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## AREAS OF INTEREST | EXPERTISE

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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 data 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 and am dedicated to science communication and outreach.

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## EDUCATION

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- 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: Andre Gingrich).
- 2015 M.A. (Social and Cultural Anthropology), University of Vienna, Austria.
- 2012 B.A. (Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 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); Advisers: William A. Parkinson & Barbara Horejs
- 2021–2023 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Vienna, Austria; Adviser: Barbara Horejs
- 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; Adviser: Andre Gingrich

## **KEY PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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- 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. \$1,3 million in third-party funding acquired by 4/2026)**

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- 2026 **New York University**, Research Scholar at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (ISAW) (\$89,765 – offer accepted; later declined due to visa constraints)
- 2026 **The Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia**, [Fellowship](#) for visits of Slovenian experts from abroad to Slovenian higher education institutions and research organizations, ZRC SAZU/ Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (€48,600)
- 2026 **Human Evolution and Archaeological Sciences (HEAS)**, [HEAS Workshop Funding](#), workshop title: “From Matrilineal Neolithic to Patrilineal Bronze Age? Revisiting ‘Old Europe’”, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. Funding for 12 participants for a 2-day workshop at the Winer Laboratory at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens (€4,360)
- 2025 **Marie Curie Alumni Association, Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures at the University of Chicago, EURAXESS North America, Consulate General of France in Chicago, Consulate General of Slovenia in Cleveland, Austrian Cultural Forum in New York**, [Conference Funding](#), Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, United States. Funding for 22 participants from the United States and Canada for 2 days, travel, accommodations, and meals (\$20,000)
- 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

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### 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/EDITED VOLUMES

In Press Souvatzi, Stella; Penny Bickle and **Sabina Cveček** (Eds.)  
*Prehistoric Kinship: Contemporary Perspectives in Archaeology and  
Bioarchaeology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Edited Volume]

**Cveček, Sabina**, Maanasa Raghavan and Penny Bickle (Eds.)  
2026 Kinship Trouble: Traversing Interdisciplinary Boundaries between Archaeology,  
Archaeogenetics, and Socio-cultural Anthropology. *Cambridge Archaeological  
Journal*. [https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/cambridge-archaeological-  
journal/latest-issue](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/cambridge-archaeological-journal/latest-issue)

**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 Francois C. Romijn, Emma Kowal, Catherine J. Frieman, Sarah Abel, **Sabina  
Cveček**, Shumon Hussain, and Anna Källén, Transcending the Paleogenomic  
Articulations of Identity. *Anthropology Today*.

In Press **Cveček, Sabina**, Timothy Earle, Carol R. Ember, Gary M. Feinman, William A.  
Parkinson, Funerary Placement in the Past and Present: Uses of Ethnographic  
Analogy for Archaeological Interpretation. *American Antiquity*.

**Cveček, Sabina**, Maanasa Raghavan, and Penny Bickle  
2026 Kinship Trouble: What, When, Where, Why, and How—and So What?  
*Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 36(2): 151-164.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0959774326100389>

**Cveček, Sabina** and Andre Gingrich  
2026 Kinship Analysis in Specified Contexts: When Interdisciplinary Collaboration is  
too Narrow, Results Tend to be Misleading. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*  
36(2): 238-246. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0959774326100390>

**Cveček Sabina**, Rana Özbal, Fokke Gerritsen, Sofija Stefanović, Yılmaz Selim Erdal, Meliha  
Melis Koruyucu Şimşek, and Ayça Aydoğan

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2025 Cradled by Architecture: Infancy and Delayed Personhood in Neolithic Anatolia and the Balkans. *World Archaeology*. 1–22.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00438243.2025.2596697>

**Cveček, Sabina**, Ana Herrero-Corral, Katharina Rebay-Salisbury, Eszter Banffy, Maxime Bami, Raphaëlle Chaix, Václav Hrnčíř, Kent Johnson, David F. Lancy, Mélie Le Roy, Ruth Mace, Peter Schweitzer, Rebecca Sear, Andaine Seguin-Orlando, David Shankland, Mehmet Somel, Stella Souvatzi, Peter Whiteley, and Aleksandra Žegarac

2025 Beyond Genetics: Exploring Aspects of Non-Biological Kinship in Prehistoric Times. *Nature Anthropology* 3(4), 10016.  
<https://doi.org/10.70322/natanthropol.2025.10016>

**Cveček, Sabina**

2025 Enthroned, Dethroned, Rethroned? The Multiple Lives of Matrilineal Kinship in Aegean Prehistory, *Archaeological Dialogues* 30 (2023): 102–122.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1380203824000059>

**Cveček, Sabina**

2025 Fostering Interdisciplinary Dialogues, *Archaeological Dialogues* 30 (2023): 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, *Præhistorische 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>

## REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

- In Press **Cveček, Sabina**, Kinship in Socio-Cultural Anthropology Today: A Short Introduction. In: Souvatzi, S., Bickle, P., and S. Cveček (Eds.), *Prehistoric Kinship: Contemporary Perspectives in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

## 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>

## UNDER REVIEW

**Cveček, Sabina**, Çatalhöyük and Houses without History: Many Ways of Making Kin. *American Anthropologist*.

**Cveček, Sabina**, Kinship and Gender-Based Social Inequality. In: Schulz Paulsson, B., and K. Kristiansen (Eds.), *Embracing Transdisciplinarity I: Equality and Inequality in Prehistory*.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2026 **Wiley Top Cited Article Award**, for “Why kinship still needs anthropologists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” *Anthropology Today* (Top 10 most-cited articles published in 2024)

- 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**

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- 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, *X-KIN: Exploring Patterns of Prehistoric Kinship from Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives*, 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**, Panel Discussion [with Meg Conkey, Manjusha Chintalapati, Sophie K. Joseph, and Gypsy Price], *Interpreting Ancient DNA: A Panel Discussion*, Archaeological Research Facility, November 12, 2025, Berkeley, CA, United States
- 2025 **University of California, Berkeley**, Invited Lecture, *Kin Making in the Past? Reconsidering Spatial Proximity and Genetic Distance during the Neolithic in Southwestern Asia*, Archaeological Research Facility, November 12, 2025, Berkeley, CA, United States
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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]*, 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

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- 2026 **Virtual Launch**, [Kinship Trouble: Cambridge Archaeological Journal Special Issue Launch](#), Royal Anthropological Institute in collaboration with Archaeology and Gender in Europe Network of the European Association of Archaeologists
- 2026 **Podcast Interview**, [Wann entstand das Patriarchat in Europa? Antworten der Archäologie und Genetik](#) [When did patriarchy emerge in Europe? Answers from archaeology and genetics], ORF – The Austrian Broadcasting Corporation
- 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](#), 40<sup>th</sup> 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*, [Mare Curies of the Mediterranean exhibition opening](#), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye
- 2024 **Award Winning Blog**, [C<sup>3</sup>: 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**

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- 2025 **Article**, *Queens of the Bronze Age*, In the Field Member Magazine, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, United States
- 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**

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- 2026 [with Barbara Horejs and William A. Parkinson] *From Matrilineal Neolithic to Patrilineal Bronze Age? Revisiting "Old Europe,"* Winer Laboratory at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, August 24–25, 2026, Athens, Greece. Workshop.
- 2026 [with Penny Bickle and Sandra Montón-Subías] *How to Peer-Review Gender? From Bias to Best Practices and New Guidelines for Grants and Archaeological Publishing*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting 2026, August 26–29, Athens, Greece. Round Table.
- 2026 [with Stella Souvatzi] *Rethinking the Long House–Matrilocal Nexus: Cross-Cultural Comparisons and Archaeological Evidence*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting 2026, August 26–29, Athens, Greece. Session.
- 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 *Connecting Minds Across Continents: MCAA North America Meeting 2025*, Field Museum of Natural History, November 6–7, Chicago, IL, United States. Interdisciplinary conference with 70 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows, Alumni, and the public.

- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Workshop co-organizer (15 international speakers), October 4–5, Vienna, Austria. International Conference.
- 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**

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- 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), 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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- 2026 University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Anthropology, Instructor, *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*, Undergraduate course
- 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**

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- 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 the 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**

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- 2025 [Effective Writing I](#), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States (4 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

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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

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- 2025–2029 Board Member At-Large, 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)

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- 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