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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 Olov), 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., Pospiš, 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., Goletić, 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., Goletić, 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., Heganović, I., Piljug, L., Sinanović, D., Sinanović, A., Delibašić, N., & Ugarak, M. (2018). *Youth Policy Strategy in The Zenica Doboј Canton Area 2018-2022, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FBiH*, Zenica Doboј 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 Böll 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

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

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