

DRAGANA MRVOS

Fulbright Scholar 2024-2025

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EDUCATION

- ~ **B.A., International Affairs** (graduated with Honors), University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade, Serbia
- ~ **M.A., International Politics**, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, Serbia
Thesis: “Role and Importance of the World Trade Organization as a Subject of International Business Law” Committee: Sanja M. Graić Stepanović (Chair), Ljubiša S. Adamović, Zoran Čupić
- ~ **Ph.D., Government**, concentration in Russia, former USSR, and Eastern Europe, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, **Dissertation:** “Proliferation of Gig Platforms and Its Impacts on Labor in a Study of Uber and CarGo”, Committee: Peter N. Funke (Chair), Scott M. Solomon, Kevin A. Yelvington, Harry E. Vanden

WORK/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

October 2024- **Fulbright Scholar**, Research, University of Rijeka, Croatia
July 2022-Jan 2024 **Adjunct Professor**, University of Tampa
Jan 2017-June 2022 **Adjunct Professor**, University of South Florida
Aug 2015-Dec 2017 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of South Florida

~ Taught discussion sessions and graded assignments: **Globalization INR3011** with M. Scott Solomon (Fall 2017) and Mark Amen (Spring 2017), **Introduction to Political Theory POT3003**, **Contemporary Political Thought POT4064** and **Environmental Political Thought POT4936** with Cheryl Hall (Fall & Spring 2016), **Theories of Power and Punishment POT 4936** with Sarah Pemberton (Spring 2016), **International Human Rights INR3202** with Steven C. Roach (Fall 2015)

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING COMPETENCE

Development studies; migration and democracy; capitalism and technology; social movements and contentious politics; popular culture; Third World politics; politics of Eastern Europe; American foreign politics.

Research and living experience in the United States, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany.

AWARDS/HONORS

- ~ Fulbright U.S. Scholar award, 2024-2025.
- ~ International travel grant, Office of Graduate Studies, University of South Florida, 2020.
- ~ Travel grant, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, 2017.
- ~ University graduate fellowship, University of South Florida, 2015-2016.
- ~ Certificate of Appreciation, Office of International Services, Illinois State University, 2010.
- ~ USAID Global undergraduate scholarship, Illinois State University, 2009-2010.
- ~ Student Exchange Scholarship, Germany, European Movement, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

- ~ Forthcoming 2025. “Surveillance Capitalism and Control of Work: A Study of Uber in Tampa Bay” in *Despotism of the Machines: Techno Fetishism and Communicative Power in the Information Age*, Ed. Gino Canella.
- ~ “Komodifikacija i kulturna industrija: razumevanje ‘gaserskog identiteta u Srbiji i post-jugoslovenskom prostoru” (Commodification and Culture Industry: Understanding Trap Folk and ‘Gaser’ Style in Serbia and Beyond), *Kritika*, 5 (1): 3-25, 2024.
<https://kritika.ifdt.bg.ac.rs/index.php/kc/issue/view/12/12>
- ~ “Gaseri” co-authored with Barbara Frey, *The Global Encyclopaedia of Informality*, 3(2). Ed. Alena Ledeneva. UCL Press. 2024.
- ~ “Illusioned and Alienated: Can Gig Workers Organize Collectively?” *tripleC: Communication, Capitalism & Critique*. 19 (1): 262-276, 2021. DOI:
<https://doi.org/10.31269/triplec.v19i1.1236>

SELECTED PRESENTATION

- ~ “Effects of Capitalism on Culture and Society in Serbia and Beyond: Trep folk and Gaseri”, University of Ljubljana, Serbian Academy of Science and Arts, and Slovenian Musicological Society, Ljubljana, Slovenia, December 9th 2022
- ~ “Work and New Modes of Collectivism behind the Digital Curtain”, Digital Democracy Summer School 2022: The Power of Platforms and the Power of the People, Center for Advanced Studies – South East Europe, University of Rijeka, Rijeka, Croatia, 11-13th May 2022
- ~ “How to Stand Against Collective Conformity? A Critical Review of Haclav Havel’s Essay ‘The Power of the Powerless’”, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade, Serbia, November 8th, 2021
- ~ “Work and Economic Growth,” Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) USF World workshops series: March 25th 2022; November 9th 2021; November 6th 2020, Tampa and Saint Petersburg, Florida, US

- ~ “Digital Re(appropriations) and Attempts of Collective Labor Organizing: Uber Technologies,” Thirteenth Global Studies Conference, (online), 4-5 June 2020
- ~ “The Rise and Disappearance of Otpor: Nonviolent Movement in the Republic of Serbia,” 18th Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science, Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, US, April 23, 2010

LANGUAGES

- ~ Serbian (native)
- ~ English (fluent)
- ~ Spanish (communicative level)