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Main Academic Positions:

- 2025 - Current Assistant Professor of Quantitative Economic History, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Vienna
- 2017 - 2025 Assistant Professor of Economic History, Department of Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Other Positions:

- 2024 - Current Visiting Professor, Department of Economic Theory, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb
- 2022 - Current Researcher, Figuerola Institute of History and Social Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- 2023 Visiting Fellow, Dondena Centre, Bocconi University
- 2022 - 2023 Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 2014 - 2017 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics and Department of Economic History, London School of Economics
- 2016 Intern, Research Department, Croatian National Bank
- 2013 - 2014 Research Analyst, Legal & General Investment Management

Education:

- 2013 - 2017 PhD in Economic History, London School of Economics
- 2012 MSc in Economic History, London School of Economics
- 2011 BSc in Economics, University of Utrecht

Research Interests:

Economic History, Economic Growth and Development, Eastern Europe

Published Academic Papers:

- (2024). “[Technical Change and the Postwar Slowdown in Soviet Economic Growth in a Long Run Perspective, 1885-2019](#),” *Economic History Review*, 77, pp. 644-674
- (2023). “[The Last Yugoslavs: Ethnic Diversity and National Identity](#),” *Explorations in Economic History*, 88, pp. 1-42
- (2021). “[The Nature of Technological Failure: Patterns of Biased Technical Change in Socialist Europe](#),” *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 35, pp. 895-925
- (2020). “[Origins of Regional Divergence: Economic Growth in Socialist Yugoslavia](#),” *Economic History Review*, 73, pp. 1097-1127
- (2018). “[Socialist Growth Revisited: Insights from Yugoslavia](#),” *European Review of Economic History*, 22, pp. 403-429

Work in Progress:

“Peasants Into Muslims: Poverty and Conversions to Islam in Ottoman Bosnia,” R&R, *Economic History Review* (with Yasin Arslantas)

“The Burden of Memory: Persistence of Ethnic Conflict in Yugoslavia,” (with Christoph Koenig and Filip Novokmet)

“Borderlands and Bloodlands: The Habsburg Military Frontier and Regional Development in Croatia”

Book Chapters:

(2020). “Regional industrialization in Yugoslavia” (with Stefan Nikolić), in Erik Buyst, Bas van Leeuwen and Robin Phillips (eds.), *An Economic History of Regional Industrialisation*, Routledge, pp. 79-100

Research Grants (PI), Honours, and Scholarships:

2023	Research Grant, Ramón Areces Foundation
2016	Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, US
2015	PhD Scholarship, Institute for Humane Studies, US
2014	PhD Bursary, Economic History Society, UK
2014	Research Studentship, London School of Economics, UK

Academic Service:

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Economic History Review*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, *Europa-Asia Studies*, *Acta Oeconomica*, *European History Quarterly*

2023 - 2025	Organizer of the Economic History Seminar, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
2018	Organizer of “Ethno-Linguistic Diversity and Development” session at WEHC, MIT
2015 - 2016	Organizer of the Graduate Economic History Seminar, London School of Economics

Teaching Experience:

UC3M	Economic Growth (MSc), Economic History (BSc)
LSE	Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Financial Markets and the Global Economy, Internalisation of Economic Growth (all BSc)

Presentations at Conferences and Seminars:

2024: Trinity College Dublin (WEast Workshop); Vienna University (Seminar); LSE (Seminar); Zagreb University (Seminar); Carlos III University of Madrid (Figuerola Institute Workshop). **2023:** Vienna University of Economics and Business (EHES Conference); Cerge-EI (WEast Workshop). **2022:** Groningen University (EHES Conference); Carlos III University of Madrid (Figuerola Institute Workshop); Cambridge University (EHS Conference); UCL SSEES (Seminar). **2021:** LSE (Seminar); Bonn University (Seminar). **2019:** Waseda University (Seminar); Paris School of Economics (EHES Conference); LSE (Economics of Western Balkans Workshop); Split University (Challenges of Europe Conference), European University Institute (State-Building Workshop). **2018:** Groningen University (Seminar); Swansea University (Seminar); Cologne University (EEA Conference); MIT (WEHC); Warwick University (CAGE Summer School); Carlos III University of Madrid (Juan March Conference); Princeton University (Post Civil War Transitions Workshop). **2017:** Institute of Economics, Zagreb (Seminar); Carlos III University of Madrid (Seminar), Humboldt University of Berlin (Seminar). **2016:** LSE (Planned Economies Workshop); Oxford University (Seminar); Prague University of Economics and

Business (WEast Workshop); Cambridge University (EHS Conference); LSE (Seminar). **2015:** Lund University (Sound Workshop); Pisa University (EHES Conference); Croatian National Bank (Dubrovnik Economic Conference); LSE (Seminar). **2014:** Humboldt University of Berlin (EHES Summer School); Belgrade Banking Academy (WEast Workshop); UCL (South-Eastern Europe Symposium)

Selected Media Appearances:

Al Jazeera Balkans (Interview), Lider (Cover & Interview), Večernji List (Op-ed), Slobodna Dalmacija (Op-ed)

Languages:

Croatian, English, Spanish