Sandra King-Savić | Dr. rer. soc. | Postdoctoral Researcher | Institute for Slavic and East European Studies | University of Zurich | Plattenstrasse 43, 8032 Zurich, Switzerland | sandra.king-Savić@uzh.ch | ORCID: 0000-0001-8207-8562

EDUCATION

2019	Dr. rer. soc., Organization Studies, University of St. Gallen
2013	MA, Russian and East European Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA
2010	BA, International Studies, University of Wyoming, Laramie, USA
2001	Berufsschule Stans NW, Switzerland

Professional Development and Training

2026	Fachseminar: Sozialhilfeanspruch und Bemessung für Migrant*innen, Hochschule Luzern — Soziale Arbeit / Berner Fachhochschule, 23–24 April 2026
2022	Certificate of Advanced Studies in Migration Law (CAS), University of Bern
In progress	Certificate of Advanced Studies in Higher Education (CAS, teaching certificate), University of St. Gallen (expected 2026)

Summer and Winter Schools

2026	Summer Retreat for Labor Theory & Research: 'Work, Crisis, and Transformation in and beyond Europe', Morschach, Switzerland, 20–24 July 2026
2026	Critical Times Summer School: 'Bodies', Institute for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies (lucernaiuris), University of Lucerne, 6–10 July 2026
2022	Field Training School and Research Seminar 'Urban Ethnography and Theory', Montecatini Terme, University of Kent, UK
2019	Eighth International Postgraduate Summer School 'Cultures, Migrations, Borders', Department of Social Anthropology and History, Plomari Lesvos, Greece
2018	3CI PhD Winter School on Migration and Urban Change, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège, Belgium
2017	Albania on the Move — Die Albanische Migrationsgesellschaft, Tirana and Durrës, Albania
2014	Sarajevo 1914–2014 Academic Summer Program on War & Peace, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 – present	Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for Slavic and East European Studies, University of Zurich
2026 – 2028	Module co-Lead, "Languages & Culture" track, BA in European Studies (Una Europa), University of Zurich
2023 – 2026	Co-Principal Investigator, Horizon Project PRIME
2022 – 2024	Postdoctoral Fellow, School for Social Sciences and Humanities (SHSS), University of St. Gallen
2019 – 2021	International Postdoctoral Fellow, School for Social Sciences and Humanities (SHSS), University of St. Gallen
2018 – present	Part-time lecturer, School for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of St. Gallen
2016 – 2022	Executive Director, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, University of St. Gallen
2014 – 2018	Research Associate, School for Social Sciences and Humanities (SHSS), University of St. Gallen
2012 – 2013	Research Assistant, CREES & FLAS, University of Kansas
2011 – 2012	Research Assistant, FMSO & CREES, University of Kansas
2010	Intern, Wyoming Women's Foundation
2009 – 2010	Assistant, International Studies Department, University of Wyoming
2008	Intern, AMIDEAST Nabeul Language Village, Tunisia

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2023 – 2026 Co-PI Horizon-CL2-2022 Transformations-01 Grant
'Protecting Irregular Migrants in Europe: Institutions, Interests and Policies' (PRIME), 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2026. Coordinated by the European University Institute, Florence, in cooperation with Uniwersytet Warszawski, Dansk Flygtningehjælp, Uppsala Universitet, Sveučilište u Zagrebu — Pravni Fakultet, and the University of Bristol. Focus: anthropology of migration; ir/regularization; rights in practice.

2019 – 2022 Postdoctoral Research Project · University of St. Gallen / Basic Research Fund
'Mediating Belonging in Switzerland: Understanding Integration and Its Affect on Labor Migrants and Refugees from Yugoslavia'. Focus: citizenship; belonging; integration as governance.

2016 – 2019 Scientific Outreach Project · Ernst Göhner Foundation, Landis & Gyr Foundation, City of Zurich, City of St. Gallen *'Voices of the Via Egnatia'*, in cooperation with *All might Change*.

2014 – 2019 PhD Research Project · University of St. Gallen / Swiss National Foundation
'Transnational Black-Market Practices between Novi Pazar, Serbia, and Turkey: Re-Constructing Social Relations through the Prism of Šverc (Smuggling)'. Focus: ethnography; transnationalism; materiality; state effects.

2010 – 2013 MA Research Project · University of Kansas / Foreign Military Studies Office (FMSO) / Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) *'Social History of Interethnic Relations: A Case Study of Novi Pazar, Serbia'*.

FIELDWORK AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 – 2024 Vienna, Austria (multi-sited ethnography, 'PRIME project')

2019 – 2022 Switzerland (multi-sited ethnography, 'Mediating Belonging in Switzerland' project)

2019 – 2022 Schweizerisches Bundesarchiv, Schweizerische Nationalbibliothek, Schweizeirsche Osteuropa-Bibliothek, Bern (archival research 'Mediating Belonging in Switzerland' project)

2016 Albania – North Macedonia – Greece ('Via Egnatia on foot' project)

2015 National Library of Serbia, Belgrade (archival research 'Re-Constructing Social Relations through the Prism of *Šverc* (Smuggling')' project)

2012 – 2016 Novi Pazar, Serbia, and the greater Sandžak area, Serbia and Montenegro (multi-sited ethnography: November 2013; July 2014; June 2015; January 2016; May–July 2012, Re-Constructing Social Relations through the Prism of *Šverc* (Smuggling') project

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

- Kremmel, K., **King-Savić, S.**, & Sperneac-Wolfer, P. (2026). Regulated precarity: Ir/regularised migrant work and conditional rights in Austria (PRIME Working Paper, Project No. 101095113).
- **King-Savić, S**., & Kremmel, K. (2026). "Rights on Paper, Rights in Practice: How Europe Produces Irregular Work." Migration Policy Centre Blog, European University Institute.

Submitted

- **King-Savić, S.,** & Kremmel, K. "Discretion as Care: Participant Observation under Ethics Governance in Migration Ethnography." Under review, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (special issue guest-edited by Martin Ruhs and Albert Kraler).
- Kremmel, K., **King-Savić, S**., Karlsson, S., & Sperneac-Wolfer, P. "Problematising 'Regularity': Ir/regularisation Processes and the Production of Precarity for Migrant Workers across Europe." Under review, *Migration Studies* (special issue guest-edited by Martin Ruhs).

In Draft

- **King-Savić, Sandra**. Governing Exit: Legal Status and the Transnational Life of Migration Control (working title). Book proposal / Monograph.

- **King-Savić, Sandra**. 'Integration without Recognition'. Submission to *Citizenship Studies*.
- **King-Savić, S.** & Karolina Czerska-Shaw. 'The Shaping and Anchoring of Migrant Networks through Successive (Forced) Migration Patterns of Former Yugoslavs to Switzerland and Ukrainians to Poland: A Comparative Case Study.' Submission to *Comparative Migration Studies*.

Peer-Reviewed Monograph

- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2021). Forging Transnational Belonging through Informal Trade: Thriving Markets in Times of Crisis. London & New York: Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003022381
  - Review by Ognjen Kojanic in Economic Anthropology Volume 9, Issue 1 January 2022 https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/sea2.12227
  - Review by Nedim Hasić: "Preživjeti Miloševića - Kako je šverc robe iz Turske spasio Bošnjake Sandžaka" (Surviving Milošević - How smuggling from Turkey saved the Bosniaks of Sandžak) in Stav (Opinion) 21 February 2023 https://stav.ba/vijest/kako-je-sverc-robe-iz-turske-spasio-bosnjake-sandzaka/15332?fbclid=IwAR1ypnmvek-6BUgkMgF203tDgcsIa7MuEW7tSDY4f2LiM_pEECEucJ6fyNE

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (alphabetical) Enzerink, S., & **King-Savić, S**. (2026). Conditional Whiteness and the Grammar of Belonging: Race, Democracy and Illiberal Drift Across the United States and Eastern Europe at the US Semiquincentennial. *Comparative American Studies - An International Journal*, 1–13. https://doi.org/10.1080/14775700.2026.2689728.
- (alphabetical) Giannetto, L., Khan, A., Kibeida, Y., **King-Savić, S.**, Mahar, U., & Procter, C. (online first 2025 / in print 2026). Experts, not vulnerable: Centering dignity in research with irregularised migrants. Qualitative Research. https://doi.org/10.1177/14687941251377261
- Wanner, C., **King-Savić, S.**, Tosic, J., & Tarkhanova, O. (2023). On the Challenges of Engagement and Doing Ethnographic Research in Conflict Zones. *Ethnologia Polona*, 44.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2023). Who Belongs to the Swiss Body Politique — A Diaspora Perspective. *Frontiers of Political Sciences — Refugees and Conflict* 5:1145634. doi: 10.3389/fpos.2023.1145634
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2022). Conceptualizing Informal Practices as Solidarity-Chains — Diasporas Coming into Existence. *Tokovi Istorije* / Currents of History 30(3), 227–251. https://doi.org/10.31212/tokovi.2022.3.kin.227-251

Contributions to Edited Volumes

- **King-Savić, S**. (2025). 'Geto — "Tajni Život grada" as Visual Ethnography: Ethnographic Perspectives on Urban Identity, Space, and Resistance.' In Alexander Meienberger / Sandra King-Savić / Katharina Biegger (eds.), Mit Osteuropa denken: Kultur, Wissenschaft, Politik. Festschrift für Ulrich Schmid zum 60. Geburtstag. Frank & Timme.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2020). 'Voices of the Via Egnatia.' In Via Militaris Orta Kol, Orient Express, Autoput: Transformations of a Route, eds. Nenad Stefanov and Florian Riedler. De Gruyter.

Working Paper / Policy Brief

- **King-Savić, S**., Kremmel, K., & Sperneac-Wolfer, P. (2026). Regulated precarity: How Austria's institutional design produces migrant worker insecurity (RSC Policy Brief No. 2026/11). European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. https://doi.org/10.2870/7494454.
- **King-Savić, S.,** Kremmel, K., Karlsson, S., & Sperneac-Wolfer, P. (2026). Citizenship in practice among ir/regularised migrant workers: Access to labour rights and social protection in Europe (PRIME Research Paper). European University Institute, Migration Policy Centre. https://doi.org/10.2870/2698216.

Edited Volume

- Alexander Meienberger / **Sandra King-Savić** / Katharina Biegger (eds.) (2025). Mit Osteuropa denken: Kultur, Wissenschaft, Politik. Festschrift für Ulrich Schmid zum 60. Geburtstag. Frank & Timme.

Peer-Reviewed Review Articles

- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2022). Review of Paper Trails: Migrants, Documents, and Legal Insecurity, ed. Horton, S. B., & Heyman, J. Duke University Press, 2020. Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees 38(2), 1–3. https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.41062
- Kapetanović, Mišo and **Sandra King-Savić** (2020). Review of Everyday Life in the Balkans, ed. David W. Montgomery. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2018. Journal for Southeast Europe.

Doctoral Thesis

- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2019). Transnational Black-Market Practices between Novi Pazar, Serbia, and Turkey: Re-Constructing Social Relations through the Prism of Šverc (Smuggling). University of St. Gallen. https://www.alexandria.unisg.ch/handle/20.500.14171/99367

Other Publications

- (alphabetical) Argumentarium. Für ein Modernes Bürgerrecht. Ed. Kijan Espahangizi, **Sandra King-Savić**, Barbara von Rütte, and Sara Pinto Cardoso. Institut Neue Schweiz, 2024.
- **King-Savić, Sandra**. 'Spannungsfeld Integration.' In Argumentarium. Für ein Modernes Bürgerrecht. Institut Neue Schweiz, 2024.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2021). Editorial: Migration and Mobilities within the Yugosphere. Euxeinos, 3–6.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2021). 'Reframing Integration from the Perspective of those who Experienced Migration.' Euxeinos 31(5), 34–41.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2020). 'Integration aus der Perspektive von jugoslawischen Migranten.' Religion und Gesellschaft in Ost und West (Issues 2–3).
- **King-Savić, Sandra** & Tosic, Jelena (2019). 'Frauen auf der Flucht: Anerkennung jenseits von Viktimisierung.' Mitteilungsblatt (Issue 3), 4–5.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2017). Editorial: Islam in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe. Euxeinos (Issue 23), 3–5.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2017). 'Gespaltene islamische Gemeinschaft im Sandžak.' Religion und Gesellschaft in Ost und West (Issues 19–22).
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2017). 'Serbia's Sandžak: Caught Between Two Islamic Communities.' Euxeinos (Issue 23), 23–37.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2011). History and Identity within the Sandžak Region.

Newspaper Articles

- **King-Savić, S.**, & Bickhardt, P. (2026, October 24). 150'000 gegen Vučić: Serbiens Jugend will das alte Regime stürzen. CH Media / Schweiz Heute. https://www.schweizheute.ch/international/150000-gegen-vui-serbiens-jugend-will-das-alte-regime-stuerzen-ld.4255028.
- Bickhardt, P., & **King-Savić, S**. (2026, October 25). «Die Wahlbeteiligung wärmt mir das Herz»: Eindrücke eines historischen Sonntags in Serbien. CH Media / Schweiz Heute. https://www.schweizheute.ch/international/serbien-wahlen-hohe-beteiligung-und-hinweise-auf-betrug-ld.4255844.
- Hock, F., Bickhardt, P., & **King-Savić, S**. (2026, October 25). Serbiens Studenten stürzen Vučić – der gesteht seine Niederlage ein. St. Galler Tagblatt. https://www.tagblatt.ch/international/artikel-ld.4256038.

Digital Resources

- King-Savić, Sandra (2026, Juni 9). The Costume of Arithmetic, Institut Neue Schweiz (INES): https://www.institutnouvellesuisse.ch/De/Blog/471/The_Costume_of_Arithmetic.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** & Katrin Kremmel (2025, October 14). White card, irregular job: When legal rights fail migrants in Austria. Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute: https://migrationpolicycentre.eu/white-card-irregular-job-when-legal-rights-fail-migrants-in-austria/.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** (2021). It's not just football for the Swiss – citizenship, belonging and penalty shoot-outs. Migration Policy Centre: European University Institute. https://blogs.eui.eu/migrationpolicycentre/swiss-citizenship-belonging/.

- Binswanger Christa, Tosic Jelena & **King-Savić Sandra** (2020). Black Lives Matter – On the actuality of a movement. https://www.unisg.ch/en/newsdetail/news/black-lives-matter-on-the-actuality-of-a-movement/.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** & Serge Honegger. (2019). Scientific outreach project: Voices of the Via Egnatia: Eine AkustischeWanderung. https://viaegnatia.ch/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/20210704_Dossier-Via-Egnatia_E.pdf.
- **King-Savić, Sandra** & Joshua King (2017) "Voices of the Via Egnatia - Hiking the Via Egnatia from Durres, Albania, to Thessaloniki, Greece"; a project that captures impressions, images, soundscapes, and interviews along the historical route across the Balkan Peninsula. https://voicesoftheviaegnatia.wordpress.com.

Podcasts

- Anderson, Bridget (Host), **King-Savić, S.**, & Kindler, M. (Guests). (2025, March 25). The best of a bad job? (No. 3) [Audio podcast]. The PRIME Podcast. Spotify.
- Mateos, Inés (Host), Skenderovic, D., & **King-Savić, S**. (Speakers). (2025, March 4). Grosse Diaspora — Migration aus Ex-Jugoslawien [Audio podcast]. Geschichte(n) aus dem Schweizerischen Nationalmuseum.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

2026	Seedmoney / Anschubsfinanzierung · UZH Grants Office · **CHF25'000**
2023 – 2026	Horizon-CL2-2022 Transformations-01 Grant · PRIME Project (co-PI) · **CHF 492,605** Awarded through SERI. Coordinated by EUI Florence.
2025	Center for Governance and Culture in Europe · Oral History Workshop, New Europe College Bucharest · **CHF 8,000**
2021	Scientific Exchange Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence (Jan–May) · Swiss National Foundation · **CHF 10,000**
2020	Open Access Publication Grant · Forging Transnational Belonging through Informal Trade · Swiss National Foundation · **CHF 12,636**
2019 – 2022	International Postdoctoral Fellowship (IPF) · 'Mediating Belonging in Switzerland' · Basic Research Fund, University of St. Gallen · CHF **212,963**
2019	Workshop Grant · 'Samo Vjeran Pas?' · Basic Research Fund, University of St. Gallen (co-application with Laketa, Suncana and Tosic, Jelena) · **CHF 10,000**
2019	Grant · 'Voices of the Via Egnatia' · Landis & Gyr Foundation · **CHF 8,000**
2016	Grant · 'Voices of the Via Egnatia' · Landis & Gyr Foundation · **CHF 6,000**
2016	Grant · 'Voices of the Via Egnatia' · Ernst Göhner Foundation · **CHF 4,000**
2015 – 2018	SNF Fellowship · 'Transnational Black-Market Practices between Novi Pazar, Serbia, and Turkey' · Swiss National Foundation · **CHF 166,008**
2015 – 2016	Science Peer Mentoring Grant · Basic Research Fund, University of St. Gallen (co-coordinated with Dr. Alice Froidevaux) · **CHF 10,000**
2012 – 2013	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship · 'Social History of Interethnic Relations: A Case Study of Novi Pazar, Serbia' · CREES, University of Kansas · USD 38,000 + tuition and health insurance (**estimated annual costs USD19'001**)
Summer 2012	Foreign Military Studies Office (FMSO) Fellowship · Fieldwork, Novi Pazar · CREES, University of Kansas · USD 8,500
2011 – 2012	Foreign Military Studies Office (FMSO) Fellowship · MA project · CREES, University of Kansas · USD 38,000 + tuition and health insurance (**estimated annual costs USD19'001**)
2012	Prize · Transitions Online, Next in Line.eu Citizen Journalist Contest — Winner · photojournalist camera equipment
March 2010	Arts & Sciences Study Abroad Scholarship · Winter School in Brussels · International Studies Department, University of Wyoming · **USD 2,000**
March 2010	Dick and Lynne Cheney Scholarship · Winter School in Brussels · International Studies Department, University of Wyoming · **USD 2,000**

INVITED TALKS

- **Panel** / public discussion "Integration, Identität und gesellschaftliche Teilhabe" [Integration, Identity and Social Participation], Kurdish Culture Week, organized by Hevi Schweiz and the Kurdish Community Centre St. Gallen. Palace St. Gallen, 17 November 2026.
- **Panel** / public discussion following the screening of the documentary "Babyblu – A Last Memento" (directed by Edith Werffeli). Invited panelist on the cultural context of migration and memory. Filmpodium Zurich, organized by Kino Bosna, October 18, 2026.
- **Lecture**: "Integration from the Inside: What Migrants Have to Say about Participation." [Integration aus der Innensicht: Was Migrant:innen über Teilhabe zu sagen haben] Invited talk, networking event "Mitreden, mitgestalten, mitentscheiden? Teilhabe konkret denken," Office for Integration and Anti-Racism Basel-Stadt & Department of Integration Basel-Landschaft, Gare du Nord, Basel, 22 June 2026.
- **Panel discussion:** "Grosse Diaspora — Migration aus Ex-Jugoslawien", History Talks mit Damir Skenderović, moderiert von Inés Mateos, Landesmuseum Zürich, 04.03.2025.
- **Vortrag:** 'Die Konstruktion von nationalen Identitäten', Brown Bag Lunch, Direktion der Justiz und des Innern, Kanton Zürich, 04.02.2025.
- **Panel discussion:** "Wie geht gute Integration?", Aha — Ein Festival für Wissen, Kriens/Luzern, 24.01.2025.
- **Museumsgespräch:** 'Weiss — Die Benennung Unreiner Assoziationen', Textilmuseum St. Gallen, 13.04.2023.
- **Vortrag:** 'Die Zugehörigkeit zum Schweizer Body-Politique: Mobilitätsregime und Interdependenz zwischen dem West-Balkan und der Schweiz', Zürcher Hochschule der Künste, 03.04.2023.
- **Debatte:** Netzwerk-Treffen zum Thema politische Mitbestimmung von Menschen ohne Schweizer Bürgerrecht, kHaus Basel, 27.03.2023.
- **Vortrag:** 'Aus dem zerfallenen Jugoslawien in die Schweiz', Volkshochschule Zürich, 07.02.2023.
- **Vortrag:** 'Transnationale Praktiken von Diasporagruppierungen mit spezifischem Augenmerk auf den Balkan und die Schweiz', Hochschule Luzern, 31.01.2023.
- **Debatte:** INES Club #Neue Schweiz#, Reithalle Basel, 22.10.2022.
- **Vortrag:** SP-Sommerspaziergänge 'Gemeinsam am Langen Tisch', Sozialdemokratische Partei St. Gallen, 31.08.2022.
- **Presentation:** 'Integrating in Whose Name? An Emic Perspective of Experiencing Mobility and Integration', Dealing with the Violent Past: Transnational Dimensions and Diasporic Experiences, University of Zurich, 23–24 September 2021.
- **Presentation:** Book presentation, EUI Anthropology Working Group, Florence, 1 June 2021.
- **Vortrag:** 'Integrating in Whose Name?', Workshop zu Migration mit Inputs aus Kunst, Kultur und Wissenschaft, Center for Global Studies, Universität Bern, 15 Mai 2021 (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- **Presentation:** 'Reframing Integration: Building a New Paradigm Based on the Perspective of those who Experienced Migration', Kompaktkolloquium for PhD Candidates and Postdocs, University of Constance, 10 February 2020.
- **Vortrag:** 'Integration von Jugoslawischen Gastarbeitern und Asylsuchenden', Brown Bag Seminar, University of Graz, 7 January 2020.
- **Discussant:** 'Southern Steppe Frontiers and the Black Sea Region', Borderlands and Contact Zones in Ukraine and the Black Sea Region Conference, Vinnytsa, Ukraine, 12 September 2019.
- **Presentation:** 'Zur Integration in der Migrationsforschung', Doctoral Colloquium, Department of History, University of St. Gallen, 15 May 2019.
- **Presentation:** 'Mediating Belonging in Switzerland: Strategies of Integration Among Labor Migrants and Refugees from Yugoslavia', Migration Working Group — Labour Market | Integration of Migrants and Refugees, European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre, Florence, 26 March 2019.
- **Chair:** 'Liberalism in Yugoslavia: Before and After the Disintegration', 3rd Workshop Basler Arbeitskreis für Südosteuropa (BASO), University of Basel, 15 March 2019.
- **Lecture:** 'Introduction to Qualitative Data Collection', New Europe College, Bucharest, 28 February 2019.
- **Lecture:** 'Transnational Relations and Informal Markets in Post-Socialist Serbia', Summer School on Borderland Studies in East-Central Europe and the Black Sea Region, Kharkiv, Ukraine, 25 June – 6 July 2019.
- **Chair:** 'Are we still rocking the boat? Reflections on Gender Research as Critical Enquiry', Engendering Academia, University of St. Gallen, 5 June 2018.

- **Chair:** 'The Revolution Expands: Now and Then', One Hundred Years that Shook the World: Failures, Legacies and Futures of the Russian Revolution, University of St. Gallen, 6 October 2017.
- **Presentation:** 'Voices of the Via Egnatia', Landis & Gyr Foundation, Zug, Switzerland, 4 November 2016.

PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **Paper presentation**: Enzerink, S., & King-Savić, S. "Civilizational Grammars: Dialogues of Belonging between the US and Europe". Paper presentation at the SANAS Conference 2026: American Un/Freedoms, Swiss Association for North American Studies, University of Zurich, 5–6 November 2026.
- **Paper presentation**: "Race-Making in Transit: Descent-Based Ascription between Southeast Europe and Western European Labour Regimes" (working title). Invited talk, workshop "Categories of Descent-Based Difference: Race, Ethnicity, Religion, and Ethnoreligion," University of Bern, 27–28 October 2026.
- **Presentation**: "Deportable Bodies: Legal Status and the Transnational Afterlife of Migration Control." Presented at the Law and Humanities Summer School "Critical Times 2026: Bodies," Institute for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies (lucernaiuris), Faculty of Law, University of Lucerne, 6–10 July 2026.
- **Presentation**: "Lived Experiences of Access to Rights in Practice Among Migrants" at PRIME consortium meeting, Zagreb, May 2025.
- **Vortrag:** "Arbeitsmigration, Flucht und 'Integration' — Legale Fiktion starrer Migrationskategorien anhand der Jugoslawischen Migrationsbewegungen zwischen dem ehemaligen Jugoslawien und der Schweiz", Basler Arbeitskreis für Südosteuropa, 02.04.2025.
- **Moderation:** 'Temporary Protection Status S — What Comes Next?' with Simone Zurschmitten (Head of Resettlement Section, SEM) and Babak Fargahi (Dr. iur., Attorney-at-Law, RISE), 5th September 2024, Monte Verità, Ascona.
- **Presentation:** 'Patterns of Belonging: The Shaping and Anchoring of Migrant Networks through Successive Mixed Migration Patterns of Former Yugoslavs to Switzerland and Ukrainians to Poland', 4th September 2024, Monte Verità, Ascona (co-presentation with Karolina Czerska-Shaw, Jagiellonian University Warsaw).
- **Presentation:** 'Conceptualizing Relational Rights: Access to Rights and Services among Irregularized Migrants in Austria', 8th Conference on Migration Research in Austria, University of Innsbruck, 19 September 2024.
- **Presentation:** 21st IMISCOE Annual Conference 'Migration as a Social Construction: A Reflexive Turn', Lisbon, 2–5 July 2024. Panel 129: The Ethics of Researching Irregular Migration; Panel 171: Placing Skill: Displacement and Emplacement among Highly Skilled Refugees and Migrants in Post-Industrial Urban Europe.
- **Presentation:** 'Waves of Belonging', Human Mobility & Migration Lab, University of Groningen, 25–26 January 2024 (co-presentation with Karolina Czerska-Shaw).
- **Presentation:** 'Waves of Belonging', Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Society, University of Gothenburg, 22–24 November 2023 (co-presentation with Karolina Czerska-Shaw).
- **Presentation:** 'State of Trust: Irregularized Migrants in Europe', Workshop: Trusting the State? Law, Bureaucracies and Politics, University of Liège, 28–29 September 2023 (co-presentation with Usman Mahar, LMU/UNISG).
- **Presentation:** 'Conceptualization of Relational Political and Social Rights for Irregularized Migrants in Europe', PRIME Consortium Meeting, EUI Florence, 25–26 May 2023 (co-presentation with Sandra Karlsson, Uppsala University, and Usman Mahar).
- **Presentation:** 'Labels and Categories: Integrating Citizens into the Body Politique — A Diaspora Perspective', General ECPR Conference, Charles University, Prague, 4–8 September 2023.
- **Presentation:** 'Ethical Dilemmas in Recruiting, Sustaining Relationships with, and Disseminating Data Concerning Irregular Migrants', Beyond 'Vulnerable Populations', EUI Florence, July 2023 (co-presentation with Caitlin Procter, IHEID).
- **Presentation:** 'Ethical Dilemmas in research with irregularized migrants', IMISCOE Annual Conference, Warsaw, 3–6 July 2023 (co-presentation with Caitlin Procter, IHEID).
- **Roundtable:** 'The Migrant Researcher? Reflections on Academic Selves, Inequalities, and Epistemologies in Migration Studies', IMISCOE Annual Conference, Warsaw, 3–6 July 2023 (co-convened with Jelena Tošić).

- **Presentation:** 'Labels and Categories: Integrating Citizens into the Body Politique', Swiss Network for Law and Society Inaugural Conference, University of Lausanne, 15–16 October 2022.
- **Panel:** Public Discussion: State Responses to Immigration — Between I/liberalism and Willkommenskultur, Tbilisi, Georgia, 13 September 2022.
- **Presentation:** 'A Legal Genealogy of Creating Categories of Foreignness in Switzerland', New Dynamics of East-West Migration and Migrant Integration Within Europe and Beyond, University of Sussex, 15–16 November 2021.
- **Presentation:** 'Reframing Integration through Belonging', 18th IMISCOE Annual Conference, Luxembourg University, 7–9 July 2021.
- **Panel:** Post-Yugoslav Migration, 'Mediating Belonging in Switzerland', ASN World Convention, 5–8 May 2021 (co-convened with Mišo Kapetanović).
- **Panel:** Post-Yugoslav Migration, ASN World Convention, 6–8 May 2020 (co-convened with Mišo Kapetanović; cancelled due to Covid-19).
- **Presentation:** 'Solidarity Networks and Black Markets', The Informal & the Formal in Times of Crisis, University of the Peloponnese, Corinth, 7–9 July 2017.
- **Presentation:** 'Šverc: Black Markets in Southeastern Europe', Brownbag Seminar, Zentrum für Südosteuropa Studien, Universität Graz, 21 June 2016.
- **Presentation:** 'Šverc: Trade Under the Aegis of Transnational Relations Between Istanbul and Novi Pazar', 47th Annual ASEEES Conference, Philadelphia, 19–22 November 2015.
- **Presentation:** 'Transnational Relations amidst War, Nationalism, and Economic Hardship', 11th Congress of South-East European Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, 31 August – 4 September 2015.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- "USA: Trump-Anhänger sehen Schweiz als Vorbild für Migrationspolitik". Nau.ch, 5 November 2024.
- "Israel-Gaza-Krieg: Wie können Betroffene friedlich zusammenleben?" Nau.ch, 24 March 2024.
- "Migration: So erleben Einwanderer aus Ex-Jugoslawien die Ankunft in der Schweiz". 20 Minuten, 20 June 2023.
- "Schweiz: Asyl für Russische Kriegsdienst Verweigerer?" SRF 10vor10, 29 September 2022.
- "Früher ein beliebter Treffpunkt — heute kämpfen Ostschweizer Klubhäuser mit Nachwuchsproblem". Tagblatt, 9 April 2022.
- "Hassen sie sich da unten immer noch?" HSG Student Magazine Prisma, December 2018.

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS ORGANIZED

- **Stakeholder Workshop:** 'Protecting Irregularized Migrants in Europe — A Workshop for Political and Civil Society Stakeholders', Institut für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie, Universität Wien (co-organized with Katrin Kremmel and Paul Sperneac-Wolfer). 20. February 2026
- **Workshop:** 'Voices of the Past — Empowering Communities Through Oral History' (co-organized with Prof. Dr. Botakoz Kassymbekova and Daniel Ursprung), New Europe College, Bucharest, 2–6 February 2026.
- **Workshop:** Atlas.ti Training within the PRIME Framework, University of Zurich, 13–14 March 2025.
- **Stakeholder Workshop:** 'Protecting Irregularized Migrants in Europe — A Workshop for Political and Civil Society Stakeholders', Institut für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie, Universität Wien (co-organized with Usman Mahar).
- **Training Day:** 'Protecting Irregular Migrants in Europe' Training Day for Ethnographers and Anthropologists, EUI Florence, 27 September 2023 (co-organized with Caitlin Procter, EUI/IHEID).
- **Workshop:** 'Informal Practices in Southeastern Europe — Examples and Analyses', Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade, May 2022 (co-organized with Diana Mishkova, Constantin Ardeleanu, Vladan Jovanovic, and Katharina Biegger).
- **Symposium:** "Arada — Verbannt in eine Fremde Heimat", Kinok, St. Gallen, 29 November 2021.
- **Retreat:** HSG Doctoral Organization Studies Peer-Group Retreat, Appenzell, 3–5 September 2020 (co-organized with the SHSS Gender & Diversity Commission, University of St. Gallen).

- **Workshop:** 'Shades of Grey': Inquiries into Informal Practices in the Black Sea Region since the Eighteenth Century, New Europe College, Bucharest, 8–9 June 2020 (co-organized with Constantin Ardeleanu & Katharina Biegger; postponed due to Covid-19).
- **Workshop:** 'Samo Vjeran Pas?' — Post-Yugoslav Neoliberal Academic Selves and Possibilities of Knowing the Balkans Otherwise, University of St. Gallen, 5–7 February 2020 (co-organized with Sunčana Laketa, University of Neuchâtel, and Jelena Tošić, University of St. Gallen).
- **Symposium:** '(Post)Totalitarianism? Western Balkan Experiences', University of St. Gallen, 25 October 2019 (co-organized with Jelena Tošić).
- **Workshop:** Basler Arbeitskreis für Südosteuropa, University of St. Gallen, 3 April 2020 (co-organized with Ljiljana Reinkowski; cancelled due to Covid-19).
- **Winter School:** Intensive Winter Course in Research Methods, New Europe College, Bucharest, 28 February – 2 March 2019 (co-organized with Constantin Ardeleanu, University of Galati, and Katharina Biegger, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin).
- **Workshop:** 'Transnational Smuggling Networks: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Narratives about Illicit/Black/Second Markets in the Black Sea Region and Southeastern Europe', Center for Advanced Studies, Sofia, 19–21 October 2017 (co-organized with Vladan Jovanovic, Institute for Contemporary History, Serbia).
- **Retreat:** HSG Doctoral Organization Studies Peer-Group Retreat, Appenzell, 19–21 May 2016 (co-organized with Alice Froidevaux).

TEACHING

Spring 2027

- Migration und Mehrsprachigkeit · Co-teaching with Nanina Graf ·Deutsch · University of Zürich
- Languages and Culture: An Interdisciplinary Introduction · Co-teaching with Dr. Philip Gerard ·English · University of Zürich
- Migration and Society in Historical Change · English · University of St. Gallen

Fall 2026

- Labor Migration in and from Eastern Europe · Co-teaching with Dr. Jonathan Raspe · English · University of Zürich
- Geschichte: Migration und Gesellschaft im historischen Wandel · German · University of St. Gallen

Spring 2023 – present

- Introduction to Migration Studies · BA Mandatory Assessment Course · English · University of St. Gallen

Spring 2018 / 2022 / 2024 / 2026

- Imperium–Nation–Kommunismus: Zeitgenössische Interpretation von Nationalismus in Südosteuropa · BA & MA · German · Co-teaching with Dr. Partschefeld · Fieldschool: Serbia / North Macedonia / Re: Prospective PhD Candidate Inquiry Albania / Montenegro / Kosovo · Universities of Zurich and St. Gallen

Fall 2024 / 2025

- Race and Race-Making in Comparative Perspective · MA & Public Lecture · English · Co-teaching with Dr. Suzanne Enzerink · Universities of Zurich and St. Gallen

Spring 2021 / 2023

- In the Shadows — Economic Relationships, Politics and Practices Beyond State Law · MA · German · Co-teaching with Matias Dewey · University of St. Gallen

Fall 2018 / 2022

- Immigration, Flight, Expulsion — A History of Migration, 1650–2000 · BA Mandatory Assessment Course · German/English · University of St. Gallen

Fall 2020 / 2022

- Migrationsland Schweiz — Geschichte und Gegenwart der globalen Eidgenossenschaft · MA · German · Co-teaching with Prof. Dr. Caspar Hirschi · University of St. Gallen

Spring 2020

- Knowledge, Power, Culture — Rethinking (Former) Yugoslavia · MA · German · Co-teaching with Prof. Dr. Jelena Tošić · University of St. Gallen

Fall 2019

- Migration und Technologie im Spannungsfeld von Möglichkeit und Kontrolle · BA · German · Co-teaching with Dr. Jan Horstmann · University of St. Gallen

Fall 2019

- Russian and Turkish Soft Power in the Western Balkans · MA · German · Co-teaching with Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schmid · Fieldschool: Belgrade / Novi Pazar / Sarajevo · University of St. Gallen

---

ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE / ADMINISTRATION

2026 – present	Board Member, Medico Schweiz (to be officially confirmed June 2027)
2025 – present	co-president with Anisha Imhasli / Board Member, Institut Neue Schweiz (INES)
2025 – 2026	Member, Sounding Board 'Kantonaler Massnahmenplan gegen Rassismus', Fachstelle Integration, Kanton Zürich
2023	Mittelbau Representative, Basic Research Fund / Forschungskommission, University of St. Gallen
2016 – 2022	Mittelbau Representative, School for Social Sciences and Humanities, and Senate Representative, University of St. Gallen
2017 – 2024	Member, Gender and Diversity Commission, University of St. Gallen

Editorial and Scholarly Service

- Ethnopolitics – Taylor and Francis
- Ethnologia Polona – Scimago Journal
- Critique of Anthropology – SAGE Journals
- Journal für Kultur und Geschichte der Deutschen im östlichen Europa (JKGE) / Journal for Culture and History of the Germans in Eastern Europe
- Anniversary Fund of the City of Vienna for the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Review Editor, Dynamics of Migration and Immobility, Frontiers in Human Dynamics
- Editorial Team, Euxeinos Academic Journal
- Editorial Team, Argumentarium für ein neues Bürgerrecht, Institut Neue Schweiz (INES)