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CV of the researcher

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Research position.

- 01/09/2025 - current** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship, Post-doctoral research Fellow, University of Genève, Faculty of Political Science, Department of Political science and international relations (SPERI), Institute for Citizenship Studies
- 20/12/2024 - 20/04/2025** Visiting Researcher, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory - IFDT Belgrade (Serbia) & Centre for Advanced Studies SE Rijeka (Croatia)
- 30/05/2014 - 10/06/2021** Environmental Expert, Department for Ecology, Institute for Public Health
- 30/05/2014 - 30/05/2018** Expert for International Cooperation and digital media, Institute for Public Health

Leadership & Civic Engagement

- 14/02/2020- current** Founder & President, Rivers of Bosnia and Herzegovina – “Be the Change” One of the largest civic eco-initiatives in the Western Balkans (62,000+ members), generating millions of online engagements and concrete policy influence.
- 14/10/2022 - 15/05/2025** Founder & Director, UDEG – Association of Social Ecological Boundaries (Political ecology).

Academic position

- 01/09/2014 – 01/02/2019** External Lecturer (Ecology- Expert in the field), University of Zenica

Selected Consultancy & Policy Engagement

- 01/03/2025 - current** Horizon Europe: Lead Consultant, “*Krivaja is our Treasure*” (UDEG & Municipality Olovo), part of the Danube Region Water Lighthouse Action (HORIZON – MISS-2021-OCEAN-02).
- 25/05/2025 - current** CEE Bank watch Network: Consultant on environmental monitoring and motorway construction impacts (Czech Republic).
- 03/05/2025 – 20/11/2025** Policy Studies: External consultant for *Critical Mineral Resources in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (CPU) and *Social-ecological transformation in B&H* (HBS Germany)
- 30/05/2022 - 01/09/2023** International Organizations: Consultant for UNDP (TOR methodology), IREI (sustainable development), and HELVETAS Swiss Anticorporation (community participation, Belgrade).

EDUCATION

2019 - 17/07/2024 PhD in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, Global Studies PhD program

2009 - 07/01/2013 Master of Public Health and Management, University of Zenica

Additional certified trainings:

2009 - 21/08/2024 Participatory Democracy Washington (CDA, 2024). Political Ecology (Belgrade, 2021), GIS (2021), Digital Marketing Institute (DMI Dublin, 2016), EU Project Cycle Management (2015), Faculty of Pedagogy - pedagogy, psychology, didactics, methodology (2010)

PUBLICATION

Journal articles.

- Hibert, M., Kulenović, F., Kubat, S. (2025) Degrowth Doughnut in Libraries, Lida conference Libraries in the digital age – LIDA Dubrovnik – in progress
- Hayes, S., Jandrić, P., la Velle, L., Earle, S., Srajer, F., Dragić, Z., Kubat, S., Peraica, A., Švraka, D., Popović, S., Mumelas, D., Pospíš, D., Vujanović, B., Lugović, S., Jopling, M., Tolbert, S., & Watermeyer, R. (2024). Postdigital Citizen Science and Humanities: Dialogue from the Ground. *Postdigital Science and Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42438-024-00514-z>
- Kubat, S. (2022). Digital activism on the example of the group Rivers of Bosnia and Herzegovina "Be the change" Journal of librarians of Croatia, special edition 115, dedicated to media and information literacy, <https://doi.org/10.30754/vbh.65.2.963>
- Kubat, S., Goletic, R. (2018). Environmental and health effects of inadequate disposal of animal waste in Ze-Doboj canton. "EMFM 2018" Zenica, BiH, 14-16.11.2018 <https://unze.ba/en/emfm-2018-conference-collection-of-abstracts-and-proceedings/>
- Durmisevic, S., Kubat, S., & Durmisevic, J., Lelic, M. (2015). The influence of monitoring of safe drinking water on the movement trend of microbiological and physical-chemical quality of drinking water in the Areas of Zenica-Doboj canton during period of 1997-2011/ Quality 2015
- Durmisevic, S., Kubat, S., & Durmisevic J. (2013). Air pollution effect on the malignant disease mortality rate in the city of Zenica. "Trends in the Development of Machinery and Associated Technology" <https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/document?repid=rep1&type=pdf&doi=b367827ff58f9ae8d0f8c556988c37edb6e05e18>

Books and policy studies

- Kubat, S. (2025). The Balkan Doughnut: Exploring Pathways to Green Transformation, IFDT Belgrade <https://recas.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/The-Balkan-Doughnut.-Exploring-Pathways.pdf>
- Kubat, S. (2025), Mining and Just Transition – The Case of the Brown Coal Mine Zenica, HBS | Heinrich Böll Stiftung | Sarajevo - Bosna | Herzegovina | North Makedonija
- Kubat, S. (2024a). Analysis of the 132-Year Lifecycle of Zenica industry: The Case of Cookers, HBS Sarajevo. 1 | Heinrich Böll Stiftung | - Bosnia and Herzegovina, (boell.org)
- Kubat, S. (2023). *Waste Management Roadmap*. Publisher: UDEG Zenica.
- Kubat, S. (2023a). *Register of Illegal Dumpsites in the Zavidovici City Area*. UDEG, Zenica
- Kubat, S. (2022b). *Eco manual for the new eco era, intended for teachers and students, within the project be eco, to be someone*. JU INZ.
- Kubat, S. (2022c). *Study of the impact of pollutant emissions from home fireplaces on air pollution in the ZDK area*. JU INZ.

- Kubat, S., Goletic, R., & Berisa-Fazlagić, A. (2019). *Study- Animal waste from poultry farms—From a problem to a usable resource*", JU Institute for Public Health.
- Kubat, S., Tokić, M., Heganovic, I., Piljug, L., Sinanović, D., Sinanović, A., Delibašić, N., & Ugarak, M. (2018). *Youth Policy Strategy in The Zenica Dobož Canton Area 2018-2022, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FBiH, Zenica Dobož canton. Strategija_omladinske_politike_2018-2022.pdf* (zdk.ba)

Popular science

- Kubat, S. (2024). What is the doughnut economy model? Can it offer salvation for BiH? | Heinrich Böll Stiftung | HBS-Sarajevo - Heinrich Boll Stiftung. <https://ba.boell.org/bhs/2024/04/01/sta-je-model-ekonomija-krafne-moze-li-ponuditi-spas-za-bih>
- Kubat, S. (2022b). The Rivers of Bosnia Herzegovina: Ecology as a unifying ideology. The Radicals. <https://www.theradicals.org/articles-1/2022/8/8/the-rivers-of-bosnia-herzegovina-ecology-as-a-unifying-ideology>

In preparation (Springer book, Pendulum book)

- Kubat, S. (October 2025), *Death of Zenica's Industry: End of One Era, Beginning of Another*, Pendulum Books
- Kubat, S. (February, 2026), *Socio-ecological boundaries; Pathway to societal transformation*, Springer Nature (PDSE)

Article reviews

18/12/2024 Reviewer for Swiss Political Science Review

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 13/08/2025** Speaker (public lecture) in Mostar, OKC Abrašević, Balkan Economy Devrek
- 03/07/2025** Lecturer; Green Summer School organized by Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Banja Luka – Presentation of case studies of the Doughnut Model: Belgrade, Rijeka, and Zenica, as well as the presentation of the case study 'Coke Plant and Mines – Just Transition Module
- 04/11/2024** Lecture: Political ecology and Macedonian Doughnut Economy model in Skopje, organized by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation
- 21/06/2024** Lecturer at BHAAAS, Sustainable Urban Planning, taking place from June 20-23, 2024, in Sarajevo. "Beyond Property Prices: Uniting Real Estate Appraisal and New Local Development Paradigm."
- 23/01/2024** Guest Lecture to doctoral students at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo on the topic "Doughnut Economics Methodology," Scientific Research Methodology course.
- 09/12/2023** Speaker (public lecture) in Mostar, OKC Abrašević, on the topic: Socio-Ecological Metabolism on the Topic of Bosnian Doughnut, as part of the 16 Days of Activism
- 07/12/2023** Speaker on the panel: Ecology and Technology - Doom or Gloom? Held in Maribor, MMC KIBLA, with Tomislav Medak, Robertina S., and Aleksandar Matković
- 23/8/2023** 9th global conference "Degrowth" Zagreb - People-planet-Care" in the period from August 28, 2023, to September 3, 2023
- 14/05/2023** Conference "The Digital Green Society," organized by the Share Foundation in Belgrade.
- 20/02/2023** Representative of UNESCO from B&H, at the global conference "Digital4Trust" in Paris (France), within the social media 4 Peace project

- 27/08/2022** Green Academy at VIS Croatia, organized by IPE (Institute for Political Ecology HR.) Archipelagos in movement.
- 06/07/2022** Lecturer; Political ecology and green- transition Panelist on the green summer school, organized by Heinrich Boll Stiftung Sarajevo, Vlašić
- 26/05/2022** Speech in front of the Deputy Secretary General of the UN, in Banja Luka, - preparation of a global communication strategy
- 15/03/2022** Lecturer: Doughnut methodology - circular economy and the role of public health in political ecology, within the "COI STEP BY STEP" Sarajevo, intended for teachers.
- 06/02/2022** Lecturer act community Belgrade - Strengthening civil activism in the Western Balkans, conference, Helvetia's, SDC, ACT, CITIZEN INITIATIVES
- 12/02/2021** Lecturer: "Private-public-common", organized by the Association for Culture and Art "Crvena", in the Olympic Museum, lecture on "Water Management in B&H."
- 30/11/2021** Information and media literacy "The end of the digital beginning" organized by the Faculty of Political Sciences, Institute for Social Research UNSA, under the auspices of UNESCO-EU, Lecturer: with the topic "Digital activism in social-ecological borders “
- 15/07/2021** "Moving of the movements", Belgrade, within the Green Horizons Academy the Good story, organized by Pole Kol, Belgrade

ORGANISED PANELS AND WORKSHOP (SELECTED)

- 03/07/2025 - 07/07/2025** Workshop: Green Summer School, Banja Luka (B&H). Co-organized in cooperation with Heinrich Böll Stiftung Sarajevo Office
- 02/04/2025 - 04/04/2025** Workshop– Roundtable *Global Upheavals, Local Struggles: European and Western Balkan Responses to Geopolitical Turmoil*, Vienna. Co-organized at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), on behalf of CAS SEE
- 03/04/2025** Panel: Seminar *Socio-Ecological Boundaries of New Extractivism*, online. Co-organized with Prof. Mario Hibert (RECAS Fellowship Program, CAS SEE)
- 04/11/2024** Workshop on the Macedonian Doughnut Economy Model, Skopje. Organized with Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Vedran Horvat, and Predrag Momčilović
- 19/04/2024 - 21/04/2024** Workshop in Zagreb, Citizen Science organized by the University of Technology Zagreb and the University of Bath UK
- 20/06/2024 - 23/06/2024** Panel *Sustainable Urban Planning*, BHAAAS International Conference, Sarajevo. Co-organized with Amra Fetahović. Panel: “*Beyond Property Prices: Uniting Real Estate Appraisal and New Local Development Paradigm*” (also speaker)

SELECTED PROJECTS MANAGEMENT

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| 01/03/2025 –Current | Lead expert coordinator; Title; “Krivaja is our treasure” by UDEG and Municipality Olovo, Danube Region Water Lighthouse Action – Call-HORIZON – MISS-2021-OCEAN-02, Founded by European Union |
| 15/06/2023 - 20/02/2024 | Collaborator on the project: Geno toxicological research, DNA changes caused by air pollution. The project is carried out by the Eco Forum Zenica support through the "Think about Nature" project OSCE mission. |
| 01/05/2023 - 01/11/2023 | Project manager "No litter more – Waste management in Zavidovići", co-financed by the Swiss Embassy in B&H |
| 01/03/2022 - 01/03/2023 | Project manager "To be someone, be eco" - Co-financed by the Environmental Protection Fund, Implementer JU Institute for Health and Food Safety Zenica |
| 01/03/2021 - 01/03/2022 | Project manager, Register of pollutants from home fireplaces in ZDK, and their impact on the air, FB&H Environmental Protection Fund |
| 07/06/2017 - 21/10/2019 | Project consultant, Clean River Bosnia, a project co-financed by the American Embassy |

FIELDWORK RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

For the past seven years I have been in the field almost every day, combining activism and academia. I founded an environmental movement that now counts 62,000 members. I am continuously engaged in developing social innovations.

MEMBERSHIPS

Regional Alliance for the Protection of Balkan Rivers, Social Media 4 Peace Coalition, People in Power Network, EBF.

MEDIA & OUTREACH

Over 100 authored articles and interviews, and 1,000+ media appearances, including DW, BBC, Al Jazeera, EuroBlic, Klix, and N1. Featured in multiple documentaries (FTV, DW, FACE TV).

FUNDING

ESKAS Postdoctoral Fellowship, Development of a transformative citizen-participatory doughnut model as a potential for social ecological policies, 2025
RECAS FELLOW, IFDT UNIVERSITY BELGRADE, Transformative Balkan Doughnut, 2024

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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| 2024 | Philanthropic Heart Award - FTY |
| 2023 | UNESCO PEACE CHAMPION |
| 2022 | UNESCO PEACE CHAMPION |
| 2022 | ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION - GREEN EU AWARD |
| 2021 | ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION - GREEN EU AWARD |