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AREAS OF INTEREST | EXPERTISE

I am a cultural anthropologist using comparative approaches to study social organization in eastern Mediterranean prehistory. My work sits at the intersection of socio-cultural anthropology, archaeology, and bioanthropology. I use qualitative, controlled comparisons of archaeological and ethnographic evidence to explore broader patterns in prehistoric social organization. My research interests include household and political organization, cross-cultural perspectives on kinship and gender, and critical perspectives on ancient DNA research. I have experience in both academic and public-facing museum settings.

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. (Social and Cultural Anthropology), University of Vienna, Austria, Dissertation: *Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin* (Chair: Dr. Andre Gingrich).
- 2015 M.A. (Social and Cultural Anthropology), University of Vienna, Austria.
- 2012 B.A. (Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2023–2026 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Postdoctoral Fellow**, Field Museum of Natural History, Negaunee Integrative Research Center, Anthropology, Chicago, IL; Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Vienna, Austria (10/2025–09/2026)
- 2021–2023 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Vienna, Austria
- 2020–2021 **Junior Fellow**, University of Art and Design Linz, International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK), Vienna, Austria
- 2016–2020 **Doctoral Researcher**, University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Research Fellow, Vienna, Austria

KEY PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025–2029 **Research Associate**, Field Museum of Natural History, Negaunee Integrative Research Center, Anthropology, Chicago, IL
- 2025–2028 **Research Associate**, American Museum of Natural History, Division of Anthropology, New York, NY
- 2023–2026 **Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Anthropology, Chicago, IL
- 2023 **Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar**, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department ‘Anthropology of Economic Experimentation’, Halle/Saale, Germany (1 month)
- 2021 **Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar**, Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens, Athens, Greece (3 months)
- 2019 **Visiting Doctoral Scholar**, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department 'Resilience and Transformation in Eurasia', Halle/Saale, Germany (6 months)
- 2010–2011 **ERSAMUS Undergraduate Exchange Student**, Yeditepe University, Anthropology Department, Istanbul, Türkiye (6 months)

EXTERNAL FUNDING (Approx. \$1,2 million in third-party funding acquired by 09/2025)

- 2024 **School for Advanced Research**, [Advanced Seminar](#), seminar title: “Reimagining Descent Apropos Archaeogenetics: New Interdisciplinary Perspective” [with Peter M. Whiteley (American Museum of Natural History)], Santa Fe, NM, United States (scheduled for May 2026) Funding for ten participants for 5 days, travel, accommodations, and meals (approx. \$50,000)
- 2024 **Fritz Thyssen Foundation**, [Conference](#), conference title: “Beyond Genetics: Exploring Non-Biological Kinship in Prehistoric Times” [with Ana Herrero-Coral, S. Cveček, and K. Rebay-Salisbury], (€ 10,000.00)
- 2023 **European Commission**, [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellowship](#), project application: “[X-KIN](#): Exploring patterns of prehistoric kinship from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives” [PI: S. Cveček], (€ 294,284.64)
- 2023 **Austrian Academy of Sciences**, [APART-GSK Postdoctoral Fellowship](#), project application: “(Un)Related: Contextualizing Neolithic non-biological relations from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives” [PI: S. Cveček], (€ 328,000 – declined due to MSCA Global Fellowship)
- 2023 **Gerda Henkel Foundation**, [Gerda Henkel Stiftung Forschungstipendium](#), project application: "So close, yet so far: Contextualizing non-biological relations in Anatolian and Balkan Neolithic from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives" [PI: S. Cveček], (€ 55,200 – declined after five months due to MSCA Global Fellowship)
- 2022 **Austrian Academy of Sciences**, [Open Access Fund](#) (€ 4,153.26)

- 2021 **University of Vienna**, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Printing Costs (1,000€)
- 2020 **Austrian Academy of Sciences**, [Post-DocTrack Fellowship](#) (85076), project application: “Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin”, [PI: S. Cveček], (€ 38,000)
- 2020 **Austrian Academy of Sciences**, [Athens Fellowship](#), project application: “Re-exploring matrilineal societies in Aegean prehistory” [PI: S. Cveček], (€ 6,500)
- 2020 **University of Ljubljana**, [Tuma Fellowship](#), (€ 4,500)
- 2020 **International Research Center for Cultural Studies**, [IFK Junior Fellowship](#), Vienna (€ 40,000 – declined after 5 months due to Post-DocTrack Fellowship)
- 2020 **Austrian Research Foundation (ÖFG)**, [Travel Grant](#), (€ 500)
- 2018 **Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeaD)**, [Marietta Blau Grant](#), project application: „Early Bronze Age Maritime Networks: Elite or non-elite exchange“, [PI: S. Cveček] (€ 12,000)
- 2016 **Austrian Academy of Sciences**, [DOC-team Fellowship](#) (70291), project application: “The Role of Households at the Dawn of the Bronze Age: Contextualizing Social Organization” [PI: S. Cveček, Stephanie Emra, Maria Röcklinger, and Constanze Moser], (€ 114,000)
- 2013 **University of Vienna**, [Research Grant](#) for M.A. fieldwork (€ 3,000)

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED BOOKS

Cveček, Sabina

- 2022 *Çukuriçi Höyük 4: Household economics in the Early Bronze Age Aegean*, Oriental and European Archaeology 25, Austrian Academy of Sciences Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1553/978OEAW87332>

Book Review: Journal of Near Eastern Studies, vol. 84, no 1, 2025: 176–178. (Daniel Pullen)

REFEREED SPECIAL ISSUES/SECTIONS

- In Press **Cveček, Sabina**; Maanasa Raghavan and Penny Bickle (Eds.)
 Kinship Trouble: Traversing Interdisciplinary Boundaries between Archaeology, Archaeogenetics, and Socio-cultural Anthropology. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*.

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs (eds.)

2024 The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices. *Anthropos*.
<https://doi.org/10.5771/9783985721894>

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

In Press **Cveček, Sabina**; Maanasa Raghavan, and Penny Bickle, Kinship Trouble: What, When, Where, Why, and How—and So What? *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*.

In Press **Cveček, Sabina**; Andre Gingrich, Kinship Analysis in Specified Contexts: When Interdisciplinary Collaboration is too Narrow, Results Tend to be Misleading. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*.

Cveček, Sabina

2025 Enthroned, Dethroned, Rethroned? The Multiple Lives of Matrilineal Kinship in Aegean Prehistory, *Archaeological Dialogues* 30: 102–122.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1380203824000059>

Cveček, Sabina

2025 Fostering Interdisciplinary Dialogues, *Archaeological Dialogues* 30: 30, 132–136.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1380203824000096>

Cveček, Sabina

2024 Why Kinship Still Needs Anthropologists in the 21st century, *Anthropology Today* 40(1): 3-6. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8322.12861>

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs

2024 Introduction. In: Cveček, S. and B. Horejs, The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices. *Anthropos*.
<https://doi.org/10.5771/9783985721894-7>

Cveček, Sabina

2023 No Place Like Home for Metalworkers: Household-based Metal Production at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük and Beyond, *History and Anthropology* 34(5): 932–955. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02757206.2023.2248169>

Cveček, Sabina and Christoph Schwall

2022 Ghost Children: Delayed Personhood and Culture-Specific Models of Infancy in Western Anatolia, *Praehistorische Zeitschrift* 97(2), 544–570.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/pz2022-2044>

Cveček, Sabina and Stephanie Emra

2021 Rhythms of Seasonal ‘Taskscapes’ at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük, In: Rom, I.; Turner, D.; Filioglou, D.; Slim, F.; and Y. van den Beld (Eds.), *Breaking Boundaries: Connecting the Aegean Bronze Age: Proceedings of the 3rd Scapecon Conference*, TMA Supplement 2. *The Tijdschrift voor Mediterrane Archeologie (Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology)*, 42–49.

Cveček, Sabina

- 2020 Throwing their Weights around? Anthropological Perspectives on Commodity and Gift Exchange at the Dawn of the Early Bronze Age in Western Anatolia, *Ägypten und Levante/Egypt and the Levant* 30, 283–300.
<http://doi.org/10.1553/AEundL30s283>

NON-REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS**Cveček, Sabina**

- 2024 From Household to Society: Studying Bottom-Up while Analyzing Top-Down. In: Kienlin, T. (Ed.) *Household Practices and Houses: Current Approaches from Archaeology and the Sciences*, 157–174. Bonn: Dr. Rudolf Habelt GmbH.

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs

- 2021 A View from Çukuriçi: Multiple, Co-Existing Models of Socio-Political Organization in Early Bronze Age Western Anatolia. In: Akkaş, I.; Karakoç, M. (Eds.), *Anadolu'da Ethnoarkeoloji Araştırmaları: Prehistorik Dönem'den Günümüze Kadar. Ethnoarchaeological Studies in Anatolia: From the Prehistoric Period to the Present*, 466–496. Istanbul: Duruk Publishing.

BOOK REVIEWS**Cveček, Sabina**

- 2018 Antweiler, C. 2016: Our common denominator: human universals revisited. New York: Berghahn Books. *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* 26(2): 269–270. <http://doi.org/10.1111/1469-8676.12498>

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 **American Institute of Archaeology National Lecture Program**
- 2024 **Marie Curie Alumni Association Best Lightning Talk Award**, *Making Kin with or without Shared Genetic Ancestry in European Prehistory*, Milan, Italy
- 2023 **Archaeology Division of the American Anthropological Association Symposia Development Award** for the session *Reconstructing Kinship Practices in Archaeology: Materiality, Socio-cultural Anthropology, and Archaeogenetics*, Toronto, Canada (\$1,100)
- 2023 **City of Vienna Prize in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Culture, and Law**, Vienna, Austria (4,000€)
- 2022 **Elected Fellow at the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland**, London, United Kingdom,
- 2021 **Best PhD Thesis Award at the University of Vienna**, Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS), Vienna, Austria (1,500€)

INVITED LECTURES AND PUBLIC TALKS

- 2026 **Tulane University**, Invited Lecture, *Matrilineal Kinship in Aegean Prehistory: Settlements, Figurines, and the Absence of Men*, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), New Orleans Society, March 5, 2025, New Orleans, LA, United States
- 2025 **Charles University Prague**, Invited Lecture, *All Our Kin? Reconsidering Spatial Proximity and Genetic Distance during the Neolithic in Southwestern Asia*, Institute of Archaeology, December 4, 2025, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2025 **Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens**, Invited Lecture, *Matrilineal Kinship in the Aegean Neolithic and Bronze Age: An Anthropological Perspective*, December 3, 2025, Athens, Greece
- 2025 **University of California, Berkeley**, Invited Lecture, *All Our Kin? Reconsidering Spatial Proximity and Genetic Distance during the Neolithic in Southwestern Asia*, Archaeological Research Facility, November 12, 2025
- 2025 **Washington State University**, Invited Lecture, *Matrilineal Kinship in Aegean Prehistory: Settlements, Figurines, and the Absence of Men*, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), Spokane Society, October 16, 2025, Spokane, WA, United States
- 2025 **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**, Invited Lecture, *Matrilineal Kinship in Aegean Prehistory: Settlements, Figurines, and the Absence of Men*, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), Milwaukee Society, September 14, 2025, Milwaukee, WI, United States
- 2025 **Stanford Archaeology Center**, Invited Lecture, *From Kinship to Household and Back? Why Kinship Still Needs Anthropologists in the 21st Century*, April 16, 2025, Stanford, CA, United States
- 2025 **University of Chicago**, Workshop, Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop, April 2, 2025, Chicago, IL, United States
- 2025 **Archaeology and Ale, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), Chicago Society**, Invited Lecture, *All Our Kin? Reconsidering Spatial Proximity and Genetic Distance during the Neolithic in Southwestern Asia*, Embassy Public House, February 19, 2025, Chicago, IL, United States
- 2025 **International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK)**, Invited Lecture, *I Can't Be Contained Because I am a Container*, International Workshop, Behold the Containers!, January 24–25, 2025, Vienna, Austria
- 2024 **University of Illinois at Chicago**, *Households and Kinship in the Making: Insights from a New Interdisciplinary Framework*, Anthropology Department, November 11, 2024, Chicago, IL.
- 2024 **Le CEPAM (Cultures – Environnements. Préhistoire, Antiquité, Moyen Âge / Prehistory, Antiquity, Middle Ages)**, Invited Lecture, Household Economics and Social

Organization in Early Bronze Age Aegean: An Interdisciplinary Exploration at Çukuriçi Höyük, Platia Magoula Zarkou, and Beyond, September 26, 2024, Nice, France

- 2024 **COMOS (Comportement mortuaire des sociétés / Mortuary behavior of societies) Working Group**, Invited Lecture, *Genealogical Trees: Between the Emic, the Etic, and the Genetic Representations of Kin*, September 24, 2024, Bordeaux, France
- 2024 **Deakin University**, Invited Lecture, *In Search of Ethnographically Grounded Research on Prehistoric Kinship*, International Workshop, Social Studies of Ancient DNA, September 17–18, 2024, Melbourne, Australia (virtual)
- 2024 **Hacettepe University**, Invited Lecture, *Revitalizing Kinship Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach in Eurasian Archaeology*, March 1, 2024, Ankara, Türkiye
- 2024 **University of Gothenburg**, Invited Lecture, *Kin-based Social Inequality Reconsidered*, International Workshop, Embracing Transdisciplinarity I: Equality and Inequality in Prehistory, February 23, 2024, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2023 **University of Ljubljana**, Invited Lecture, *Za Obdelovalce Kovin ni Lepšega Kraja od Doma: Proizvodnja Arzenalnega Bakra v Zgodnji Bronasti Dobi z Antropološke Perspective [No Place Like Home for Metalworkers: Arsenic Copper Production in the Early Bronze Age from an Anthropological Perspective]*, 8th Symposium of Slovenian Researchers Abroad, December 20–21, Ljubljana, Slovenia (virtual)
- 2023 **Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology**, Invited Lecture, *Descent through Socio-Cultural Anthropological Eyes: Capturing the “Social” in Kinship Models*, Department of Archaeogenetics, July 27, 2023, Leipzig, Germany
- 2023 **University of Cologne**, Invited Lecture, [with Stephanie Emra] *From Households to Society: Zooarchaeological and Cross-Cultural Perspectives at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük*, Department of Prehistoric Archaeology, January 12, 2023, Cologne, Germany
- 2021 **International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK)**, Invited Lecture, *Metalworkers’ Homes: Food, Arsenic-Copper, and Knowledge Sharing*, University of Art and Design Linz, January 18, 2023, Vienna, Austria
- 2019 **Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**, Departmental Seminar, *Coppersmiths, Homes, and Economies at the Dawn of the ‘long 3rd Millennium BCE’ in Western Anatolia*, June 19, Halle/Saale, Germany.
- 2019 **Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg**, Departmental Seminar, *Room 18: The Evidence of Socio-Political Decentralization at Çukuriçi Höyük from Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives*, Department for Prehistoric Archaeology and Archaeology of the Middle Ages, May 21, Halle/Saale, Germany.
- 2018 **Austrian Academy of Sciences** [with Stephanie Emra, Maria Röcklinger, Constanze Moser], Departmental Seminar, *Households at the Dawn of the Bronze Age*, OREA – Oriental and European Archaeology, May 15, 2023, Vienna, Austria.

- 2016 **University of Vienna**, *Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin*, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Departmental Seminar, October 20, 2016, Vienna, Austria

PUBLIC WORK

- 2025 **Interview**, [Stone Age Farmers' Households Passed from Mothers to Daughters](#), Science Magazine (Andrew Curry), Science, AAAS, ahead of Yüncü et al. release of Çatalhöyük paper in *Science*
- 2025 **Interview**, [Meet the New Chair – New Vision for the MCAA North America Chapter: 100 Years After Marie Curie's Visit to Chicago](#), 40th Marie Curie Alumni Association Newsletter
- 2025 **Interview**, [The Women Changing Science in the Mediterranean](#), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- 2025 **Blog**, [Exploring the Many Lives of Matrilineal Kinship](#), Coalition for Archaeological Synthesis (CfAS).
- 2025 **Lightning Talk**, *From Krakow to the Trobriands: Bronisław Malinowski's Journey and the Birth of Social Anthropology*, Marie Curie Alumni Association Annual Conference and General Assembly, AGH University of Krakow, Krakow, Poland
- 2025 **Participant in a Panel Discussion**, [A Celebration of Women in Science](#): "The Marie Curies of the Mediterranean" Exhibit & Panel Discussion, Saint Martin de Porres High School, Cleveland, OH, United States
- 2025 **Moderation of a Panel Discussion**, [Empowering Women in Science](#), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- 2025 **Public Talk**, *My path to Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship*, [Marie Curies of the Mediterranean exhibition opening](#), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye
- 2024 **Award Winning Blog**, [C³: Community, Creativity, and Change](#), Marie Curie Alumni Association Blog
- 2024 **Interview**, [Dialog als Schlüssel zur Urgeschichte \[Dialogue as the Key to Prehistory\]](#), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- 2024 **Poster Presentation**, Marie Curie Alumni Association Annual Conference and General Assembly, *Making Kin with or without Shared Genetic Ancestry in European Prehistory*, Milan, Italy
- 2023 **Book Presentation**, [Metallurgen, Seefahrer und Händler vor 5000 Jahren](#): Präsentation der neuen Abschlusspublikationen zu den Grabungen auf dem Çukuriçi Höyük/Metallurgists, seafarers and traders 5000 years ago: Presentation of the new final publications on the excavations at the Çukuriçi Höyük, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

- 2023 **Science Slam**, [Why Should a Social Anthropologist Measure Shells?](#), Rising Voices – Social Scientists on Stage: Celebration of the sowi:doc Awards 2022 and Semester Closing of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 **Award Acceptance Speech**, [Rising Voices – Social Science Interventions on Controversial Topics](#), University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2021 **Institute Newsletter**, Metalworking as a household activity at the Early Bronze Age site of Çukuriçi Höyük, IFK_Now, 6–7, January 2021 (International Research Center for Cultural Studies, Institute newsletter in hard copy).
- 2021 **Blog**, Magische Schmiedekunst: Die Rolle der Frauen/Magic Forging: The Role of Women, [ORF Science](#), January 17, 2021 (Science blog of the Austrian national public broadcaster).
- 2019 **Poster Presentation** [with Stephanie Emra, Constanze Moser, and Maria Röcklinger], Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Advisory board meeting at the Institute for the Oriental and European Archaeology, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 **Poster Presentation** [with Stephanie Emra, Constanze Moser, and Maria Röcklinger], Austrian Academy of Sciences, Award Ceremony, Vienna, Austria

MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

- 2025 **Article**, *Queens of the Bronze Age*, Field Museum’s “In the Field Member Magazine”
- 2025 **Talk**, *How I got Started in Science and my Recent Projects*, Field Museum of Natural History Teen Volunteers Programme, August 8, 2025, Chicago, IL, United States
- 2024 **Exhibition**, [The Marie Curies of the Mediterranean](#), Virtual and Traveling Exhibition.
- 2024 **Talk**, *Household, House, and Kinship Revisited: From a Case Study to New Interdisciplinary Framework*, Field Museum of Natural History, Anthropology Lecture, January 25, 2024, Chicago, IL, United States
- 2024 **Member of the Organizing Committee**, Women’s History Month, Field Museum.
- 2024 **Invited Lecture**, *From Household to Kinship at Çukuriçi Höyük and Beyond*, Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, March 7, 2024, Ankara, Türkiye

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND ROUND TABLES

- 2025 [with William A. Parkinson] *Innovation: Exploring Great Transformations as Ghosts and Inspirations from the Local Past*, American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 2025, November 19–23, New Orleans, LA, United States. Session.
- 2025 [with Penny Bickle, Laura Waldvogel, Iseabail Wilks, Sofija Stefanović] *Human Remains in Settlements: Burials, Non-Burials and...what else?* European Association of

- Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting 2025, September 3–6, Belgrade, Serbia. Panel. (virtual)
- 2024 [with Agustín Fuentes] *Gender and Kinship in Deep Past: Unified Analysis in the 21st Century?* American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 2024, November 20–23, Tampa, FL, United States. Round Table.
- 2024 [with Ana Herrero Coral, Katharina Rebay-Salisbury] *Beyond Genetics: Exploring Non-Biological Kinship in Prehistoric Times*, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Austrian Academy of Sciences, International Conference, Workshop co-organizer (15 international speakers), October 4–5, Vienna, Austria
- 2024 [with Maanasa Raghavan and Penny Bickle] *Kinship Trouble: Traversing Interdisciplinary Boundaries between Archaeology, Archaeogenetics, and Socio-cultural Anthropology*. Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting 2024, January 4–7, Chicago, IL, United States. Workshop.
- 2023 *Reconstructing Kinship Practices in Archaeology: Materiality, Socio-cultural Anthropology, and Archaeogenetics*. American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Society (AAA/CASCA) Annual Meeting 2023, November 15–19, Toronto, Canada. Panel.
- 2022 [with Barbara Horejs] *The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices*, VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 26–30, Vienna, Austria. Panel.
- 2018 [with Maria Röcklinger, Constanze Moser, Stephanie Emra] *Household Archaeology in Old World Prehistory: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, OREA – Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, International Workshop, Workshop co-organizer (7 international speakers), November 21–23, Vienna, Austria
- 2018 [with Alberto Buela] *Theorizing Social Change: Social Organization, Complexity, and Inequality*. VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 19–21, Vienna, Austria. Panel.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 *Innovation and Kinship: Childe, Gimbutas, and the Binary Logic of Relatedness*. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 2025, November 19–23, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- 2025 [with Camille de Becdelievre, Tamara Blagojević, Aleksandra Žegarac, Jelena Jovanović, Sofija Stefanović] *Early Permanent Settlements and Domestic Burials during the Danube Gorges Mesolithic-Neolithic Transformations (Vlasac and Lepenski Vir): Domesticating the Other?* European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting 2025, September 3–6, Belgrade, Serbia. (virtual)

- 2025 *Sticking with Good Ideas, Great Mentors, and Less with the Place: Chicago via Vienna, New Delhi, Ljubljana...*, Early Career Archaeologists Workshop, European Association of Archaeologists, Belgrade, Serbia (virtual)
- 2025 *Households in Transition: Ethnographic Perspectives on Cyclical Change in the Archaeological Record*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting 2025, September 3–6, Belgrade, Serbia. (virtual)
- 2024 [with Sofija Stefanović, Yılmaz Selim Erdal, Rana Özbal, Fokke Gerritsen] *Infant Burials Associated with Houses in Central Balkans and western Anatolia during Neolithic: Similarities, Differences, and Exceptions*, World Neolithic Congress, November 4–8, Şanlıurfa, Türkiye.
- 2024 [with Yılmaz Selim Erdal] *Ghost Children: A Diversity of Mortuary Practices in Anatolia during the Neolithic*, World Neolithic Congress, November 4–8, Şanlıurfa, Türkiye.
- 2024 *Revisiting “Anomalous” Burial Practices: A Cross-Cultural Perspective*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting, August 28–31, Rome, Italy.
- 2024 *New Kid on the Block: A Shift from Individuals to Persons*, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Biennial Conference, July 23–26, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2024 *Beyond Kinship Trees: Capturing the Social Tapestry in European Prehistory*, Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting, April 17–21, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- 2024 *How Socio-Cultural Anthropology Can Engage with Prehistoric Kinship*, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting, 2024, January 4–7, Chicago, IL, United States.
- 2023 *X-KIN: Exploring Patterns of Prehistoric Kinship from Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives*, American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Society (AAA/CASCA) Annual Meeting 2023, November 15–19, Toronto, Canada.
- 2023 *Kinship from Cross-Cultural Perspectives: A Mixed Methods Approach to the Seemingly Quantitative Issue*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting, August 30–September 2, Belfast, United Kingdom.
- 2023 *Matrilineal/Patrilineal: Diversities within a Single Kinship Model*, Kiel Conference 2023 – Scales of Social, Environmental and Cultural Change in Past Societies, March 13–18, Kiel, Germany.
- 2022 *Egalitarian, Hierarchical, or Heterarchical Society? Competition and Sharing at the Dawn of the Bronze Age in Western Anatolia*, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Biennial Conference 2022, July 26–29, Belfast, United Kingdom.
- 2022 *Çukuriçi Höyük: Household economics in the Early Bronze Age Aegean*, WAC-9: World Archaeology Congress, July 3–8, Prague, Czech Republic.

- 2022 *Kinship and Relatedness in Socio-Cultural Anthropology: Yesterday and Today*, WAC-9: World Archaeology Congress, July 3–8, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2022 [with Barbara Horejs] *Homes in the Making at the Dawn of Accountancy and Metrology in western Anatolia*, Notes from Home: An International Virtual Conference on the History and Archaeology of the Home, June 16, New Castle, United Kingdom (virtual).
- 2021 [with Eva Alram-Stern] *Tiny world and Neolithic society: New insight from the house model of Platia Magoula Zarkou/Western Thessaly, Greece*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) 2021, September 6–11, Kiel, Germany (virtual).
- 2021 *Architecture, Art and Symbols: Morality in Prehistoric Societies*, Society and Morality in Eurasia: from Prehistory to the Present Day, *Discussant*, July 7–9, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (virtual).
- 2021 *Mr. or Mrs. Smith? Metalworking as Gendered Craft in (pre)History?*, SIEF 2021: International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, June 19–24, Helsinki, Finland, (virtual).
- 2021 [with Christoph Schwall] *Ghost Children: Fluid Identities of Children in Prehistoric western Anatolia*, Theoretical Archaeology Group, TAG-Turkey III, May 6–9, Ankara, Türkiye (virtual).
- 2020 [with Stephanie Emra], *Negotiation and Interaction in EBA Çukuriçi Höyük: Differing Solutions to Competing 'Scapes' with the Beginning of Rising Inequality*, No (E)Scape? Relational Archaeology in the Aegean Bronze Age, September 22, 29, and October 6, Groningen, Netherlands (virtual).
- 2020 *Toxic Households: Arsenical Copper Production at the Centre of the House*, Royal Anthropological Institute, Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future, September 14–18, London, United Kingdom (virtual).
- 2019 *Final Discussion*, Autumn School of the International Max Planck Research School for the Anthropology, Archaeology, and History of Eurasia (IMPRS ANARCHIE), 4th cohort: Representing Domination, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, November 14–15, Halle/Saale, Germany.
- 2018 [with Maria Röcklinger] *Social Dynamics at the Dawn of the Bronze Age: Archaeo-anthropological Insights from Western Anatolia*, VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 19–21, Vienna, Austria.
- 2017 *Eastern Mediterranean Households in the Early Bronze Age*, Roots of Europe: Language, Culture, and Migration, Summer School, July 24–August 6, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2017 *Two EBA Trade Models between Anatolia and Aegean in late Early and Middle Bronze Age: Some Analyses of Finds through Cross-Cultural Comparison*, Graduate Archaeology at Oxford Conference, March 10–11, Oxford, United Kingdom.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant, *Museum Anthropology*, Undergraduate course by William A. Parkinson
- 2024 Heidelberg University, Department Pre- and Early History and Near Eastern Archaeology, Guest Lecture, *Descent through a Socio-Cultural Anthropological Lens* in Maxime Brami's MA Course *Family Systems in Prehistoric Europe*
- 2024 Hacettepe University, Department of Anthropology, Guest Lecture, *Understanding Culture and Race* in Ezgi Altınışık's Undergraduate Course *Introduction to Anthropology*
- 2020 University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Graduate Course, Guest Lecture, *Prehistoric Households and Social Inequality: Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives* in Tijo Salverda's MA Course *(In)Equality: A Critical Investigation*

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Research visit to archaeological sites and museums in Croatia, Serbia, and Türkiye (1 month)
- 2024 Research visit at the Human Relations Area Files at Yale University, New Haven, CT, United States (1 week)
- 2024 Research visit at Comparative and Evolutionary Biology Lab at Middle Eastern Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye (2 weeks)
- 2023 Library Research at the MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (1 month)
- 2021 Library Research at the Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens, Greece, research visit to Neolithic and Early Bronze Age sites in mainland Greece and Cyclades (3 months)
- 2019 Research visit to the Bronze Age and Neolithic sites in South-Eastern Anatolia, Türkiye (1 month)
- 2019 Library Research at the MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (6 months)
- 2018 Archaeological fieldwork at the Austrian Archaeological Institute in Selçuk, Türkiye, research visit to Çukuriçi Höyük and other Early Bronze Age regional sites (3 months)
- 2017 Archaeological fieldwork at the Diachronic Museum in Larissa, Greece, research visit to Platia Magoula Zarkou and other Early Bronze Age and Neolithic regional sites (1 month)
- 2013 Ethnographic fieldwork in New Delhi, a basis for MA thesis (6 months)
- 2010 Ethnographic fieldwork in Rameswaram, India, a basis for a seminar paper (1 month)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

- 2025 [Effective Writing I](#), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States (2 months)

- 2024 Mentee, ASciNA – Austrian Scientists & Scholars in North America, [Mentoring Programme](#). Mentor: Prof. Dr. Walter Scheidel, Department of Classics, Stanford University, USA
- 2023 [Peers4Careers Accountability Programme](#), Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft, Vienna, Austria (6 months)
- 2023 [Project Management Training](#), University of Graz, Vienna, Austria (296 hours, certified)
- 2023 Mentee, European Archaeological Association, [Early Career Archaeologists Mentoring Programme](#). Mentor: Prof. Dr. Anna Wessman, Department of Cultural History, University of Bergen, Norway
- 2022 [Fit4Funding virtual course](#), The Austrian Research Promotion Agency, Vienna, Austria (30 hours)
- 2022 Mentee, Mentoring Programme of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Mentor: Em. Prof. Dr. Brigitte Mazohl, Institute for Historical Sciences and European Ethnology, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 2021 [HRAF Summer Institute for Cross-Cultural Anthropological Research](#), HRAF – Human Relations Area Files, Yale University, USA (90 hours)
- 2017 [Summer School](#), *Roots of Europe: Language, culture and migrations, an interdisciplinary summer school in archaeology, ancient genetics, linguistics, and socio-cultural anthropology*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (80 hours)

LANGUAGES

Slovenian: native speaker

English: excellent reading, speaking, writing

German: excellent reading, excellent speaking, good writing

Croatian: excellent reading, very good speaking, good writing

Hindi: basic reading, speaking, writing

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2025–2029 At-Large Director, Coalition for Archaeological Synthesis (CfAS)
- 2025–2026 Ambassador, University of Vienna Alumni, Chicago Chapter
- 2024–2026 Chair, Marie Curie Alumni Association North America Chapter
- 2023–2026 Co-chair, Archaeology and Gender in Europe (AGE) Network, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)
- 2022 Mentor, [Mentoring Programme of the University of Ljubljana](#). Mentee: Gašper Raušl, M.A. student in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Reviewer *Science, Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*, University of Tübingen Press, Berghahn

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (since)

- 2023 SAA – Society for American Archaeology, Member

2023 AIA – Archaeological Institute of America, Member
2022 RAI – Royal Anthropological Institute, Elected Fellow
2021 AAA – American Anthropological Association, Member
2021 EAA – European Association of Archaeologists, Member
2020 SIEF – International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Member
2016 EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists, Member