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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021-current** *Research Fellow*, University of Vienna, Research Platform for the Study of Transformations and Eastern Europe
- 2019-2021** *ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University
- 2019** *Lecturer in Politics and Development (Education)*, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, University of Bristol
- 2018-2019** *Research Assistant*, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University
- 2018** *Academic Coordinator*, Fulbright Summer Institute, Aberystwyth University

EDUCATION

- 2014-2018** PhD International Politics, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University.
- 2012-2013** MA International Relations and European Studies, Department of International Relations and European Studies, Central European University, Budapest.
- 2007-2011** BA Economics/BSc Hospitality and Service Management, American College of Management and Technology Dubrovnik, Croatia, Division of Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, USA (dual degree).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

Kušić K (forthcoming) Balkan subjects in intervention literature: The politics of overrepresentation and reconstruction. *Journal of International Relations and Development*.

Peer-reviewed book chapters:

Kušić K (forthcoming) Land politics and conflict. In: Richmond and Visoka G (eds) *The Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Peace and Conflict Studies*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Kušić K (2020) Interpretation by proxy? Interpretive fieldwork with local associates in areas of restricted research access. In: Bliesemann de Guevara B and Bøås M (eds) *Doing Fieldwork in Areas of International Intervention: A Guide to Research in Violent and Closed Contexts*. Bristol University Press. pp. 199-212.

Kušić K (2020) I Don't Know What to do with Myself: 'I' as a tool, a voice, and an object in writing. In: Kušić K and Záhora J (eds) *Fieldwork as Failure: Living and Knowing in the Field of International Relations*. Bristol: E-International Relations. Pp. 149-161.

Kušić K and Záhora J (2020) Fieldwork, Failure, IR. In Kušić K and Záhora J (eds) *Fieldwork as Failure: Living and Knowing in the Field of International Relations*. Bristol: E-International Relations. pp. 1-16.

Kušić K, Lottholz P and Manolova P (2019) From dialogue to practice: Pathways towards decoloniality in Southeast Europe. In: Kušić K, Lottholz P and Manolova P (eds) (2019) *Decolonial Theory and Practice in Southeast Europe*. Sofia: dVERSIA. pp. 7-52.

Edited volumes and special issues:

Kušić K and Záhora J (eds) (2020) *Fieldwork as Failure: Living and Knowing in the Field of International Relations*. Bristol: E-International Relations.

Kušić K, Lottholz P and Manolova P (eds) (2019) *Decolonial Theory and Practice in Southeast Europe*. Sofia: dVERSIA.

Book reviews:

Kušić K (forthcoming) Book review: Socioeconomic Justice: International Intervention and Transition in Post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina by Daniela Lai. *Studies of Transition States and Societies*.

Kušić K (2020) Book review: Extremism and Violent Extremism in Serbia: 21st Century Manifestations of an Historical Challenge. Ed. Valery Perry. *Slavic Review* 79(3), pp. 665–67.

Kušić K (2020) Book Review: Seeing Politics: Film, Visual Method, and International Relations by Sophie Harman, *LSE Review of Books*. Online.

Kušić K (2017) Book review: The Politics of Transnational Peasant Struggle by Robin Dunford, *Journal of Critical Studies* (3), pp. 50-54.

In progress:

Book project in progress: *Subjects Beyond Intervention: The Politics of improvement in Serbia*.

Journal article in progress, invited to revise and resubmit: Thinking alongside subjects of intervention: From statebuilding and peacebuilding to the politics of improvement.

Journal article in progress: Studying human-soil relations in Southeast Europe, invited as a part of a forum in *Connections: A journal for Historians and Area Specialists*.

Chapter in progress: Distance and closeness in Balkan academic diaspora. In Tošić J, King-Savić S and Laketa S (eds) *"Samo vjeran pas?" Post-Yugoslav Neoliberal Academic Selves and Possibilities of Knowing the Balkans Otherwise*.

Other:

2020. Fieldwork as Failure [podcast](#) on Opinion Peace, podcast by the Centre for Peace Studies, UiT.

2019. Early career [interview](#), E-International Relations. Online.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Module convener (undergraduate):

- Development Studies (SPAIS, UoB, 2019)

Module co-convener (undergraduate):

- International Politics and Non-Western Worlds, with Prof Mustapha Pasha (Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2017)

Seminar Tutor:**Postgraduate modules:**

- Global Justice (SPAIS, UoB, 2019)
- Gender and Development (SPAIS, UoB, 2019)

Undergraduate modules:

- Multiculturalism in Policy and Practice (Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2018)
- Women in the Third World (Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2015)

- International Politics between the Two World Wars (Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2014)

Supervision:

- MSc dissertations, 13 students (SPAIS, UoB, 2019)
- Fulbright Summer Institute final projects (Aberystwyth University, 2018)

FUNDING AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, *Building States. Empowering Citizens: Rethinking intervention as politics of improvement*, 2019-2021

Ernst Mach Worldwide Grant, Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research, in support of a fellowship at the Centre for Southeast European Studies, Karl Franz University, Graz, 2017-2018

EH Carr Fellowship, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2014-2017

Best MA Thesis Award at the Department of International Relations and European Studies, 2013

MA Research Fieldwork Grant, Central European University, 2013

MA Studies scholarship, Central European University, 2012-2013

Undergraduate studies scholarship, Večernji list, Croatia, 2007-2011

OTHER WORKS

Conference papers (selected):

“Knowing International Politics from Contested Lands in South East Europe,” paper presented at the International Studies Association annual convention. Online, April 8, 2021.

“Peripheral Entanglements between the Balkans and Latin America: On Positionality, Epistemic Privilege, and Epistemic Confinement,” with Desiree Poets (Virginia Tech), paper presented at Millennium. Online, October 2020.

"Making agricultural land between socialism and capitalism," paper presented at POLLEN (Political Ecology Network). Online, September 2020.

“Agriculture and land in SEE,” paper presented at the *Conjunctural Geographies of Postsocialist and Postcolonial Conditions: Theory Thirty Years after 1989* workshop, organised by Leibniz ScienceCampus Eastern Europe–Global Area. Online, May 14-16, 2020.

“Distance and closeness in Balkan academic diaspora,” paper presented at Samo Vjeran pas? Workshop on PostYugoslav Neoliberal Academic Selves and Possibilities of Knowing the Balkans Otherwise. University of St Gallen, St Gallen, February 2020.

“Translating Difference: Progress and resistance in Serbian agriculture,” paper presented at the *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies* summer convention, Zagreb, June 2019.

“Locating Subjects, Dislocating Intervention,” paper presented at the joint *Central and East European International Studies Association and International Studies Association* conference, Belgrade, June 2019.

“Translating the Local-International Divide in Interventions: Progress and resistance in Serbia,” paper presented at the *European International Studies Association* Annual Convention, Prague, September 2018.

“Translating Difference: Progress and resistance in Serbian agriculture,” paper presented at the *British International Studies* annual conference, Bath, June 2018.

“What's a Free Market Good for? Logics of resistance to land grabs in Serbia,” paper presented at the *Everyday Revolutions in Southern and Eastern Europe* conference, Manchester, May 2017.

“Resisting ‘Transition’: Lands Rights Contestation in (Neo)liberal Serbia,” paper presented at the *International Studies Association* annual convention, Baltimore, February 2017.

“Governing ‘the Local’: Political education for ‘apathetic’ youth in Serbia,” paper presented at the *British International Studies* annual conference, Edinburgh, June 2016.

“Finding ‘the Local’ in Interventions,” paper presented at the Aberystwyth-Lancaster Graduate Colloquium, University of Aberystwyth, May 2015.

Invited talks (selected):

Invited roundtable speaker at the workshop *The Return of the Colonial: Understanding the Role of Eastern Europe in Global Colonisation Debates and Decolonial Struggles*, organised by Decolonial Subversions and Leibniz ScienceCampus Eastern Europe–Global Area. Online, September 10, 2020.

Invited roundtable speaker at the book launch of *Doing Fieldwork in Areas of International Intervention* organised by BISA. Online, May 19, 2020.

Invited speaker at the workshop *Self-esteem, productivity, and ‘failure’: managing expectations during lockdown*, BISA Postgraduate Network, Online, April 23, 2020.

“The Balkan Subject in Intervention Literatures,” invited paper at the International Politics Research Seminar, Aberystwyth University, November 7, 2019.

“Translating Colonial Difference: Progress and resistance in Serbian agriculture,” invited talk at the Social Movements Seminar, Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics, University of Brighton, May 15, 2018.

“Governing through Intervention: Subjectivity and resistance in agricultural government in Serbia,” paper delivered at the Brown Bag Seminar Series at the Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, November 21, 2017.

“Women and Peacebuilding in post-Yugoslav Spaces,” invited lecture to the module *Women in the Third World*, Aberystwyth University, November 6, 2015.

“Limits of Neoliberal Governmentality: Successful exportation and less successful application in Serbia,” invited lecture for the module *International Statebuilding*, Central European University, October 17, 2013.

Outreach:

“Dialoguing between the Posts,” blog to accompany the *Dialoguing between the Posts* workshop and facilitate future cooperation. <https://dialoguingposts.wordpress.com>

“March 8 in post-Yugoslav spaces,” exhibition at Aberystwyth University, co-curated with Dr Lydia C. Cole. An exhibition showcasing photos from Women’s Day marches in Belgrade and Sarajevo.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES

Communications Officer, *Journal of International Relations and Development* (current).

Co-convener, BISA Southeast Europe Working Group (current).

Convener, *Studying the Balkans Globally* workshop, Belgrade, October 2020 (online).

Co-founder and Chair, *Dialoguing between the Post* network, 2017-current.

Co-convener, Early Career Researchers’ Workshop at EISA, *On the Importance of Failure: Living and Knowing in the Field*, Prague, 2018.

Organising Team, *Dialoguing ‘between the posts’ Post-socialist and post-/decolonial perspectives on domination, hierarchy and resistance in South-Eastern Europe*. Two-day workshop funded by BISA and Max Planck Institute, at the Faculty for Media and Communications, Belgrade, 2017.

Research Group Convenor, *Environmental Politics Research Group*, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2014-2017.

Research Group Convenor, *Global Politics Research Group*, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2014-2017.

Part Time Teaching Staff Representative, Learning and Teaching Committee, Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 2016-2017.

Conference Assistant, Symposium: *Democracy Reception in the Middle East and North Africa*, Aberystwyth University, 2015.

Reviewer for *Routledge* (Politics – books – 2018, 2020); *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* (2018); *International Relations* (2019); *All Azimuth: A Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace* (2020); *Third World Quarterly* (2021)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

British International Studies Association (BISA), member

International Studies Association (ISA), member

European International Studies Association (EISA), member

LANGUAGES

Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (native); English (fluent); Spanish (intermediate)

REFEREES

Available upon request.