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PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION

2002 - 2007 UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, Croatia,
D. Phil. in Archaeology
Thesis title: *Aspects of the Cult of Cybele and Attis on the Material from the Republic of Croatia*

1996 - 2001 Ss. CYRIL AND METODIUS UNIVERSITY – Skopje,
Republic of Macedonia,
-B. A. in Art History and Archaeology

1994 - 1995 BRICK TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL,
New Jersey, U.S.A.
- Exchange student programme, high school senior year

SCHOLARSHIPS

2002, 2006 MINISTRY OF CULTURE, Skopje, Macedonia,
-financing assistance for improving young talents

10.02-10.05, 2017 AUSTRIAN ACADEMY,
Joint Excellence in Science and Humanities - JESH Program

WORKING EXPERIENCE

1996 - 1999 MACEDONIAN HERITAGE, magazine for History, Art

	History, Archaeology and Ethnology. Skopje, Macedonia.
2001	ART GALERY “OLIVER”, Skopje, R. of Macedonia, -professional associate
2005	ART REPUBLICA, magazine for Culture and Art. Skopje, Macedonia -correspondent
2007 - 2009	ESRA, European Film Academy, Skopje, Macedonia -lecturer in Art history and Iconology
2008 - 2009	“EURO – BALKAN” Institute, Skopje -director of the Visual and Cultural Research Centre
2009 - 2011	Assistant professor at “EURO – BALKAN” Institute, Skopje, Postgraduate program
2009 - 2012	Assistant professor at Ss. CYRIL AND METODIUS UNIVERSITY – Skopje
2012-	Assistant professor at INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, Skopje

POSITION

2014 -	Senior research assistant, Research Centre for Cultural Heritage, “Cvetan Grozdanov” MACEDONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS.
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EXCAVATIONS

June – July 1996	Classical site of Vardarski Rid, Gevgelija, Macedonia
September 1996	Survey of Gjupsko kale, Slepče, Macedonia
September 1997	Survey of Hisar, Štip, Macedonia
October - November 1998	Late antique site of Davina kula, Čučer, Macedonia
September 2000	Early medieval site Nova Tabla, Murska Sobota, Slovenia
2001	Late antique fortresses in eastern Macedonia -science research project
May 2006	Bronze Age site of Kaptol, Požega, Croatia
March 2007	Survey of the Zagreb – Sisak highway, Croatia

September 2007, September 2008	Survey of Korça Basin and Devoll Valey, Albania
July – August 2008	PAVA Project, LAP&T (Landscape Archaeology & Remote Sensing), University of Siena, Italy
October 2008	Geophysical survey of Vardarski Rid, Gevgelija and Kale Fortress, Skopje, Macedonia (co-operation with “Geo – Arheo”, Zagreb)
June – July 2010	Royal Tomb of a Macedonian type within the project “Visoka and Staro Bonche”, Macedonia
September 2010	Geophysical survey of St. Holy Mother <i>Peribleptos</i> , Ohrid, Macedonia (co-operation with “Geo – Arheo”, Zagreb)
September 2011	Geophysical survey of Demir Kapija, Stobi, and Crnobuki, Macedonia (co-operation with “Geo – Arheo”, Zagreb)

MONOGRAPHS

2010	<i>Aspects of the cult of Cybele and Attis on the Monuments from the Republic of Croatia</i> , British Archaeological Reports (BAR), Archaeopress Oxford.
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PAPERS AND TALKS GIVEN

January 2007	THE CERAMIC RELIEFS OF THE VINICA KALE - Department of Art history, University of Zagreb
June 2007	THE CULT OF CYBELE AND ATTIS, genesis, prevalence and iconography - Department of Art history, University of Zagreb
September 2007	MAGNA MATER'S SANCTUARY OF MYSTERIES FROM IADER – INTERPRETING THE FRESCO DECORATION, <i>13th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists</i> , Zadar, 18-23 September 2007
November 2007	MEGALENSIA AS A PASTIME IN REPUBLICAN ROME – "Otium – Leisure from Prehistory to the Middle Ages", <i>International Archaeological symposium Pula</i> , 21 – 24 November 2007
December 2007	THE CULT OF CYBELE AND ATTIS, genesis, prevalence and iconography with special attention on the material from the Republic of Macedonia

-Ss. Cyril And Methodius University – Skopje, Macedonia

- July 2008 THE MOTIF OF WARRIORS IN THE ICONOGRAPHY OF THE METROAC CULT,
“Proagon”, *Konferenz zu Ehren von Erwin Pochmarski*, Institut für Archäologie Karl – Franzens – Universität, Graz, 12. – 14. Juli 2008
- September 2008 THE MYSTERY ASPECTS OF THE CULT OF CYBELE AND ATTIS ON THE MATERIAL FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA,
“Gods and humans”, *International Conference of archaeology*, Varna 18. - 20. September 2008
- May 2009 PAGAN MONOTHEISM AND THE HERITAGE OF ZEUS HYPSTOS,
“Byzantine cultural-historical heritage and Macedonia”, *Days of Justinian I*, 11.-12. May, Skopje
- May 2009 THE ICONOGRAPHY OF MAGNA MATER ON THE MONUMENTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA,
“Rome and the Provinces: Models and Diffusion”, *11th International Colloquium on Roman Provincial Art*, Mérida, 18-21 May 2009, Museo Nacional de Arte Romano
- August 2009 THE POSITION OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE POLITISIZED PAST,
-“Generations – archives of identity“, *AKTO, Festival for contemporary arts*, Bitola 14.-15. August 2009
- September 2009 THE SEPULCHRAL CHARACTER OF THE CULT OF CYBELE AND ATTIS ON THE MONUMENTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA,
”Funerary Sculpture of the Illyricum and Neighboring Regions of the Roman Empire“, *International Scholarly Conference*, 27.-30. September 2009, Split
- May 2010 THE POSITION OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE POLITISIZED PAST IN THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA,
“Archaeology und Macht”, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Aschaffenburg 13-16 Mai
- October 2010 MYSTERY CULTS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA,
-Macedonian Archaeological Society, Strumica.
- January 2011 ORIENTAL AND MYSTERY CULTS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA,
“Egypt and the Orient in the Hellenistic and Roman worlds: new perspectives and current research”, hosted by the *VIDI research*

- November 2016 RELIGIOUS TRANSFORMATIONS FROM LATE HELLENISM TO LATE ANTIQUITY, “From Paganism to Christianity”, *International scientific gathering*, Skopje 7. November
- May 2017 SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF WORSHIP IN PRIVATE CONTEXT FROM MACEDONIA, “Dialog mit Jörg Rüpke: Domestic Cult in Antiquity”, *Workshop* at the Institute für Kulturgeschichte der Antike, ÖAW, Vienna
- June 2017 ROMAN STATUARY FROM MACEDONIA, -Institute für Kulturgeschichte der Antike, ÖAW, Vienna
- June 2017 A GROUP OF FUNERAL STELAE FROM THE REGION OF VELES, MACEDONIA, “Benefactors, Dedicants and Tomb Owners Society – Iconography – Chronology”, *15th International Colloquium on Roman Provincial Art*, 14-20 June, 2017 Graz
- November 2017 RIDER MONUMENTS FROM UPPER MACEDONIA AND SOUTHERN MOESIA SUPERIOR, *First International Workshop* on “The Rider monuments from the Balkan-Danubian provinces of the Roman Empire”, Sofia 13th – 15th November
- May 2018 THE GYMNASIUM, STATUARY PRODUCTION, AND RELIGIOUS LIFE IN STYBERRA, “Archaeology and Economy in the Ancient World”, *19th International Congress of Classical Archaeology*, 22. – 26. May 2018 Cologne/Bonn
- September 2018 RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH VIA EGNATIA IN ROMAN TIMES, “Tradition in communication and in the spiritual culture of Southeast Europe (Law, Economics, Natural Sciences, Art, Literature, Language)”, *International Symposium of the Association for South-East European Studies (AIESEE)*, Ohrid, 5-8 September 2018
- September 2018 THE CULT OF NEMESIS IN UPPER MACEDONIA, “Between East And West. Stobi and the Cities of the Roman Provinces in the Balkans”, *International Archaeological Conference*, Stobi, September 27-30, 2018.
- October 2018 THE TRIAD OF THE GODDESS BETWEEN DIOSKOUROI *Second International Workshop* on “The Rider monuments from the Balkan-Danubian provinces of the Roman Empire”, Cluj-Napoca, 5-6 October 2018.

- February 2019 THE STATUARY PRODUCTION IN STYBERRA,
“Produced and Displayed. Dynamics of Production and Contexts of Roman Sculptures in the Ancient Mediterranean Region”, *International Congress* from 25–27 February 2019 at the University of Graz
- September 2019 RELIGIOUS DINAMISM BEHIND AN IMAGE
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ICONOGRAPHY OF CYBELE,
12th Congress of the International Association for South-East European Studies (AIESEE), Bucharest, 2-6 September
- October 2019 MORE ON THE SCULPTURE OF THE GODDESS FROM SUVODOL,
“Ohrid and the Balkans, archaeological views”, *Scientific gathering* in honor of the 80th birthday of Academician Vera Bitrakova Grozdanova, House Uranija in Ohrid, 4th - 5th of October

PUBLICATIONS

- 1996 *English and American researchers and archaeologists in Macedonia*, *Macedonian Heritage* 1, 74 – 78.
- 1996 *The Diplomacy of Perseus*, *Macedonian Heritage* 2, 85-88.
- 1997 *The Woman in the Macedonian Kingdome*, *Macedonian Heritage* 4, 53 – 57.
- 2000 *Davina kula, Čučer. Student's research campus 1998, 1999*, *Macedonian Heritage* 12, 14 – 43.
- 2007 *New cult finds from Sisak*, *Opuscula Archaeologica* 31 (co-authored with J. Burmaz), 205 – 220.
- 2008 *Megalensia as a Pastime in Republican Rome*, *Histria Antiqua* 16, 43 – 50.
- 2008 *Cybele and Attis in Rome*, *Antiqité Vivante* 58, 97 – 116.
- 2009 *The Mystery Aspects of the Cult of Cybele and Attis on the Material from the Republic of Croatia*, *Acta Musei Varnaensis* (in print)
- 2009 *Goddess between Dioscouroi*, *Macedonian Heritage. Homage to Blaga Aleksova*, 113 – 126.
- 2010 *Genesis, development and prevalence of the Iconographical motif Cybele in a naiscos*, *Patrimonium* 7-8, 69 – 80.

- 2011 *The Iconography of Magna Mater on the monuments from the Republic of Croatia*, Proceedings of the 11th International Colloquium on Roman Provincial Art Mérida, 18-21 May 2009 “*Roma y las provincias: modelo y difusión*“ T. Nogales, I. Rodà (eds.), Vol. I, 385 – 393.
- 2011 *Pagan Monotheism and the Cult of Zeus Hypsistos*, *Antiquité Vivante* 61, 117 – 127.
- 2012 *Dionysus and The Bacchic in Stobi*, *Folia Archaeologica Balcanica* 2, 299 – 310.
- 2012 *The sea voyage of Magna Mater to Rome*, *Histria Antiqua* 21, 355 – 371.
- 2013 *The Sepulchral Character of the Cult of Cybele and Attis on the Monuments from the Republic of Croatia*, Proceedings of the International Scholarly Conference from 27th to the 30th of September 2009, Split, ”Funerary Sculpture of the Illyricum and Neighboring Regions of the Roman Empire“, 507 – 527.
- 2013 *The Art and Cult of Cybele from the Northern Vardar Valley*, *Art History – the Future is Now. Studies in Honor of Professor Vladimir P. Goss*, 260 – 275.
- 2014 *Great Mother of Gods on the monuments from Croatia*, (co-authored with Inga Vilogorac Brčić), *The Voyage of the Mother Goddess, Radovi – Zavod za hrvatsku povijest* 904(497.5) Vol. 46, Zagreb 2014, 103 – 128.
- 2104 *Phrygian Cybele – Mother of mountains*, (co-authored with Inga Vilogorac Brčić), *The Voyage of the Mother Goddess, Radovi – Zavod za hrvatsku povijest* 904(497.5) Vol. 46, Zagreb 2014, 51 – 61.
- 2015 *The Cults of Isis in the Republic of Macedonia*, A History of research into Ancient Egyptian Culture conducted in Southeastern Europe, Zagreb 2013, *British Archaeological Reports (BAR)* Oxford, M. Tomorad (ed.), *Archaeopress Egyptology* 8, 2015, 221 – 228.
- 2015 *The World of Dionysos on the Monuments from Republic of Macedonia*, *Cult and Votive Monuments in the Roman Provinces*, Proceedings of the 13th International Colloquium on Roman Provincial Art, C.-G. Alexandrescu (ed.), Bucharest 2015, 87 – 95.
- 2015 *Several decorated Sarcophagi from Macedonia*, (co-authored with acad. Vera Bitrakova Grozdanova), *Römische Sarkophage*,

- Akten des Internationalen Werkstattgesprächs, October 10-13, 2012, Graz, B. Porod, G. Koiner (Hrsg.), Graz 2015, 26 – 43.
- 2015 *Evidence of 'Oriental' cults from the territory of the Republic of Macedonia*, Proceedings of the international symposium Romanising Oriental Gods? Religious transformations in the Balkan provinces in the Roman period. New finds and novel perspectives, Skopje 18-21 September 2013, A. Nikoloska, S. Müskens (eds.), Skopje 2015, 257 – 278.
- 2015 *The House of Parthenius revisited*, Folia Archaeologica Balcanica 3, 83 – 104.
- 2016 *The bronze bust of Isis-Demeter from Nicea*, MONUMENTA 1, 9 – 26.
- 2018 *Religious transformations from Late Hellenism to Late Antiquity*, From Paganism to Christianity, Proceedings in collaboration with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Skopje 2018, 157 – 183.
- 2018 *Some aspects of private worship of the Oriental Gods in the Balkan provinces*, JUBILAEUS VII: In memoriam Prof. Dr. Margaritae Tachevae, D. Boteva, P. Delev (eds.), Sofia 2018, 227 – 240.
- 2018 *New votive plaque of the so-called Danubian Riders from the region of Scupi*, (co-authored with B. Angelovski and D. Spasova), MONUMENTA II-III, 83 – 92.
- 2019 *Religious communications through Via Egnatia in Roman times*, Proceedings of the International Symposium „Tradition in communication and in the spiritual culture of Southeast Europe (Law, Economics, Natural Sciences, Art, Literature, Language)”, International Symposium of the Studies of Southeast (AIESEE), Ohrid, 5-8 September 2018, Skopje 2018, 105 – 126.
- 2019 *A group of funeral stelae from the region of Veles, Macedonia*, (co-authored with S. Babamova), Der Stifter und sein Monument. Gesellschaft – Ikonographie – Chronologie. Akten des 15. Internationalen Kolloquiums zum Provinzialrömischen Kunstschaffen, B. Porod, P. Scherrer (Hrsg.), Graz 2019, 298 – 305.
- 2020 *Apollo Kitharoidos from Stobi*, in honorem Ante Rendić Miočević, University of Zagreb, 353 – 360.

EDITORIALSHIP

- 2012 *Art History – the Future is Now. Studies in Honor of Professor Vladimir P. Goss, Zagreb.*
- 2014 *The Voyage of the Mother Goddess, Radovi – Zavod za hrvatsku povijest 904(497.5) Vol. 46, Zagreb.*
- 2015 Proceedings of the international symposium *Romanising Oriental Gods? Religious transformations in the Balkan provinces in the Roman period. New finds and novel perspectives*, Skopje. 18-21 September 2013, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts and Leiden University, Skopje.
- 2015- MONUMENTA – Annual of the Research Centre of Cultural Heritage, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts
- 2018 *From Paganism to Christianity*, Proceedings in collaboration with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Skopje
- 2018- *The Rider monuments from the Balkan – Danubian provinces of the Roman empire*
- 2019 *Tradition in communication and in the spiritual culture of Southeast Europe (law, economics, natural sciences, art, literature, language)*, Proceedings of the International Symposium of the Studies of Southeast Europe (AIESEE), Ohrid, 5-8 September 2018
- 2019 - *Corpus of stone monuments from the Republic of Macedonia, series of corpora*

TRANSLATIONS (English language)

- 2012 Part of the proofreading team of *Art History – the Future is Now. Studies in Honor of Professor Vladimir P. Goss, Zagreb.*
- 2015 Vera Bitrakova Grozdanova, *Prespa II*, Skopje.
- 2016- Part of the translating team of MONUMENTA – Annual of the Research Centre of Cultural Heritage, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Vol. I, 2016; Vol. II-III, 2018, Vol. IV, 2019)

RECENSIONS

- 2015 Bojana Plemić, *Roman and Autochthonous goddess. Diana's in the Provinces of the Western and Central Balkans*, Institute of Archaeology, Belgrade

2020 *Illyricum Romanum, Studiola in honorem Miloje Vasić*, Ivana Popović and Sofija Petković (eds.), Institute of Archaeology, Belgrade

CURRENT PROJECTS

2013- *Corpus of stone monuments from the Republic of Macedonia*, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts

2017- *The Rider monuments from the Balkan – Danubian provinces of the Roman empire*, co-leader of an International project involving numerous European Institutions (Skopje – Sofia – Vienna – Cluj-Napoca)

PAST PROJECTS

2006 *Macedonian Seminar*
-organising lectures of visiting professors from the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University – Skopje, Macedonia at the University of Zagreb, Croatia

2010 *Visoka and Staro Bonche, Macedonia*
-project secretar Ss. Cyril And Methodius University – Skopje

2011 *Statues from the Roman Forum - Stobi*,
Museum of Macedonia

2012 *The Voyage of the Mother Goddess*,
Scientific Colloquium, University of Zagreb, 22. 05. 2012.

2012-2013 International symposium, *Romanising Oriental Gods? Religious transformations in the Balkan provinces in the Roman period. New finds and novel perspectives*, cooperation with the University in Leiden and the University in Toulouse, 18-21 September 2013, Skopje.

2014-2018 *From Paganism to Christianity*, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts and Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

2017 organisation within UBI ERAT LUPA project, Vienna (<http://lupa.at/>)

2018-2019 International symposium *Tradition in communication and in the spiritual culture of Southeast Europe (law, economics, natural sciences, art, literature, language)*, Studies of Southeast Europe (AIESEE), Ohrid, 5-8 September 2018 and presentation of the Proceedings at the 12th Congress of the International

Association for South-East European Studies AIESEE,
Bucharest, 4. September, 2019.

2019 Scientific gathering, *Ohrid and the Balkans, archaeological views*, in honor of the 80th birthday of Academician Vera Bitrakova Grozdanova, House Uranija in Ohrid, 4th - 5th of October

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2000 - KIWANIS CLUB, JUNIOR, Skopje, Macedonia
-founder, active member and participant in numerous humanitarian projects

2006 -2008 SPECTRUM, Zagreb, Croatia, Croatian – Macedonian Association for Promoting Cultural Values and Relationships
- founder, active member and participant in projects.

2006 BEAT PER INCH, art exhibition of Nikola Kovač, Zagreb Croatia
-author of the foreground

November 2006 MACEDONICA, workshop for Macedonian language and culture, eco village Žumberak, Croatia

May 2008 CORIBANTES, Reconstruction of an antique ritual within the manifestation “Night of the Museums”, Museum of Macedonia.

July 2020 MOSAIC COLLAGE, art exhibition of Nikola Upevče, Ohrid
-author of the foreground

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LANGUAGES

ENGLISH	-fluent
GERMAN	-good
CROATIAN	-fluent
RUSSIAN	-passive knowledge
ITALIAN	-passive knowledge