

2. Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- 2025- **Institute of Ethnology and Central European and Balkan Studies**
Assistant Professor
- 2022-25 **Department of Ecological Anthropology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague**
Postdoctoral Researcher in the ERC project “Veterinarization of Europe? Hunting for Wild Boar Futures in the Time of African Swine Fever (BOAR)”
- 2024 **Dept. of Social Sciences, Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil**, FAPESP Visiting Researcher at the Laboratório de Experimentações Etnográficas (LE-E)
- 2019-22 **Department for Communication Studies, Rīga Stradiņš University**
Visiting Lead Researcher in the project “Comparing Vital Capitals: An Anthropological Analysis of the Global Value Chains of Sea Buckthorn and Raspberries”
- 2018-19 **Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest**
Visiting Professor
- 2017-18 **Institute of Advanced Studies, Central European University, Budapest**
Junior Core Fellow
- 2016-17 **ZiF - Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld University**
Fellow in Research Group “Kinship and Politics: Rethinking a Conceptual Split and its Epistemic Implications in the Social Sciences”
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Education

- 2009-16 **Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg & Max Planck Inst. for Social Anthropology**
Ph.D., Anthropology: “State Relations: Local State and Social Security in Central Serbia”, *summa cum laude*
- 1999-2009 **Free University Berlin, Magister in Socio-Cultural Anthropology (equivalent to M.A.)**
Thesis: „*Die Dynamik der Märkte im Ländlichen Ijumu, Nigeria: Eine erweiterte Fallstudie um Moralökonomie und Konflikt*”, 1.6 (very good)
Minors: Sociology of Eastern & South-Eastern Europe; History of South-Eastern Europe

Non-degree education

- 2001 **Lomonosov Moscow State University**, exchange student
- 1999-2003 **Humboldt-University Berlin**, studies in Russian Literature and Language
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Areas of Specialization

Political anthropology; political ecology; global value chains; infrastructures of value; anthropologies of care, kinship and the state; post-socialist transformations

Fieldwork

South-Eastern Europe (esp. Serbia), 30 months; Latvia & East Germany, 6 months; Nigeria, 6 months

Invited talks (last three years)

- Oct 2024 Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Florianopolis, Brazil, Department of Anthropology, "Infrastructures of Value: The Relational Materiality of Capitalism and its Alternatives in Serbia's Raspberry Value Chain"
- Sep 2024 Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), Natal, Brazil, CCHLA–Graduate Program in Social Anthropology, "The Anthropology of the State"
- Aug 2024 Federal University of Sao Carlos (UFSCar), Post-graduate Program in Social Anthropology, Quartas Indomaveis: "Infrastructures of Value in Agriculture: An Anthropological Perspective on the Relational Materiality of Capitalism and its Alternatives"
- Nov 2023 Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute of Ethnology in Brno Monthly Seminar: "Towards a New-Historical Materialist Anthropology: Infrastructures of Value in Eastern European Food Chains"
- March 2022 Riga Stradins University Doctoral Seminar: "Infrastructuring Raspberries: Agronomists, Cold Chains and the Socialist Base of the 'Red Gold of Serbia'"
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Presentations at conferences and workshops (last five years)

- July 2024 "Infrastructuring Value: Understanding the Relational Materiality of Capitalism and its Alternatives" (with Christof Lammer), EASA2024: Doing and Undoing with Anthropology, Barcelona, Spain
- July 2024 "How Veterinary Worlds Meet Politics: The Case of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Serbia", EASST-4S 2024 Amsterdam: Making and Doing Transformations, Amsterdam, NL
- July 2023 "Fledgling Farms and Failing Health: Polypore transformations of multispecies labor and the state in Serbia's raspberry fields", biennial conference of the German Anthropological Association: Contested Knowledge, Anthropological Perspectives, Munich, Germany
- Apr 2023 "Fledgling farms and failing health: Transformations of multispecies labour and care in the Serbian raspberry fields", conference In the Frictions: Fragments of Care, Health, and Wellbeing in the Balkans, Zadar, Croatia
- Nov 2022 "Introductory Remarks: Plants as/and Humans". Workshop Plants as/and Humans: Southern Epistemologies and 'Floral Turn' (workshop organizer), Prague, Czech Republic
- Nov 2022 "Introduction: Infrastructures of Value" and "Infrastructuring Raspberries: Agronomists, Cold Chains, and the Involution of Serbia's 'Raspberry Country'", panel Infrastructures of Value: New and Historical Materialities of Food and Farming at AAA conference "Unsettling Landscapes", Seattle (panel organizer, chair, speaker)
- Aug 2022 "Welcome and Introductory remarks", 6th Baltic Summer School of Anthropology. Global-to-Local Food Chains: Food Sovereignty and Climate Change, in Cēsis, Latvia. Convenor, organiser, chair
- June 2022 "Infrastructures of value: Post-socialist infrastructural involution and the production of Serbian raspberries for global markets", conference Ecologies of Decay: Modern ruination in the global (post)socialist peripheries, SSEES, University College London
- April 2022 "Raspberries across system boundaries: translations of knowledges and technologies during and after socialism", Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft conference: Unsettling the hegemonic gaze: translation and transfer of knowledge in Southeast Europe, Regensburg
- Dec 2021 "Farmers' failing health and FDI: A Serbian case study in public health and welfare transformations", conference Reconfiguring Labour and Welfare in Emerging Economies of the Global South, ZiF Bielefeld
- May 2021 "Infrastructuring Raspberries: Agronomists, Cold Chains and the Socialist Base of the 'Red Gold of Serbia'", conference: Thirty years of capitalist transformations in Central and Eastern Europe: Inequalities and Resistance, Cluj, Romania

- March 2021 “Becoming in-visible: small family farms in rural Latvia in the framework of the National and EU Agriculture Policy”, PLACES conference panel: Flying Ideas, Flying Circuses and Flying Cars: Anthropological Approaches to Techniques and Technologies in the Current World (organizer), Riga, Latvia
- Oct 2020 “The ‘red gold of Serbia’ under ‘environmental’ duress: Towards an economic anthropology of the global value chain of raspberries”, Workshop of the “Economic Anthropology” Group of the German Anthropological Association: Economic Anthropology and the Sense of Environmental Crisis, Cologne, Germany
- July 2020 “Infrastructuring the state: Cold chains beyond the Cold War and the ‘red gold of Serbia’ (raspberries)”, EASA conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- Dec 2019 “The sweat of the raspberry plantation”, founding meeting of the EASA network „Environmental Anthropology“, Cologne, Germany
- Nov 2019 “Caring States, Ambivalent Families: How the Gift of State-paid Senior Home Care Reconfigures the Internal State-Society Boundary in Serbia”, joint conference of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and Canadian Anthropological Society (CASCA): “Changing Climates”, Vancouver, Canada
- Nov 2019 “Transversal rebellion: Re-aligning the scales of statecraft through football”, Swiss Anthropological Society conference “The Global as Method – Ethnographic Scales in the 21st century”, Geneva
- Nov 2019 “Infrastructuring Stategraphy: Pipes and the Relational Anthropology of the State”, founding meeting of EASA network Anthropologies of the State, “Genealogies and Positionalities of Thinking the State”, Leiden, Netherlands
- Oct 2019 “Football and transversal politics: A central Serbian perspective on the Anthropology of the Local State”, conference of the German Society for Social and Cultural Anthropology (DGSKA): „The End of Negotiations“, Constance, Germany
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Other work experience

- 2003-08 Free University Berlin, student assistant to Prof. Georg Elwert, Documentation Centre of Social Anthropology, Social Science Library
- 2006 GTZ German Development Cooperation Nigeria, internship in Employment-Oriented Private Sector Development (Abuja) and Borno Poverty Alleviation Project (Maiduguri)
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Service to the Community

Edit. board: *Etnografia Polska*

Reviewer: *Social Anthropology*

Modern Africa: Politics, History and Society

Open Encyclopedia of Anthropology

Comparative Migration Studies (COMS)

East European Politics and Society (EEPS)

Journal of Extreme Anthropology

Allegra Lab

Sociology and Anthropology Book Series, Palgrave Macmillan Publishers

Institute for Advanced Studies, CEU Budapest, Fellowship applications

- 2009-13 Ombuds-Person Against Racial Discrimination at MPI for Social Anthropology
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Languages

German Native

English Functionally native proficiency

Serbian	Functionally native proficiency
Russian	Working proficiency
French	Conversational
Yoruba	Basic
Portuguese	Basic

3. Publications

1. Books

- 1.1. 2024. *The Politics of Relations: How Self-Government, Infrastructures, and Care Transform the State in Serbia*, Oxford: Berghahn Press.

2. Special Issues and Edited Volumes

- 2.1. 2024. Infrastructures of Value: New and Historical Materialities in Agriculture, Special Issue of *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 89 (2), edited with Christoph Lammer.
- 2.2. 2007. with Polyphonic Editing Team. *6th Days of Polyphonic Anthropology: Symbols and Rituals of Statehood and Resistance. A Documentation of Collective Field Research Done by Young Anthropologists from Berlin and Warsaw*. Warsaw: University of Warsaw Printing House.

3. Journal Articles and Peer-reviewed Chapters

- 3.1 2024. Introduction: Infrastructuring Value, with Christof Lammer. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 89 (2), 195–218.
- 3.2 2024. Infrastructuring ‘Red Gold’: Agronomists, Cold Chains, and the Involution of Serbia’s Raspberry Country. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 89 (2), 289–311.
- 3.3 2024. Fledgling Farms and Failing Health: How the Polypore State Transforms the Multispecies Relations in Serbia’s Raspberry Fields. *Journal of Labor & Society* 27 (3), 344–369.
- 3.4 2022. Commodity Chains. In *A Handbook of Economic Anthropology*, 3rd, revised edition, edited by James Carrier. Cheltenham and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 368–378.
- 3.5 2022. Becoming In-visible: Family Farms in Rural Latvia in the Framework of the EU Common Agricultural Policy, with Kristīne Rolle. *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment* 44 (1), 41–52.
- 3.6 2020. The Red Gold of Serbia: A Historical Ethnography of Serbian Raspberry Production for the Global Market. *Vienna Working Papers in Ethnography* 10.
- 3.7 2019. Moral Appreciation: Caring for Post-Socialist Cows in Contemporary Serbia. *Etnofoor* 31 (2), 13–31 (reprinted in Miriam Fahimi, Elmar Flatschart & Wolfram Schraffar, eds. 2022. *State and Statehood in the Global South: Theoretical Approaches and Empirical Studies*. Cham, CH: Springer, 173–192).
- 3.8 2018. Underimplementing the Law: Social Work, Bureaucratic Error, and the Politics of Distribution in Postsocialist Serbia, in *From the Midwife’s Bag to the Patient’s File: Public Health in Eastern Europe*, eds. Heike Karge, Friederike Kind-Kovács & Sara Bernasconi, Budapest, CEU University Press, 293–313.
- 3.9 2017. Kapitalizam koji se smanjuje, ‘mlečni putevi’, i moralno uvažavanje ‘živog sela’ u Srbiji, in: *Glasnik Etnografskog Instituta SANU* 65 (2), 387–402. [Shrinking capitalism, ‘milky ways’, and the moral appreciation of the ‘living village’ in Serbia].
- 3.10 2014. State Kinning and Kinning the State in Serbian Elder Care Programs, with Thelen, Tatjana and Duška Roth. *Social Analysis* 58 (3), 107–23 (reprint in Tatjana Thelen, Larissa Veters & Keebet von Benda-Beckmann, eds. 2018. *Stategraphy: Toward a Relational Anthropology of the State*, Berghahn Press: New York, Oxford, 107–123 & abbr. in Erdmute Alber & Tatjana Thelen, eds. 2021. *Politics of Kinship: A Reader*. Routledge: London).
- 3.11 2014. “It was the Least Painful to go into Greenhouse Production”: The Moral Appreciation of Social Security in Post-Socialist Serbia, in: *Contemporary Southeastern Europe* 1 (2), 24–41.

4. Miscellaneous

- 4.1 Thiemann, André. 2024. Keebet as Supervisor, or on the Surprises of Ethnographic Theorizing. *Legal Pluralism and Critical Social Analysis* 56 (3): 670–71.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/27706869.2024.2370162>.
- 4.2 2023. with Christof Lammer. Infrastructuring Gens: Materiality, Marx and More-Than-Capitalist Value, *boas-blog Researching Capitalism*,
<https://boasblogs.org/researchingcapitalism/infrastructuring-gens/>.
- 4.3 2023. [Video Abstract - Introduction: Infrastructuring Value on Vimeo](#), 2min32sec.
- 4.4 2023. Wildschweinen auf der Spur: Deutscher Anthropologe forscht an Tschechischer Akademie der Wissenschaften, Radio Prague International,
<https://deutsch.radio.cz/wildschweinen-auf-der-spur-deutscher-anthropologe-forscht-tschechischer-akademie-8801529>.
- 4.5 2019-22. vlogs and blogs on my research on agricultural value chains in Serbia, Latvia and Eastern Germany, <https://www.rsu.lv/en/project/comparing-vital-capitals-anthropological-analysis-global-value-chains-sea-buckthorn-and>.
- 4.6 2020. Review of Thelen, Tatjana and Erdmute Alber (ed.). 2018. Reconnecting Kinship and State, *Antropos* 115, 281–282.
- 4.7 2019. Review of David W. Montgomery (ed.) 2018. Everyday Life in the Balkans, *Südosteuropa* 67 (2), 294–296.
- 4.8 2019. Review of Č. Brković (2017), Managing Ambiguity: How Clientelism, Citizenship, and Power Shape Personhood in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Oxford: Berghahn), *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* 27 (2): 130–133.
<https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/ajec/27/2/ajec.27.issue-2.xml>.
- 4.9 2018. Of Refugees and States: How Vernacular Humanitarianism Draws Together Disparate Scales of Statecraft, *Public Anthropologist Journal Blog* (8.10.2018).
<http://publicanthropologist.cmi.no/2018/10/08/of-refugees-and-states-how-vernacular-humanitarianism-draws-together-disparate-scales-of-statecraft/>.
- 4.10 2017. Towards a relational anthropology of the state, *Allegra Lab* (9.12.2017).
<http://allegralaboratory.net/towards-a-relational-anthropology-of-the-state/>.
- 4.11 2014. with Dr Tabea Häberlein. Conference Report: Doing Politics – Making Kinship: Back Towards a Future Anthropology of Social Organisation and Belonging. 13.02.2014 – 15.02.2014, Berlin, in: *H-Soz-Kult* (21.05.2014).
<http://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/tagungsberichte-5375>.
- 4.12 2007. Introduction, in: Polyphonic Editing Team. *6th Days of Polyphonic Anthropology: Symbols and Rituals of Statehood and Resistance. A Documentation of Collective Field Research Done by Young Anthropologists from Berlin and Warsaw*. Warsaw: University of Warsaw Printing House, 11–22.
- 4.13 2007. Framing Polyphony 6: Beyond a ‘Quick and Dirty’ Approach, in *ibid.*, 32–44.

5. Work in Progress

- 5.1 Faire et transformer la «framboise serbe». Infrastructures et politiques d’un fruit «sensible», in Olivier Givre, ed. “The taste of the Balkans”, special issue of *Balkanologie* (under review).
- 5.2 *Bewildering Boar, Perplexing Pigs*, editor of joint volume by the BOAR team to be published 2025 by Karolinum–Charles University Press.
- 5.3 ‘Falling into Pieces by the Drupelets’: The Collapse of the Hungarian Raspberry Production (working title), with Balázs Gosztonyi and Alexandra Czeglédi, in Raluca Mateoc, ed. *Infrastructure, environment, and materiality in Eastern Europe and beyond: Resilient and alternative pathways*. LIT: Münster.

4. Teaching

I conceived, developed and taught ten courses, a summer school, a self-organised student course and a student conference, which offered me practical teaching experience, provided me with a host of syllabuses I can quickly update and adapt, and gave me confidence that I can teach new subjects.

My first teaching experience was gained in a self-organised course on the “Anthropology of Consumption”. Then I co-organised the 2004 Berlin graduate conference on representations of statehood and rituals of resistance in Berlin, in which 30 students from Warsaw and Berlin participated. Based on my own training in informal and formal qualitative (ethnographic) and in quantitative methods, plus participation in a three-semester project seminar on “Work in West Africa” that included a four-month ethnographic research excursion to Nigeria, I suggested to use for the first time in Europe the *ECRIS* method (a rapid ethnographic appraisal developed in 1997 by anthropologists Thomas Bierschenk and Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan for Central Africa). We published our results in a collective publication (see “publications”).

I drew on this experience when in 2022 I convened, organised and chaired the 6th Baltic Summer School of Anthropology “Global-to-Local Food Chains: Food Sovereignty and Climate Change”, in Cēsis, Latvia: 28 international students attended expert seminars on the nexus between climate crisis and food sovereignty, participated in small-group fieldwork with local actors along the food chain (scientists, producers, processors and traders), and presented their findings.

I have formally taught since 2013, when Shakira Bedoya Sanchez, Gustavo Rioja and I developed and developed the course “Anthropology and Critique” for the B.A. seminar in Social Anthropology at the Martin Luther University in Halle. I enjoy reading classics alongside contemporary authors to see if their work can be put in conversation (see the introduction to my 2024 monograph “The Politics of Relations”), and my main interest in this course lay in exploring the interdependencies between critical theory and anthropology since the twentieth century.

In 2017, I taught three courses, two of which drew on my recently finished PhD thesis. These were the two-week-long bloc seminar on contemporary “Ethnographies of South-Eastern Europe” in the M.A. in Anthropology program at Riga Stradins University; and the seminar “Care Work” in the B.A. in Sociology and Social Anthropology program at Bielefeld University. Interested in exploring economic anthropology and sociology, I also co-taught a two-week bloc seminar “Money and Values” at the M.A. in Sociology at University Frankfurt/Main, with qualitative sociologist Matthias Thiemann.

In the academic year 2018–19 I was visiting professor at the M.A. program in Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Central European University (CEU) Budapest. Building on my experiences from the 2013 seminar “Anthropology and Critique”, and adapting course material I sourced at Budapest, I taught the core course “Key Issues in Social and Cultural Anthropology I”, covering the difficult heritage of anthropology from the mid-1800s to ca. 1968. Also in 2018, I taught a four-hour intensive course on the Anthropology of the State – the syllabus being entirely developed by myself.

In 2019, I conceived, developed and taught “Economic Anthropology”, a four-hour intensive research-led course based on my post-doctoral research; and I furthermore taught the M.A. thesis writing workshop, a course that allowed all my students to pass their exams with high honours.

Exploring multispecies anthropologies in times of the Anthropocene, in 2022 I co-taught the course Environmental Anthropology with the Amazonia-specialist Paride Bolletín, as a joint course of the M.A.s of Social Anthropology at Riga Stradins University and of Masaryk University Brno.

In October 2024, as a visiting researcher at the Social Anthropology Postgraduate Program at Sao Carlos University, Brazil, I offered the mini course: Infrastructures of Value – Understanding the Materialities of Capitalism in Food and Farming.

In spring 2025, I will teach a considerably re-worked and updated course on Contemporary Research in Economic Anthropology at the Charles University, Prague.

5. Research Projects and Cooperations

- 2024 FAPESP Visiting Researcher at the Laboratório de Experimentações Etnográficas (LE-E) at the Dept. of Social Sciences, Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil, in the project “Materialities of Value: Comparing grassroots economics in the Global South and East” [Research Grants 24/00730-3 “Materialities of Value: Comparing grassroots economics in the Global South and East”](#) (PI Catarina Morawska Vianna)
- 2022-25 Department of Ecological Anthropology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague. Post-doctoral Researcher in the ERC project “**Veterinarization of Europe? Hunting for Wild Boar Futures in the Time of African Swine Fever (BOAR)**”.
- My project studies how contemporary pigs in Serbia navigate frictions between veterinarization, environmentalism, recreational hunting, African-Swine-Fever, and a globalising meat sector, which produces toxic ecologies on different scales. One focus is on the metabolic triangle between humans, pigs and plants. These research foci are embedded in an appreciation of the *longue-durée* when pigs have repeatedly shaped politics in Serbia: since the nation state emerged in the 19th century, they were a major commodity and provided considerable tax revenue. First extensively reared for export, they were held ever more intensively in confined spaces and their chances to live their porcine affordances restricted. Throughout, pigs strongly impacted on the Serbian state.
- 2019-22 **Comparing Vital Capitals: An anthropological analysis of the global value chains of sea buckthorn and raspberries** (1.1.1.2/VIAA/2/18/271, Agreement No. 9.-14.5/87), funded by the European Regional Development Fund (Brussels, BE), €130,000.
- The research project was carried out in Serbia, Latvia, and East Germany, triangulating multi-local participant observation and expert interviews to follow the berry fruits from the plantations to the end-consumers. The study compared how rules, norms and desires are assembled, negotiated and aligned to ensure the quality, safety, and competitiveness of global commodities. It queried modernisation paradigms that operate on center-periphery models, by tracing how the main innovations in sustainable food chains may emanate from peripheral rural spaces inside and outside the EU, and their values translated and channelled by European Union centres.
- <https://www.rsu.lv/en/project/comparing-vital-capitals-anthropological-analysis-global-value-chains-sea-buckthorn-and>
- 2022 Academic Visitor (Hilary Term), Russian and East European Studies, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, UK
- 2021-22 Academic Visitor Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale
- 2021 Visiting Scholar at the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Spain
- 2020-21 Elinor Ostrom Fellow at ZfF, Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld, €4,000

- 2017- Care and State (CaSt), a network of anthropologists interested in the relational co-constitution of care and the state, engendering innovative insights, important not only for academics but also diverse fields of policy development
- 2012-15 DFG German Research Foundation, member in Research Network “Social Welfare and Health Care in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe during the Long Twentieth Century”
- 2009-13 MPI for Social Anthropology, Ph.D. Stipend (with Volkswagen Foundation) in the Research Group “Local State and Social Security in Hungary, Romania and Serbia, €65,000
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Further Grants

- 2022 Small workshop grant by the Czech Academy of Sciences and the French Research Center in Humanities and Social Sciences (CEFRES), €7,000
- 2022 Baltic Summer School in Anthropology: Baltic-German University Liaison Office Project Funding, €5,000; Cēsis Municipality Summer School support grant, €2,000
- 2019 Central European University, CEU Conferences and Academic Events Fund, €7,000
- 2017 Thyssen Foundation, Research Field “State, Economy, Society” conference grant, €20,000
- 2006 DAAD German Acad. Exchange Service, stipend for short term internship abroad, €1,200
- 2006 GTZ German Development Cooperation, internship stipend, €600
- 2004 DPJW German-Polish Youth Office, International Youth exchange grant, €1,600
- 2002-03 DAAD German Academic Exchange Service, stipend for research abroad, €1,200
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6. Future Research Plans

My future research plan consists of both short term and longer term perspectives on research and publishing, fostering collaborations and writing applications for funding. I start with the short term goals.

First, until November 2024, I am FAPESP Visiting Researcher at the Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil in the Laboratório de Experimentações Etnográficas (LE-E), funded with €20,000. In the project 'Materialities of Value: Comparing grassroots economics in the Global South and East', I work together with my host Catarina Morawska Vianna on a comparative analysis of the political ecologies of the mangroves of Olinda, a shanty town in Pernambuco State, Brasil, and the Djerdap National Park on the banks of the Danube river in Serbia. Furthermore, we aim to compare subversive festive traditions in the Global South and East – on the one hand a street procession (*acorda povo*) celebrating St John the Baptist/Xango, which is led since Covid19 by a queer Afro-brazilian band, on the other the female-led "Cooking with Balls" festival that mocks the kitsch of commercial food festivals and male-dominated politics in Serbia by celebrating the culinary preparation of testicles. I plan to write two joint publications and to lay the grounds for further collaboration and exchange.

Second, I have started to turn my study of the political-ecological transformations of (South)eastern Europe into a cumulative habilitation at Charles University Prague. In the introduction, and in conversation with critical human geography and sociology, I explore how I combine anthropologies of infrastructure with anthropologies of value to arrive at the new conceptual framework that I dubbed "infrastructures of value." I argue that the value of commodities does not derive only from what consumers want to pay for it, or the amount of abstract labour necessary for their production, but also on the infrastructures underlying the circulation and transformation of the things, ideas and people that become assembled to shape, or "qualify", a commodity. I analytically differentiate between infrastructures of transport, containment, communication, and legal-scientific evidencing, and add the cross-cutting perspective of people-as-infrastructure. Empirically, the ethnography was done in 18 months of fieldwork on the raspberry value chain in Serbia (since 2016); on the sea buckthorn value chains in Latvia and Germany (since 2019); and on pig rearing in Serbia, Macedonia, Bulgaria and Bosnia-Herzegovina (since 2022). I plan to rework this habilitation for publication with a renowned international academic publisher.

Third, in a longer-term perspective, I envisage to apply for a multi-person, multi-year research project with a major funding agency (e.g. an ERC consolidator grant) exploring more-than-human relationships. This project will follow the surprisingly diverse becomings of this humble shrub–sea buckthorn (*hypophae rhamnoides*)–across diverse political ecologies and environments. Across Europe and Asia, sea buckthorn is a fascinating shape shifter: a medical plant in folk- and bio-medical contexts (Ayurveda, wound healing, coronary disease and wellness); a pioneer in the fight against desertification and a sentinel species of climate crisis; a classic source of vitamin C and an apparently novel "super food" undergoing huge oscillations in investments in R&D and acreage, in e.g. Romania and Greece.

7. Five Most Important Publications

1. 2024. *The Politics of Relations: How Self-Government, Infrastructures, and Care Transform the State in Serbia*, Oxford: Berghahn Press.
 2. 2024. with Christof Lammer. Introduction: Infrastructuring Value, in “Infrastructures of Value: New and Historical Materialities in Agriculture,” Special Issue of *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 89 (2), 195–218.
 3. 2024. Infrastructuring ‘Red Gold’: Agronomists, Cold Chains, and the Involution of Serbia’s Raspberry Country, in “Infrastructures of Value: New and Historical Materialities in Agriculture,” Special issue of *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 89 (2), 289–311.
 4. 2019. Moral Appreciation: Caring for Post-Socialist Cows in Contemporary Serbia. *Etnofoor* 31 (2), 13–31 (reprint 2022).
 5. 2014. with Thelen, Tatjana and Duška Roth. State Kinning and Kinning the State in Serbian Elder Care Programs. *Social Analysis* 58 (3), 107-23 (reprint 2018; abbrev. 2021).
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