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EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2017 – PRESENT

PhD Candidate in International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

- Provisional title: Inside Propaganda – the Serbian media during the Yugoslav wars 1991-1995
- Obtained access to the Radio and Television of Serbia (RTS) archive (previously closed for researchers) and conducted interviews with numerous politicians and rank-and-file soldiers
- Recipient of the LSE PhD Studentship (tuition fees and £18,000 per year for four years)
- Recipient of the Montague Burton award for the first submitted chapter in the first year of my PhD
- Recipient of the Highly Commended Award as a Departmental Class Teacher at the Department of International Relations, LSE

OCTOBER 2015 – JULY 2017

MPhil in Politics: Political Theory, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

- Distinction (highest award available) obtained on all marked courses and the thesis during the two-year programme
- MPhil Thesis: Dehumanisation and Mass Violence – A Challenge for Political Theory

OCTOBER 2011 – JUNE 2015

BA in Politics (9.39/10 – First Class Degree), Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade

- Top of the year: Introduction to Political Theory (2011/2012), Contemporary Political Theory (2012/2013), Political System of Serbia (2012/2013), History of Serbian Political Thought (2013/2014), Phenomenology of Violence (2013/2014)

TALKS AND CONFERENCES

- Desk Perpetrators: *Schreibtischtäter* and their International Crimes, September 2019, Nuremberg (Germany)
- Counter-speakers workshop, Dangerous Speech Project, November 2018, Berlin (Germany)
- Dangerous Speech conference, Dangerous Speech Project, June 2017, Berlin (Germany)
- Academic conference on Dehumanisation, Central European University, presented a paper – Dehumanisation in Genocide, January 2017, Budapest (Hungary)
- Graduate Conference, St Antony's College, Oxford University, presented a paper – The Challenge of Free Speech in the 21st Century, April 2016, Oxford (UK)
- TEDx, Sciences Po, talk on Free Speech, April 2016, Dijon (France)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 2018 – PRESENT

LSE, Centre for International Studies (CIS), Manager

- Organising workshops, conferences, and public talks that include both academic and non-academic expert speakers on issues pertaining to international relations
- Assisting with the application and admissions process for the CIS fellowship programme
- Designing the promotional materials for all CIS events
- Running the CIS website

OCTOBER 2019 – NOVEMBER 2019

LSE IDEAS, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Global Politics in the 21st Century

- Convening seminars with a group of 20 students
- Setting assignments
- Marking essays and exams
- Holding regular office hours with students

SEPTEMBER 2018 – PRESENT

LSE, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Issues in International Relations

- Convening seminars with a group of 15 students
- Marking formative and summative assignments

- Helping students prepare policy proposals for various issues currently relevant in international relations
- Holding regular office hours with students
- Student evaluation results for AY 2018/2019 and AY 2019/2020: 4.8/5.0
- Recipient of the LSE Class Teacher Award (Highly Commended) for my teaching on this course for AY 2018/2019

JULY 2019 – PRESENT

AKE Group, Intern

- Analysis of political and economic risks in various regions (Serbia, Hong Kong, Strait of Hormuz, Greece)
- Writing economic and political reports pertaining to security

JULY 2019

LSE Summer School Course in Genocide, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Convening seminars with two groups of 15 students
- Marking essays and exams
- Holding regular office hours with students
- Student evaluation results: 4.8/5.0

JULY 2019

LSE Summer School Course in Power Shift, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Convening seminars with two groups of 15 students
- Marking essays and exams
- Holding regular office hours with students
- Student evaluation results: 4.8/5.0

SEPTEMBER 2018 – JUNE 2019

LSE, Graduate Teaching Assistant, International Security

- Convening seminars with a group of 15 students
- Marking formative assignments
- Holding regular office hours with students
- Student evaluation results: 4.9/5.0
- Recipient of the LSE Class Teacher Award (Highly Commended) for my teaching on this course

JULY 2018

LSE Summer School Course in Genocide

- Convening seminars with a group of 15 students
- Marking essays and exams

- Student evaluation results: from 11 students that have submitted the feedback, I have averaged 5.0 (the highest available mark)

MAY – JULY 2018

Media Diversity Institute, Positive Trolling – Get the Trolls Out

- Analysis of hate speech on Facebook (mainly Facebook pages of major media outlets e.g. The BBC, Daily Mail, The Guardian) and Instagram
- Engaging with those promoting hateful and discriminatory treatment towards different groups (e.g. immigrants, Muslims, Jews, LGBTQI) through posting materials and/or replying to such comments
- Fact-checking: posting accurate information on posts and comments that promoted or included inaccurate information
- Reporting hateful content that violates Facebook’s community standards
- Analysis of online hate speech and its impact
- Analysis of the most efficient strategies aiming at countering online hate speech

SEPTEMBER 2015 – JULY 2017

Magdalen College School, Waynflete Intern in Politics, Oxford

- Organizing Politics Society Speakers Meetings (three times per term)
- Organizing and leading politics reading seminars (once per week) for lower and upper-sixth form students
- Creating curriculum for politics reading seminars
- Tutorials with upper-sixth form students
- Preparation of students for PPE admissions

SEPTEMBER 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2015

Radio and Television of Serbia, Host of ‘Pazi Mladost’

- Presenter and co-creator of the first debate television show ‘Pazi Mladost’
- Aired in 2015 on Radio and Television of Serbia (RTS)

SEPTEMBER 2012 – JUNE 2015

Faculty of Political Sciences, Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Leading seminars for up to 50 first-year students in Political Theory
- Design mid-term tests
- Marking and invigilating first-year mid-term examinations

2013 – JUNE 2015

International and Serbian Debating Coach

- Curriculum designer and debate coach at the Faculty of Political Sciences, First and Fourth Belgrade Gymnasium

- Coach at the World Federation of UN Associations ‘Youth Debate Camp’, Seoul, South Korea (June 2014 – August 2014)
- Ran workshops in MGIMO University (Moscow, Russia), CUHK (Hong Kong, China), ULU (London, UK), and in over 10 other countries

Executive Board of Open Communication (Non-Governmental Organisation in Belgrade, Serbia)

- Run the organisation and help set up new debate societies across Serbia
- Organising debate tournaments and workshops
- Fundraising for organisation’s activities

JANUARY 2014 – MARCH 2014

Executive Group, Integrated Communications Agency, Intern

- Headed a public relations campaign for ‘Balkan Health Forum’
- Wrote promotional texts for Sony, Dell, Erste Bank, Coca Cola, H&M
- Translated documents from Serbian to English and English to Serbian

2006 – 2008

Radio Belgrade, Host and Editor of ‘Youth Newsroom’

- Presenter and editor of the radio show ‘Youth Newsroom’

OTHER SKILLS

Competitive Debating

- First non-native English speaker to reach the Open Semi-finals at the 2015 World Universities Debating Championship (top 8 out of 380 teams, from 90 countries), held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Best English as a Foreign Language speaker and English as a Second Language speaker finalist at the 2014 World Universities Debating Championship held in Chennai, India
- Best English as a Second Language speaker, English as a Second Language champion, Sixth Best overall speaker (out of 440) at the 2014 European Universities Debating Championship held in Zagreb, Croatia
- Winner of many other major international tournaments
- Chief Adjudicator at the 2017 European Universities Debating Championship (Tallinn, Estonia), Oxford IV, LSE Open, Leiden Open, Budapest Open, Moscow Open, and many other international tournaments
- Deputy Chief Adjudicator at the 2016 European Universities Debating Championship (Warsaw, Poland), and many other international tournaments

Performing Arts

- 9 years of professional piano training
- National champion, 'Serbian Association of Dancing', 2006
- Amateur acting in the Jewish Theatre of Serbia, and the Fifth Belgrade Gymnasium theatre

Language Skills

- BCS – Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian (native)
- English (fluent)
- German B2 certificate (intermediate)