

“From idea to publication: navigating international academia in humanities and social science”

*a graduate level course in the fall semester of 2021/2022
Faculty of Philology, University of Banja Luka*

**Course instructor:
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WHO: Applicants

Interested students, early career researchers and faculty can apply by sending their short letter of interest to danijela.majstorovic@flf.unibl.org from November 1st until November 8th 2021. The course begins on November 10th at the Faculty of Philology. Exact time and room number will be announced. This is an experimental, free of charge course intended for all those interested in obtaining international competences at the University of Banja Luka. The prerequisites for the course are that students work on an already established project of their own and have at least B2 level of English. The maximum number of attendees is 10.




WHAT: Aims

During the course, the students will be introduced into the academic discourse in humanities social sciences, what it means to develop a successful research proposal, obtain funding, conduct research, attend conferences and workshops, find a publisher or a suitable journal and, finally submit a publication. We will have guests, renowned academics and PhD candidates in the field of social sciences and humanities who will in an online or offline format present their experience to the students. By the end of the course, students will have a clearer idea on how to navigate international academia and have a publishable piece of their own.



WHY: Rationale

This is a graduate level course in English with the objective to introduce and educate students/early career faculty members about navigating international academia in the social sciences and humanities enabling them to have successful intercultural academic careers. The goal is to strengthen the international academic presence of the University of Banja Luka at academic conferences and in peer reviewed journals leading to cluster courses on theory, methodology or specific topics related to doing and publishing research.



Biography



Danijela Majstorović (MA 2003, Ohio University; PhD 2006 University of Banja Luka) is Professor of English Linguistics and Cultural Studies at the University of Banja Luka's English department. She was a Humboldt Experienced Research Fellow at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany, a visiting researcher at Indiana University in 2016, a Canada Research Chair in Cultural Studies Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Alberta in 2014, Fulbright fellow at UCLA in 2012-2013 and visiting researcher at Lancaster University in 2006. Her research interests involve critical discourse analysis, critical theory, feminist theory, and post- and decolonial theory. She published over 25 journal articles, co-authored *Youth Ethnic and National Identity in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Palgrave, 2013), authored *Diskursi periferije* (Biblioteka XX vek, Belgrade) and *Diskurs, moć i međunarodna zajednica* (FF Banja Luka, 2007). She edited *Living With Patriarchy: Discursive Construction of Gendered Subjects Across Cultures* (John Benjamins, 2011), *U okrilju nacije* (CKSP Banja Luka, 2011) and *Kritičke kulturološke studije u postjugoslovenskom prostoru* (Banja Luka, 2012). Her new book *Discourse and Affect in Post-socialist Bosnia and Herzegovina: Peripheral Selves* is due to come for Palgrave in 2021.

Methods and timeline

November 10, 2021 - Course introduction. Preparation for the course. Assessment of candidates and tailoring to their academic needs.

November 17, 2021 'From idea to publication' beyond the home university. What does it mean to publish internationally? Developing ideas, approaches and designs. The relevance of lit review. Guests: Prof. Dr. Siniša Lakić (psychology), Dr. Marija Runić (linguistics and education), Dr. Paul Stubbs (sociology, cultural historiography).

November 24, 2021 - Pitching an idea for funding. Funding opportunities with the DAAD, DFG, Humboldt Foundation, Fulbright Program. EU funding opportunities and funding opportunities in Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Balkans. Guest lecturer: Prof. Dr. Andreas Langenohl (sociology) and Ms. Anđela Pepić (sociology).

December 1, 2021 - Drafting a project proposal: tips and tricks. Guest: Ms. Anđela Pepić and Prof. Dr. Eric Gordy (political sociology).

December 8, 2021 Preparation and conducting research: archives, interviews, focus groups, surveys. Dr. Elissa Helms (anthropology) and Dr. Aleksandra Salamurović (linguistics).

December 15, 2021 - Taking your PhD dissertation to a major publisher. Guest lecturers: Dr. Jeff Diamanti (environmental humanities, social theory), Dr. Jelena Đureinović (history).

December 22 and 29, 2021 - Writing and publishing a research article. The issue of resources. Writing up a literature review. What is "state of the art"? Relevance of journal editorial boards. Relevance of theory (Dr. Marija Cetinić (comparative literature), Dr. Tijana Okić (philosophy), Dr. Carolin Leutloff-Grandits (anthropology)

January 12, 2022 - Case study: cream of the crop or how to publish your first paper from your PhD (Dr. Philipp Lottholz (international relations, political science), Maria Cardenas (peace studies, sociology))

January 19, 2022 - How to get your citation index high? Case study: Majstorović, D. (2007). Construction of Europeanization in the High Representative's Discourse in Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Discourse and Society* 18(5).<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/O957926507079635?icid=int.sj-abstract.similar-articles.2>

January 26, 2022 - Case study: gathering data from the archive (cultural studies, history) Guests: Zoran Vučković (sociology, cultural studies), Vladan Vukliš (history).

February 2, 2022 - Editing a volume: what to avoid? (Dr. Polina Manolova (sociology and anthropology) and Dr. Katarina Kušić (international relations) will discuss their volume *Decolonial Theory & Practice in Southeast Europe* <https://dversia.net/4644/dversia-decolonial-theory-practice-southeast-europe/>

February 9, 2022 - Navigating international academia from the periphery: do “our” people ever become tenured professors abroad? (Dr. Olivera Jokić (English literature), Dr. Larisa Kurtović (anthropology), Prof. Dr. Sinisa Malešević (sociology), Dr. Ana Dević (sociology))

February 16, 2022 - Students present their ideas, project proposals (journal or manuscript) and papers.

February 23, 2022 - Students present their ideas, project proposals (journal or manuscript) and papers.

It is possible that some guest lecturers will have to swap, that some additional lecturers will join in or that group zoom chats with more people will be organized depending on our schedule and our guests' availability.

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Other materials assigned by the course instructor
