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Research Profile and Interests

I am an interdisciplinary researcher and a dance movement therapist working at the intersections of mental health, socio-cultural relationships, ecological and life transitions, embodiment, and creativity. My research focus is on quality of interpersonal relationships and its links with resilience and inclusion. My passion is experimenting with arts-based and participatory methods as tools for social change and innovation.

Professional Experience

02/2024 – present	Bertha von Suttner Private University, <u>Senior Scientist</u>, Project Ment4EU (St. Pölten)
02/2020 – present	PEREGRINA – Centre for migrant women, <u>Dance Movement Therapist</u> (Vienna)
06/2020 – present	<u>Independent Consultant, Researcher, and Activist</u> working at the intersection of Climate Psychology, Equity, Diversity, and Mental Health
09/2022 – 08/2023	Transition Psychiatry Research Centre, Karl Landsteiner University, <u>Research Associate</u> (Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Tulln, Austria, 12 months)
11/2017 – 06/2022	Ludwig Boltzmann Society, D.O.T. Research Group, <u>Co-Investigator</u> (at Karl Landsteiner University of Health Sciences, Krems, Austria, 56 months)
01/2017 – 12/2017	Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health Technology Assessment, <u>Research Associate</u> (Vienna, 12 months)
04/2015 – 03/2016	Academic career break due to relocation to Austria (12 months)
04/2013 – 04/2014	Clinic for Mental Health Care, <u>Clinical Research Intern</u> (Serbia, 12 months)
10/2011 – 04/2015	Volunteer center Nis (NGO), <u>Youth Worker</u> (Serbia, 42 months)

Education

Present	<u>Doctor of Medical Science (Dr. scient. med.)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Doctoral Program of Applied Medical Science “Mental Health and Behavioural Medicine” Medical University of Vienna, Austria (part-time)▪ Doctoral Thesis: <i>Developing an Integrated Model of Supportive Peer Relationships at Middle School Transition in Austria</i>
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- 2022 **Dance Movement Psychotherapist (DMP)**
- Centre “Terpsichore”, Zagreb, Croatia
 - **Final Thesis:** *Speaking silence of the void: Individual Dance Movement Therapy for Complex Trauma and Ambiguous Loss of Involuntary Dislocation*
- 2014 **Doctor of Medicine (Dr. med.)**
- University of Nis, Medical Faculty, Serbia
 - **Diploma Thesis (Psychiatry):** *Demographic Characteristics of Alcohol Addicted Patients Treated at the Clinic for Mental Health Care in Nis*

Grants and Research Funding

- **Horizon Europe, RIA, ASP-Belong** Augmented Social Play (ASP): smartphone-enabled group psychotherapeutic interventions that boost adolescent mental health by supporting real-world connection and sense of belonging; (09/23 – 08/27), collaborator on the grant application, 09/22; 01/23
- **National Integration Grant** within the National Action Plan for Integration (NAP.I), Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt), collaborator on the grant applications for project the **Frauen.Refugium** (2021 - 2025), 01/2021; 01/2022; 01/2024
- **Science Call 2017: Dissertationen**, Developing a Model of Social Connectedness at Transition from Primary to Secondary School, grant number: SC17-009, Lower Austrian Research and Education – NBF (St. Pölten, Lower Austria, Austria), 04/2018
- **Ideas Lab on Mental Health of Children and Adolescents** focus on children of mentally ill parents- funding for D.O.T. research group for a period of four years (2018-2021), member of a grant awarded interdisciplinary research team by Nationalstiftung via Ludwig Boltzmann Society, 05/2017

Professional memberships

- 2022 – present CPA – Climate Psychology Alliance
- 2019 – present HUPP – Croatian Association for Dance Movement Psychotherapy