

EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London

Politics PhD (2025)

Thesis titled **The indentured state: programmable infrastructures and structural violence**

- on the British digital welfare state, supervised by Prof Elke Schwarz and Prof Kimberly Hutchings
Postgraduate students' representative with the SPIR EDI committee (2022-24)

King's College London, University of London

Big Data MA (2018)

Final thesis titled **Left to our own devices**

- on multimodal surveillance, persuasive technologies and nudging, supervised by Prof Btihaj Ajana (Distinction)

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana

Cultural Studies and Anthropology BA (2016)

Final thesis titled **Technoculture and its discontents** - on technofetishism and sex robots, supervised by Assoc Prof Karmen Šterk (Distinction)

Study exchange

University of Amsterdam (2016)

European University Viadrina (2015)

Funding awards

2020-23 AHRC LAHP PhD studentship

2017-18 Ad Futura scholarship for graduate studies

2015-16 Erasmus+ scholarship for study exchange

2013-16 Zois state merit scholarship

WORK EXPERIENCE

Queen Mary University of London, School of Politics and International Relations

Research Assistant (2024-25)

Assisting Dr Tamara Popic with the 'Public Responses to Austerity in Healthcare' project; Collecting parliamentary speeches, coding health reform justifications; Responsible for 8 countries

Teaching Associate (2024-25)

Undergraduate modules War in World Politics (2024-25) and Power in Global Governance (2024)

Research Fellow (2023-24)

Curating audio content from events organised by the Global Politics Unbound research group (now Centre for the Study of Race, Class and Empire); Interviewing contributors, audio editing, finalising five podcasts

King's College London, Faculty of Social Science and Public Policy, BA Social Sciences (2021-25)

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Guest Lecturer

Undergraduate modules Social Justice and Policy Analysis (2021) and Civil and Political Rights (2021-)

AdvanceHE Associate Fellowship (HEA)

HM Government Department for Work and Pensions, Business Strategy Analysis (2022)
Researcher (UKRI policy placement, 3 months)

Journal of Future Robot Life (2020-22)

Editorial Board Member, Reviewer

Institute for Culture of Diversity Open (Grounded Festival) (2018-21)

Conference Programme Curator, Researcher
Intimacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (2018), Automation and Power (2019), Truth (2020) and The State (2021)

Pekinpah Association (2020)

Production Trainee

Copywriting; Organising and moderating an international (un)conference for cultural producers in the field of contemporary dance and performance art

Aksioma Institute (2019-20)

Community Relations Director

MoneyLab#8 conference

Danes je nov dan / Today is a New Day Institute (2011-)

Co-founder, Researcher, Writer, Data Analyst

Data accuracy monitoring and liaising with stakeholders for Google Digital News Innovation-funded open-source tool Parlamenteer; Data-driven research and feature writing

Pekinpah Association (2017)

Strategy Trainee

Conceptualising a digital platform for cultural producers; Preparing documentation for a successful Horizon/Creative Europe 2018 funding call - sub-areas of digitalisation, audience development and new business models

Aksioma Institute (2015)

Grant Proposal Assistant

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana (2013-15)

Research Assistant, Demonstrator

Teaching academic writing (Social and Political Anthropology); Organising a discussion group and symposium on body and technology

Radio Študent (2012-17)

Writer, Journalist, Proofreader

Writing articles and interviewing guests as part of Culture and Humanities Editorial; Proofreading for all editorial departments

Tribuna Newspaper (2013-15)

Writer, Journalist

LANGUAGES

Professional working proficiency: Slovenian, English, Italian

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2025 Review of Nathan Schneider's Governable spaces, *Information & Culture* 60 (2) (in press)

2019 **Encountering bloody others in mined reality**, *AI & Society* 34 (1) Special Issue: Ethics of AI and Robotics

2014 **Gamification of politics: start a new game**, *Teorija in praksa* 51 (1) Special issue: Cultural studies of video games

2014 **Review** of the Nanopolitics handbook, *Teorija in praksa* 51 (1)

2013 (with Dr Karmen Šterk and Jasmina Ploštajner) **Včeraj je bil nov dan (danes pa smo gotovi)** - *Journal for Critique of Science, For Imagination and New Anthropology* 41 (254)

INVITED LECTURES AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2024 Guest lecture for Civil and political rights module - on Digital human rights, surveillance and the right to privacy – King's College London, UK
- 2024 **The programmable ship of state**, Essex Law School's Digital Law cluster – University of Essex, UK
- 2024 **Speech** at the **Perspectives on AI: lighting talks**, Festival of AI - King's College London, UK
- 2022 **Book review** Platform Socialism: How to Reclaim our Digital Future (James Muldoon) - LSE Review of Books
- 2021 Lecture **Sediments in the machinery for a future**, The End of the World seminar - Kulturpunkt's journalistic school, SCCA-Ljubljana Centre for Contemporary Arts's School of Art and MaMa's Human rights film festival
- 2021 Contribution to UNESCO's first global standard on the ethics of artificial intelligence
- 2021 Interview with RYBN in **Offshoring and other magic tricks of global finance** – Aksioma
- 2021 Speaker at the **Ethics of data reuse in the digital society** roundtable - Ministry of Administration, Slovenia
- 2020 Keynote speech **Privacy and depersonalisation**, Cryptoparty Slovenia by Državljani D - Computer History Museum - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2019 Contribution **Artificial governance: emerging technologies in public sector**, Conference on Information Technologies and Information Society - Faculty of Information Studies - Novo Mesto, Slovenia
- 2019 Discussing smart cities, EDO film festival – Technology Park - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2019 Lecture **The art of surveillant intelligence**, Feminism Today - Trubar Literature House - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2019 **Discussion** on banning facial recognition, East of Queer - Pritličje - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2018 Lecture **Measures of intimacy** - Grounded Festival - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2017 (with Professor Kathleen Richardson) Contribution to the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence report **AI in the UK: ready, willing and able?**
- 2015 Editorial and Virtualnorealna spolnost (**VR sexuality**) article in **Telo in tehnologija** (Body and technology), proceedings of the 8th Cultural studies symposium - Kult.Co Cultural studies Association, University of Ljubljana
- 2014 Lecture at the **Democracy between politics and economy** symposium, 45th anniversary of Radio Študent - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2013 (with Jasmina Ploštajner) Neue Ansätze gegen die Krise der Politik: Das Beispiel des Portals Danes je nov dan (**New approaches to the crisis of politics: the case study of Danes je nov dan platform**) article on digital activism, *Politik 2.0. Das Internet und die Zukunft der Demokratie* (Politics 2.0 Internet and the Future of Democracy) - Goethe Institut and Faculty of Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

- 2024 **Automating social security, (re)producing intersectional inequality: a historical approach to studying austerity in the British digital welfare state** paper, **EASST-4S conference**, Technologies of the other panel, Athena Institut, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2023 Intervention at the **Naked Empire: New tools/old stories and the colonial inheritance of the rules-based order** **BISA CPD workshop**, Ordering the Material theme, Queen Mary University of London, UK
- 2023 **Data rentierism and the lucrative promise of state digitalisation** paper, PSA British & Comparative Political Economy specialist group Early Career Researchers workshop - King's College London, UK
- 2023 **State (in)capacity and UK government information technology under Tony Blair** paper, Special Interest Group in Computing, Information, and Society (**SIGCIS**) conference
- 2023 Data Ownership **workshop**, University of Cambridge, UK
- 2023 **Government information technology and its state(d) boundaries** contribution at **Data: materialities, infrastructures, critiques workshop**, Cambridge Digital Humanities - University of Cambridge, UK
- 2023 Digital Good Network **summer school** - University of Sheffield, UK
- 2023 **Logic, limits, contingency** spring school - Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

- 2022 ***Histories of proprietary government information technology in the UK*** paper - Datafied welfare states ECREA pre-conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2022 ***Information technology and state (de)formation*** paper - MANCEPT workshop in analytical political theory, Digital democracy: governance and resistance in a digital era panel - University of Manchester, UK
- 2022 Taming the iMonster: Regulating digital platforms workshop - University of Vienna, Austria
- 2021 ***Technological solutions for (outsourcing) responsibility and accountability*** paper, Rhizomes of digitalisation: bureaucratic sentiments and redistributed accountability panel, ASA conference on Responsibility - University of St. Andrews, UK
- 2021 Moderator of Corona Brunch and Manifesti/Feministi - Festival Grounded - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2020 In conversation with Professor Mark Coeckelbergh on Deepfakes and the danger of totalitarianism, the Truth edition - Festival Grounded – Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2020 In conversation with Dr Julia Schneider, author of We Need To Talk, AI comic book – Aksioma, Slovenia
- 2019 Volunteer at CogX, The Festival of AI and Emerging Technology - London, United Kingdom
- 2019 ***Left to our own devices*** paper - Technology and society conference - KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2019 Human and Artificial Intelligence: how will we live and work in the future seminar – United Europe - University of Cambridge, UK
- 2019 Surveillance Override workshop led by Sarah Grant and Joana Moll - *Critical Engineering: Radical Tools for Interventions in Infrastructures* – Aksioma – Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2019 *Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency of sociotechnical systems (ACM*FAccT)* conference - Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) - Atlanta, Georgia, United States
- 2018 Fellow at SEEDIG (South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance) - Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2016 Robophilosophy conference - TRANSOR Research Network for Transdisciplinary Studies in Social Robotics - University of Aarhus, Denmark
- 2016 Summer school in political theory Freedom: Question or Answer? - University of Primorska, Slovenia
- 2015 International training for youth workers - Loesje International, Germany
- 2014 International summer school Image in Media and Digital Formation - University of Primorska, Slovenia
- 2014 Data for Societal Impact workshop - Design Biotop, Slovenia

ARTISTIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2024 T-WERK article – *Selling out* issue, ETC. magazine
- 2022 Migration poems – The Calvert Journal, New East Digital Archive
- 2020 Core player in Unrealism and part of *Journey into a Living Being – From Social Sculpture to Platform Capitalism* exhibition; one of the authors of Heart of an Avatar, published by Folia – Omsk Social Club, Germany
- 2019 Performer with the *Right Left* project by Jan Rozman - Festival of Performance, Slovenia
- 2019 Research and production assistant for Marija Bozinovska Jones and Omsk Social Club - *Technologically fabricated intimacy: blockchain and dating apps* - Somerset House and King's College London, UK
- 2018 Scriptwriter and performer with *Ergonomics* – *X Shared Spaces festival* - Kammerspiele Munich, Germany
- 2018 Video interpretation for *Sex in the Digital Age* exhibition, representing King's College London (Department of Digital Humanities) - Ars Electronica Festival Linz, Austria