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RESEARCH INTERESTS

sociology of family life, youth studies, intergenerational relations, life course studies, research methodology

EMPLOYMENT

- 2023 – Research Assistant, Institute for Sociological Research, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade
- 2021 – 2023 Junior Research Assistant, Institute for Sociological Research, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

EDUCATION

- 2020 – PhD in Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade
- 2019 – 2020 MA in Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade; GPA 9,83/10
- 2015 – 2019 BA in Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade; GPA 9,58/10

COURSES TAUGHT

- Sociology of Family Life (core, undergraduate)
- Statistics in Social Research (core, undergraduate)
- Social Demography (core, undergraduate)
- Research Design (core, undergraduate)
- Sociology of Youth (optional, undergraduate)
- Challenges of Contemporary Families (optional, undergraduate)

VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS, ADVANCED TRAINING AND AWARDS

- 2025 Visiting Researcher, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute
- 2025 Visiting Lecturer, Sigmund Freud University Vienna, Faculty of Psychology, Department of Historical Anthropology
- 2024 Visiting PhD Student, University of Graz, Center for Southeast European Studies

	(Go Styria Scholarship)
2024	Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund
06/2024	Summer School: <i>Introduction to life course research and sequence analysis</i> , University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
09/2023	Summer School: <i>Modeling Change: A Gentle Introduction to Cross-Lagged and Latent Growth Curve Approach</i> , University of Zagreb, Croatia
06–07/2023	Summer School: <i>Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe</i> , Odisee University of Applied Sciences, Brussels, Belgium
2019 – 2020	Fund for Young Talents of the Republic of Serbia
2016 – 2019	Ministry of Education, Science, and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia
2018	University of Belgrade Award for the Best Student Research Paper in Social Sciences and Humanities

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023 –	Coordinator and jury member for the official high school sociology competition in Serbia
2022 – 2025	Secretary of the Institute for Sociological Research, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade
2021 – 2025	Secretary of the Sociological Scientific Society of Serbia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

European Sociological Association (RN13) // International Sociological Association (RCSL) // Sociological Scientific Society of Serbia

SOFTWARE PACKAGES

SPSS (High); R (Basics); Stata (Basics); MAXQDA (Medium); NVIVO (Basics)

LANGUAGES

English (Proficient), Spanish (Proficient), German (Basics), Chinese (Basics)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Current projects:

2021 –	European Social Survey (Field Director and team member)
2026	Promoting Evidence-Based Migration Governance to Enhance the Developmental Potential of Migration (UNICEF & IOM)
2024 – 2026	"Migrants in Need? The Sociocultural Effects of Contemporary Crises on Serbian Migrants in Austria and Returnees in Serbia" (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy and Austrian Academy of Sciences)
2022 – 2026	COST Action CA21143 "Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe"

Previous projects:

- 2024 – 2025 "New Generation in Protest" (Institute for Sociological Research, University of Belgrade)
- 2024 – 2025 "Developing Young Lawyers' Practical Skills: Towards a Reform of Legal Education" (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Law and The Judicial Research Centre – CEPRIS)
- 2023 "Training and Education in Social Innovation (in the Adriatic-Ionian region)" (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy)
- 2023 "Having a Voice, Having a Choice" (NAPOR & UNICEF)
- 2022 – 2023 "Social Relationships and Practices of Social Groups during the Pandemic: New Solidarity, New Conflicts" (Institute for Sociological Research, University of Belgrade)
- 2021 – 2022 "Challenges in the Areas of Work, Family, and Lifestyle in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Serbia" (University of Belgrade - Faculty of Philosophy)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles, Book Chapters, Reviews etc.

1. **Vlajić, M.** & Đorđević, M. (2026). Socio-Legal Aspects of Surrogacy, in: *Encyclopedia Sociology of Law* (eds. Schultz, U., Håkan, H., Scharff Smith, P.), Edward Elgar Publishing (accepted for publication).
2. **Vlajić, M.**, Tomanović, S. & Stanojević, D. (2026). Generacijsko „Mi”: oblikovanje generacijske svesti kod studenata u protestu 2024/25 [The Generational “We”: Constructing Generational Consciousness Among Students in the 2024/25 Protest] In: (eds. Backović, V., Marković, A., Radoman, M. & Zvijer, N.) *Zbornik radova sa nacionalne naučne konferencije „Studentski protesti 2024/25: Blokada, ako ne SADA”*. Beograd: Univerzitet u Beogradu – Filozofski fakultet, Institut za sociološka istraživanja. (accepted for publication) (in Serbian)
3. **Vlajić, M.** (2024). O porodicama, generacijama i solidarnosti: traganje za odgovorima na savremene demografske izazove / On families, generations, and solidarity - exploring solutions to contemporary demographic challenges. *Sociološki pregled*, 58(4): 1144–1149 (in both Serbian and English).
4. Đorđević, M. & **Vlajić, M.** (2023). How much for a legal intern? Internships at law offices in Serbia. *Pravni zapisi*, 1/2023. (in English)
5. **Vlajić, M.** (2022). Postajanje majkom tokom pandemije kovida 19 u Srbiji [Becoming a mother during the COVID-19 pandemic in Serbia]. *Zbornik Instituta za kriminološka i sociološka istraživanja*, 41(2–3): 9–26. (in Serbian)
6. **Vlajić, M.** (2021). Dominantni teorijski pristupi u proučavanju intergeneracijskih odnosa u porodici [Dominant theoretical approaches to the study of intergenerational family relations]. *Sociologija*, 63(4): 708–727. (in Serbian)
7. Šestak, N. & **Vlajić, M.** (2020). Mladi delinkvent: ispitivanje nekih aspekata medijske konstrukcije identiteta [Young delinquent: Inquiry into several aspects of identity construction in mass media]. *Crimen*, 11(1): 68–78. (in Serbian)

Conference presentations

1. **Vlajić, M.**, Tomanović, S. & Stanojević, D. (2025). „Mi“ i „oni pre nas“: *Studentski protest kao mesto generacijske pripadnosti i razlikovanja*. Nacionalna naučna konferencija „Studentski protesti 2024/25: BloKADA, ako ne SADA?“, Univerzitet u Beogradu – Filozofski fakultet, Institut za sociološka istraživanja, 22–23. novembar 2025, str. 138–141. ISBN: 978-86-6427-376-3.
2. Stanojević, D., Tomanović, S. & **Vlajić, M.** (2025). *Seeking Reliability Amidst Uncertainty: The Emergence of a New Political Generation in Serbia*. ESA RN30 Mid-Term Conference “Youth and Young Adults in a Radically Changing World: Stagnation, Continuation and New Beginnings”, Varaždin, Croatia, October 15–18, 2025.
3. **Vlajić, M.** & Đorđević, M. (2025). *Inheritance Patterns in Serbia: Analyzing Gender and Kinship Disparities in Court Decisions*. V International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology “Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene”, RCSL Sessions. Rabat, Morocco, July 6–11, 2025.
4. **Vlajić, M.** & Poletić, D. (2023). *Living Apart Together in Serbia: Status or Stage?*. International conference: Sociological Perspectives on Contemporary Post-Yugoslav Societies. *Sociological Scientific Society of Serbia*, Belgrade, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, 26–27 May 2023.
5. **Vlajić, M.** & Đorđević, M. (2023). *Humanity or Exploitation? The Future of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Serbia*. International conference: *Law, Society and Digital Pasts, Presents and Futures*. International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Sociology of Law Department, University of Lund, Sweden, 30 August – 1 September 2023.

Research reports, public outreach and other publications

1. Đorđević, M., **Vlajić, M.** & Jovanović, M. (2025). *Percepcija o praktičnim znanjima i veštinama stečenim tokom studija i pripravnčkog rada*. Beograd: Centar za pravosudna istraživanja – CEPRIS. (in Serbian)
2. **Vlajić, M.** & Đorđević, M. (2024) “Geschenk des Lebens” oder monetäres Geschäft? Rechtliche Regelungen zur Leihmutterchaft in Serbien, Dänemark und Georgien, in: *Rechtshandbuch für Frauen- und Gleichstellungsbeauftragte*, VERLAG DASHÖFER GMBH Fachverlag für Wirtschaft, Behörden, Selbstständige und Freiberufler. (in German)
3. Stanojević, D., Backović, V. & **Vlajić, M.** (2022). *Mladi u Srbiji. Participacija: mogućnosti i prepreke* [Youth in Serbia – Participation: opportunities and challenges]. NAPOR – National Association of Youth Work Practitioners; UNICEF, Belgrade. (in Serbian)