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He was born in 1960 in Belgrade, where he completed his secondary education at the Fifth Belgrade Gymnasium. He earned his BA (1984) and MA (1990) in philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade. He received his PhD in religious studies in the United States in 1993, and until 1995 he taught early Christianity and Eastern Orthodoxy at the University of Pittsburgh. His doctoral dissertation examined the origins and routes of transmission of the Gospel of Thomas (*An Inquiry into the Origin and Transmission of the Gospel of Thomas*).

He later served as a visiting professor at the University of Pittsburgh in the *Semester at Sea* program (2002), where he taught aboard a ship to approximately 400 students for more than two months, circumnavigating Europe from Greece to Norway and Russia (the Mediterranean, Atlantic Ocean, North Sea, and Baltic Sea). During this period, together with students and fellow faculty members, he visited around ten European countries, conducting extensive field research in support of the courses taught on board.

Vukomanović has also taught international students from the following institutions: Sapienza University of Rome, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, University of South-Eastern Norway, Bates College (USA), University of Oslo, University of Sarajevo, among others.

From 1996 to 2000, he worked as a research associate at the Belgrade Institute of Social Sciences and the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory. He was an invited lecturer at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim. Since 2010, he has been a full professor at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade (Department of Sociology), where he teaches Sociology of Religion, Introduction to World Religions, the master's-level course *Ritual, Myth, and Symbol*, and the doctoral course *Religious Studies in Comparative Perspective*. He has also periodically taught at the Faculty of Philology (Department of Oriental Studies), the Faculty of Political Sciences, and the Belgrade Open School (BOŠ).

He is a co-founder of the BOŠ Center for the Study of Religion and was a member of the Kotor Network, an international academic exchange program on Balkan religions coordinated by the University of Oslo, as well as of the international *Islam in South East Europe Forum*. During his stay in the United States, he was a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature. From 2009 to 2012, he served as a member of the Council of the University of Belgrade, and from 2006 to 2010 as president of the Sociological Association of Serbia and Montenegro. For many years, he was a member of the editorial boards of the journals *Religija i tolerancija* and *Kultura*, and since 2021 he has served on the editorial board of *Serbian Studies*, the journal of the North American Society for Serbian Studies.

He has published over 300 scholarly works in Serbian and English, including nine monographs and ten edited volumes. His articles and book chapters have been published by international publishers such as Cambridge University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, CEU Press, and I. B. Tauris. Professor Vukomanović's works have appeared in publications in approximately fifteen countries and have been cited in some thirty. His scholarly interests range from the sociology of religion and the history of Orthodoxy and early Christianity to Islamic studies and interreligious dialogue.