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Jelena Kupsjak has a PhD in Ethnology. Her primary interest is focused on questions of health, care, and wellbeing in the wide One Health framework encompassing cultural psychology, non-human wellbeing and cooperation and interdependence of species, disciplines, and nations. She is currently a Postdoc at the Department of Ethnology and Anthropology where she teaches Introduction to Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Medical anthropology and Ethnomedicine, and Economic Anthropology.

EDUCATION

2020. PhD in Ethnology, Dissertation: Cultural-anthropological analysis of politics of Mental Health in Croatia. Postgraduate Doctoral Study Program in Humanities, University of Zadar.

2012. MA. in Sociology and MA. in Ethnology and Anthropology. University of Zadar (mag.soc., mag.ethnol et anthrop.).

2010. Bachelors in Sociology and Pedagogy. University of Zadar. (univ. bacc.soc, univ. bacc.ped)

WORK EXPERIANCE

2021. to today – Postdoc at the Department of Ethnology and Anthropology. University of Zadar. Teaching: Introduction to Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Medical anthropology and Ethnomedicine, and Economic Anthropology: selected topics.

2012.-2024. – Editorial board of scientific journal [SIC] a Journal for Literature, Culture and Literary Translation, current position: reviews editor (open science)

2015. do 2021 – Teaching Assistant. Department of Ethnology and Anthropology. University of Zadar.

2015. – Expert Associate. Center for Culture Trešnjevka, Zagreb. Department for Sociocultural projects

PUBLICATIONS

Scientific papers

2024. Crowdfunding for Medical Expenses: Concerns and Implications., coauthors: Bojana Radovanović and Ljiljana Pantović. Sociologija. Vol. 66. No 2.

2022. “Žena, majka, kraljica”. O regulatornim učincima sreće./”Woman, mother, queen”. On regulatory effects of happiness. Etnološka tribina 52/45. <https://doi.org/10.15378/1848-9540.2022.45.10>

2017. „I am tired from all of these feelings...” – narrative of emotional breakup, suffering and willfulness, coauthors: Senka Božić Vrbanić, Renata Kokanović. Arts and Humanities in Higher Education (Online First), SAGE. eISSN: 1741265X | ISSN: 14740222.

2017. 'Gender Representation in Superhero Comic Books: The Case of Ms Marvel', coauthor: Zlatko Bukač, *Theorising the Popular* (urednik Michael Brennan). Cambridge Scholar Publishing. str. 150-166.

Expert papers

2022. Module – Mobilität (co-author: Danijela Birt Katić) u Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 332-336

2022. Verwandtschaft (co-author: Danijela Birt Katić) Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 307-311

2022. Umwelt in der heutigen Zeit (co-author: Danijela Birt Katić) Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 303-307

2022. Repräsentation (co-author: Danijela Birt Katić) Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 284-288

2022. Kolonialismus (co-author: Danijela Birt Katić) Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 247-250

2022. Identität (koautorice: Danijela Birt Katić; Ena Grbić) Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 237-241

2022. Feldforschung (co-author: Danijela Birt Katić) Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 222-226

2022. Ethnozentrismus (co-author: Danijela Birt Katić) Einführung in die Bildungsanthropologie Ein Lehrbuch / Markom, Christa ; Tošić, Jelena (ed.). Wien: new academic press, 2022. str. 219-221

2021. Review. Feral Atlas. The More-Than-Human Anthropocene, Anna Tsing, Jannifer Deger, Alder Keleman Saxena i Feifei Zhou, Etnološka tribina. 51/44.

2019. Concepts: Colonialism, Environment, Storytelling, Representation. and Modul: Relations. For web platform „TRANSCA – Translating Socio-Cultural Anthropology in to education“. Publisher: Erasmus + and University Vienna. (access: <https://www.transca.net/en/>)

2019. Review. Anna Tsing, Heather Swanson, Elaine Gan i Nils Bubandt, ed.: Arts of Living on a Damaged Planet. Studia ethnologica Croatica, Vol. 31 No. 1

2018. Review. Ken Gale, Madness as Methodology. Bringing Concepts to Life in Contemporary Theorising and Inquiry (Abingdon: Routledge 2018). The Polyphony. <https://thepolyphony.org/2019/02/12/madness-as-methodology-review/>

2013. Reprzentacija heroina u video-igrama: Vizualna analiza fenomena Lare Croft (co-author: Zlatko Bukač.). Casca – Časopis za društvene nauke, kulturu i umetnost, Broj 1, Godište 2.

EDITOR

2023 Editor of special issue “Videogames as a Common Ground”, [SIC] a Journal for Literature, Culture and Literary Translation, Publisher: University of Zadar. eISSN 1847-7755 (<https://www.sic-journal.org/>)

2021 Editor of “Political lexicon: Pandemic”/„Političkog leksikona: pandemije“, Bilingual. Publisher: Center for Social Sciences and Humanities. Zadar. ISSN 2806-6693 (<https://www.politicki-leksikon.com/>)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2023. “Public health pedagogy in juxtaposition: what does it mean to participate?” Solidarity and Support in the Postwelfare Era, Institute for Ethnology and Anthropology, Faculty of Sciences, Sts.Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje

2022. „Pedagogies of optimism: public health campaign Living Healthy.” Visual in ethnology and cultural anthropology. Yearly conference of Croatian Ethnological Society. Zagreb. 20.-21. 10.2022.

2021 Literature in Štampar’s vision of Public Health. „Književnost u Štamparovoj viziji javnog zdravstva“, 9. Zadar Philological Days. University of Zadar

2021 Reading workshop „Politics and ethics of care“. Solidcare Lab, Institute for Philosophy and social theory, Belgrade. March-May.

2021 „National Intimacy and Humanitarian Reason: Ethnographic Fragment of Psychiatric Hospital“, IUAES 2020. Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and Next Generation Anthropology. Online conference.

2019 Workshop „TRANSCA – Translating Socio-Cultural Anthropology into Education” Learning Teaching and Training Activity, University of Zadar

2018 „Fountain of Happiness; Insidious Trauma, Women and Mental Health in Croatia”, 9. InASEA conference “Emotions, Senses and Affect in the context of Southeast Europe”, University of Zadar.

2017 „Traumatic narratives and the politics of sentimentality”, Ways of Dwelling, 13. SIEF congress, Gottingen.

2016 „I am tired from all of these feelings...’ – narrative of emotional breakup, suffering and willfulness”, Broken narratives and the lived body, University Monash, Prato Center, Prato.

2015 'Rise and fall and fall and rise of Carol Danvers: Visual and discourse analysis of female superhero Ms Marvel' (coauthor: Zlatko Bukač), Theorising the Popular, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool.

2015 „Theoretical and Methodological Considerations for Researching Psychiatry and Psychiatric illness in Croatia. /Teorijske i metodološke postavke istraživanja psihijatrije i psihičkih bolesti u Hrvatskoj”. Cultural process and research discussions. „Kulturni procesi i istraživačke rasprave” Institut for Ethnology and Folkloristics. Zagreb.

2013 Workshop „Politics of difference” as part of „Globalisation and politics of cultural difference” project by Senke Božić Vrbančić i University of Zadar.

2012 „Politics of Forgetting: Some Examples from Croatia” at „Re-Thinking Humanities and Social Sciences: The Politics of Memory”, University of Zadar

2011 „Place and non-place: Caffe and Gallery Đina” at „Re-Thinking Humanities and Social Sciences: The Zone and Zones – Radical spatiality in our Times”, University of Zadar

2011 „REDacture: Transyugoslavian feminisms and women’s heritage. /REDaktura: Transjugoslavenski feminizmi i žensko nasljeđe”. Cenatar for Women studies and National fund for development of Civil Society. Zagreb.

2011 Seminar „Feminisms in a Transnational Perspective: Woman's self – authoring in words and action”, IUC, Dubrovnik.

2011 „Laclau, Mouffe, Spivak: In search of the unwanted Subject” . Divided Societies XIV.: Research, methodology, ethics”, Dubrovnik, IUC.

2011 Seminar „EU in focus”. Ministry of exterior and European integration. Impact Center. Zadar.

2010 „Discourses about the Balkans among MA students of Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Zadar” (coauthor: Zlatko Bukač and Atila Lukić), Divided Societies XIII; Structures and Emotions, Dubrovnik, Hrvatska.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE

2024 Bodily Autonomy and Horror /Tjelesna autonomija i horor. Fjaka Film Festival. Sv. Filip Jakov. 6.05.2024.

2022 Open Talks. Mental Health: Medical anthropologist Peter Locke and Jelena Kupsjak talk. Solid Care Lab. Institute for philosophy and social theory, University of Belgrade. 9. December 2022. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_hQT2mLSCM)

2022 Sound of Thought #12 Medical Anthropology. Jelena Kupsjak i Ljiljana Pantović. ([podcast](#) or [YouTube](#)). Podcast Institute for philosophy and social theory. University of Belgrade.

2022. Cruel optimism of “positive” mental health. Health public forum of Institute of Ethnology and Folkloristic, Zagreb. 14.06.2022.

2022. Sexuality and Culture/Seksualnost i kultura XI. Days of Sexuality. Department of Psychology and Casper. Rectors Palace. Zadar. 12.05.2022.

2021 In the Ruins of Transition. Ethnography of (Mental)Health in Croatia. /U ruševinama tranzicije. Etnografija (mentalnog)zdravlja u Hrvatskoj. Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory Belgrade. 22.11.2021

INVITED LECTURES

2023 “Medical Anthropology. Engaged Perspectives on Health” at the 4th Summer School of Social Engagement and Democracy, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade.

2023 “Environmental humanities: an interdisciplinary and international perspective“ with Ariel Salleh, University of Sydney (Australia) and Nelson Mandela University (South Africa) and Karen Vollum Dix, Leeds Beckett University (UK). Environmental humanities at Beiwai College, Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) in China. Organized by Goran Đurđevića.

2022 „Possibilities of Medical Anthropology and Health System in Croatia. / Mogućnosti medicinske antropologije i zdravstveni sustav u Hrvatskoj“ lecture for fifth year medical students in Gynecological clinic. Novi Sad. Class of dr. Aleksandre Vejnović.

PROJECTS

2023-2027 Member of Cost Action: National, International and Transnational Histories of Healthcare, 1850-2000 (EuroHealthHist), Working Group: Heritage and Public Engagement

2024-2027 Associate on a project “Intrapolitical Practices and Changes: From the 1990s to Lived Futures (INFRA)”. Funded by European Union. Next Generation EU. Project lead: Orlanda Obad, Institute for Ethnology and Folkloristics.

2023 Recipient of the Wenner-Gren Foundation Workshop Grant. “In the Frictions: Fragments of Care, Health and Wellbeing in the Balkans”, 27-29 April. Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Zadar and Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

2022 Recipient of the Erasmus + staff training mobility at the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

2018–2020 Associate on a project “TRANSCA – Translating Socio-Cultural Anthropology in to Education” (2018.–2020.). Financed by Erasmus+ program. Lead on the project: Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology. University Vienna. KA2 activity. (<https://transca.univie.ac.at/project/>)

2017–2018 Associate on a project for popularization of science “Ethnology for Schools 2017-2020”. Funded by Ministry of Sciences and Education.

2014 Project Lead. “Research on perceptions of personal safety, police, and public space in City of Zadar.” Center for Social Sciences and Humanities. Funded by City of Zadar.

2010- 2014 Organizational committee and management of yearly international Conference Re-thinking Humanities and Social Sciences at University of Zadar.

2012 today Editorial board of online scientific journal [SIC] – Journal for Literature, Culture and Literary Translation. <http://www.sic-journal.org/> current position: review editor, past positions: executive editor

2011 Lead researcher “Youth needs in City of Zadar” by Center for Social Sciences and Humanities and Youth Council of Zadar.

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES

2023 Organizing committee and administration of the international conference “In the Frictions: Fragments of Care, Health and Wellbeing in the Balkans”, Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Zadar and Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade. At UNIZD, 26th-29th April 2023.

2022 Organizing committee and administration of the international conference “Videogames as a Common Ground”. Department of ethnology and anthropology and Department of Anglistics. University of Zadar. 2.-3. September 2022. Online conference.

2021. Organizing Committee of the conference "City: Work - from Home to Destination". Anthropology and Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Zadar, 21.-22. October 2021.

2018 Organizing Committee of the 9th InASEA Congress "Emotions, Senses and Affects in the Context of Southeast Europe". September 27-30, 2018.

2017 Organizing Committee of the interdisciplinary international conference "Market, Territoriality and Culture", University of Zadar.

2016 Administrative support for the organization of the conference "Broken narratives and the lived body", Monash University Prato Center, Italy.

2016 Organizing Committee of the conference "You go further" - Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Zadar, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Philosophy Zagreb, HED.

2013 Organizing Committee of the International Conference Re-Thinking Humanities and Social Sciences: On Violence held at the University of Zadar. Keynotes: Mark Devenney (University of Brighton) and Fred Botting (University of Kingston, London)

2012 Organizing Committee of the International Conference Re-Thinking Humanities and Social Sciences: The Politics of Memory held at the University of Zadar. Keynotes: Lauren Berlant (University of Chicago, USA) and Laura Mulvey (University of London).

2011 Organizing Committee of the International Conference Re-Thinking Humanities and Social Sciences: Radical Spatiality in Our Times held at the University of Zadar. Keynotes: Edward Soja (UCLA) and Brandon LaBelle (Bergen National Academy of the Arts).

2010 Organizing Committee of the International Conference Re-Thinking Humanities and Social Sciences held at the University of Zadar. Keynotes: Eric Santner (University of Chicago, USA) and Stipe Grgas (Faculty of Philosophy, Zagreb, University of Zagreb).

MEMBERSHIPS

2016/2024 International Association for Southeast European Anthropology

2016/2024 International Society for Ethnology and Folklore

2016/2024 Croatian Ethnological Society

2011/2024 Center for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities, Zadar. Main board.

2013/2015 Senate of the University of Zadar, Postgraduate student representative

2007/2012 Club of students of sociology "Antifjaka", Vice president

2008/2010 Student Union, Vice president

2008/2010 Senate of the University of Zadar, Undergraduate and Graduate student representative

SUPERVISIONS

2024 Supervisor to Ela Lipanović for the MA theses; Job as (self)fulfilment: imagination of future of students of ethnology and anthropology/ Posao kao (samo)ostvarenje: imaginacije budućnosti studenata antropologije i etnologije. Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Zadar, Zadar.

2023 Supervisor to Jette Bloom, undergrad student of anthropology, University of Gottingen. Student internship: administrating the conference “In the Frictions: Care, Health and Wellbeing in the Balkans”.

2023 Supervisor to Mara Narančić for the MA theses; Problematizing the field in Digital Anthropology/Problematiziranje terena u digitalnoj antropologiji. Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Zadar, Zadar.
