
2021	<p>Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar. Generative Linguistics in Eastern Europe (GLEE). July-August, 2021. (online)</p>
2019	<p>International Spring School on Psycholinguistics, Neurolinguistics, and Clinical Linguistics. University of Novi Sad. April 2019.</p>
2018	<p>Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar. University of Banja Luka. July-August, 2018.</p>
2017	<p>Central and Eastern European Summer School in Generative Grammar. Palacký University Olomouc. July-August, 2017.</p>
2016	<p>Syntax and Semantics of the Nominal Domain. Goethe University. February, 2016.</p>

## **Languages**

Serbian (native speaker)  
English (professional)  
Russian (intermediate)

## **Technical Competencies**

MS Office; Praat; Audacity; R; STATA; SPSS; Python (basic)