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Gender: Female **Date of birth:** 10/06/1977 **Nationality:** Serbian

WORK EXPERIENCE

[07/2020 – Current]

Full professor, Department of Economics

University of Nis, Faculty of Economics <http://www.eknfak.ni.ac.rs/en/>

City: Niš | **Country:** Serbia | **Name of unit or department:** Department of Economic Theory | **Business or sector:** Education

Teaching and Curriculum Development:

- Design and delivering courses at undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels (BSc: Political Economy of Governance, Introduction to Economics; MSc: Labor Economics, Academic Writing; PhD: Public Choice Economics)
- Developing innovative teaching methods and materials
- Mentoring and supervision of graduate students

Research:

- Publishing scholarly articles and other research outputs
- Participating in academic conferences, symposia, and workshops to disseminate research findings and engage with fellow scholars
- Research interests:
 - Economic and institutional reforms in transition economies, with a focus on Serbia
 - Democratic consolidation and resilience in post-socialist contexts
 - Factors influencing civic and political participation in transition countries
 - Evaluation of the impact of social capital on economic phenomena such as corruption and the shadow economy
 - Unemployment and social exclusion
 - Analysis of urban employment dynamics and skill mismatch in post-transition economies...

Mentorship and Professional Development:

- Mentoring junior faculty members, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students
- Serving as the departmental coordinator for Erasmus+ academic exchange programs, overseeing the implementation of student and staff mobilities in collaboration with the university's International Office
- Serving as a member of the presidency of the Scientific Society of Economists in Serbia, contributing to the leadership and strategic direction of the organisation

Implementation of International Projects:

- Active participation in EU-funded research projects and consortia
- Collaborating with interdisciplinary teams of researchers from across Europe

- Contributing to the development of project proposals
- Disseminating project findings

[01/01/2024 – Current]

Senior researcher

CROSS-REIS (Project 101136834, European Excellence Initiative HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-03). <https://crossreis.com>

City: Nis | **Country:** Serbia | **Business or sector:** Education

- Work Package Leader (Dissemination and Outreach Activities)
- Dissemination and Communication Manager
- Senior researcher

CROSS-REIS stands for: CROSS-disciplinary network for research excellence in Regenerative Economy Innovation eco-Systems. The objective of the project is to facilitate collaboration among academic partners from the widening countries with prominent research institutions in the field of regenerative economy.

[01/07/2022 – Current]

Senior researcher

UR-DATA (Project 101059994 HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-02 funded by EU) <https://urdataportproject.com>

City: Nis | **Country:** Serbia | **Business or sector:** Education

- Work Package Leader (Dissemination and Outreach Activities)
- Dissemination and Communication Manager
- Senior researcher

UR-DATA stands for Twinning for Excellence in Smart and Resilient Urban Development: Advanced Data Analytics Approach. It is aimed at transfer of knowledge, experience and best practices of the EU universities, to increase the research excellence in the analysis of smart and sustainable performance of cities.

[2018 – Current]

Member of Chairmanship of the Scientific Society of Economists in Serbia (NDES)

Scientific Society of Economists in Serbia (NDES)

City: Belgrade | **Country:** Serbia

- Promoting the advancement of economic science and serving the interests of NDES members and the broader community (advocating for the importance of economics education, publishing research findings, and participating in public debates on economic issues);
- Involvement in the leadership of the Society;
- Participation in the strategic planning process of NDES, identifying priorities, setting goals, and developing strategies to achieve them;
- Organizing and overseeing events such as conferences, seminars, workshops, and meetings.

The Scientific Society of Economists in Serbia (NDES) is an association of economists engaged in scientific and educational work in a higher education and research institution in Serbia or abroad. It is based at the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Belgrade.

[2018 – Current]

Erasmus+ Academic Coordinator

University of Nis

City: Nis | **Country:** Serbia

Overall, as an Erasmus+ academic coordinator, I play a role in facilitating international mobility and collaboration, promoting intercultural exchange and

understanding, and enhancing the quality and relevance of higher education within my institution and beyond. This includes:

- Coordinating the mobility of students participating in the Erasmus+ program, including outgoing and incoming exchanges;
- Facilitating the mobility of academic staff participating in Erasmus+ activities, such as teaching assignments or training opportunities;
- Working to establish and maintain partnerships with other institutions participating in the Erasmus+ program;
- Promotion of the Erasmus+ program within the institution and encouraging participation among students and staff;
- Providing guidance and support to students and staff participating in Erasmus+ activities

[2015 – 2020] **Associate professor, Department of Economics**

University of Nis, Faculty of Economics

City: Niš | **Country:** Serbia

- Teaching and Curriculum Development (BSc: Political Economy of Governance, Introduction to Economics; MSc: Social Economics; PhD: Public Choice Economics)
- Research
- Mentorship and Professional Development
- Implementation of international and national scientific projects

[2010 – 2015] **Assistant professor, Department of Economics**

University of Nis, Faculty of Economics

City: Niš | **Country:** Serbia

- Teaching and Curriculum Development (BSc: Contemporary Political Economy, Introduction to Economics; MSc: Social Economics; PhD: Public Choice Economics)
- Research
- Mentorship and Professional Development
- Implementation of international and national scientific projects

[2002 – 2010] **Research and teaching assistant, Department of Economics**

University of Nis, Faculty of Economics

City: Niš | **Country:** Serbia

- Teaching undergraduate courses (BSc: Introduction to Economics, Contemporary Political Economy)
- Research and PhD thesis preparation
- Implementation of national scientific projects
- Administrative tasks (Secretary of Department Council)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[2005 – 2010] **Ph.D. Economics**

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics, Serbia

City: Belgrade | **Country:** Serbia | **Field(s) of study:** Social sciences, journalism and information: • *Economics* • *Sociology and cultural studies* • *Political sciences*

and civics | **Thesis:** A Study of the Effects of Social Capital in Post-socialist Economies

- Advanced research skills, ability to formulate research questions, design research methodologies, gather and analyze data, and draw evidence-based conclusions
- Critical thinking skills, capability to evaluate and critique existing literature, theories, and methodologies in the field
- Problem-solving skills
- Presentation and public speaking
- Collaboration and teamwork skills

[2002 – 2005] **M.Sc. Economics**

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics, Serbia

City: Belgrade | **Country:** Serbia | **Field(s) of study:** Social sciences, journalism and information: • *Economics* • *Sociology and cultural studies* • *Political sciences and civics* | **Thesis:** The Role of Political Support for Success of Economic Reforms

Bachelor's degree Economics

University of Niš, Faculty of Economics

City: Niš | **Country:** Serbia |

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Serbian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

German

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

My Digital Skills

Microsoft Office | Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Outlook | Google Drive | Google Docs | Skype | Social Media | Facebook | Microsoft Powerpoint | LinkedIn | Zoom | STATA - basic use