

Maja Korać is a sociologist; her research interests are in the areas of: conflict, gender and displacement, as well as gender, migration and integration. Maja got her PhD from York University, Canada, and her BA and MPhil from University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia/Serbia. She has held positions at the Department of Social Sciences, University of East London (UK), where she Co-Directed the Centre for Social Justice and Change, as well as two Post-Graduate Programmes: in Refugee Studies, and in Conflict, Displacement and Human Security. Maja has also held posts at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford (UK), Centre for Refugee Studies and the Centre for Feminist Research, York University (Canada), and University of Belgrade (Yugoslavia/Serbia). She has experience of consultancy work for governments and non-governmental organisation in Canada and the UK.

Maja's research has always aimed to affect a positive social change in the areas of her expertise. This has led her to become one of the founding members of the Women in Conflict Zones Network (WICZNET), an international network of scholars, policymakers and grassroots women's groups from around the world. Her co-edited book *Feminist under Fire: Exchanges across War Zones*, Toronto: Between the Lines (2003; translations: Sinhalese 2008; Croatian 2004) and the journal article 'Feminists against Sexual Violence in War: The Question of Perpetrators and Victims Revisited'. *Social Sciences*, 2018, 7(10) 182 (<http://www.mdpi.com/2076-0760/7/10/182/pdf>) are some of her publications focusing on gender ethnicity/nationalism, and (post)conflict situations.

While at the University of Oxford, Maja was the Principal Investigator of a comparative study about integration of refugees in the EU. Her book *Remaking Home* (Berghahn Books Oxford 2009; Serbian translation 2012) is one of her publications on social inclusion and integration, another area of Maja's research. As part of her research in this area, Maja Korac was involved in research project 'Challenges of New Social Integration: Concepts and Actors' at the Institute of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Serbia. She did research on transnational mobility of Chinese traders in Serbia, and the publication entitled 'Chinese traders in Serbia: Gender opportunities, translocal family strategies and transnational mobility', published in 2013 in *Ars & Humanities*, VII(2): 86-98 (https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/64fb/f12f0fc394fe3d0db544679a7d32538de08d.pdf?_ga=2.118858305.970718372.1608034624-306820758.1608034624), is one of Maja's publications related to this research project.

Maja Korać's research interest in state centred security concerns informed some of her most recent publications, including her article 'Gendered and Racialized Border Security: Displaced people and the politics of fear', *Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy* 2020, 9(3). In 2018-19, Maja was awarded a Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) grant by Research England to carry out a research in Serbia, entitled '*The Other*' and *Ourselves: Culture as the agent of social change*. The main findings of this collaborative project are published in 2020, in the special issue entitled '*The Other*' and *Ourselves: Artistic Interventions as the Key for Communication and Understanding 'the Other'* of the *Interculturality: Journal for stimulation and affirmation of Intercultural communication*. Novi Sad: Cultural Centre of Vojvodina 'Miloš Crnjanski'. (1-164) (ISSN 2217-4893), which Maja co-edited with Milena Dragičević-Šešić, Faculty of Drama, Belgrade University of Arts, Serbia.