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TEACHING AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH

TEACHING SUBJECTS

- Epistemology of Japanese Research
- Special Topics in History of Ideas of Japan
- Asian Religions
- Methodology of Intercultural Research

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Minority questions in Japan: *Zainichi* Koreans and *burakumin*
- Community building and marginality
- Identity processes and issues in Japan
- Anthropology of body and space

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 2009: PhD in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Japanese Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University in Ljubljana.
- 2003: B.A. in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology and Japanese Studies at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology and Department of Asian and African Studies, track Japanese Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana. Title of dissertation: Contemporary living culture in the Japanese house and traditional elements of the folk house.
- 1992–1996: High-school graduate at the I. Grammar School, Maribor (language department: English, German, French).

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014–present: assistant professor at the Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, UL
- May 2014: visiting researcher and field work at Kyoto University in Japan
- 2009–present: Assistant and Managing Editor of the academic journal *Asian Studies* (<http://revije.ff.uni-lj.si/as>)

- October 2008–2014: assistant at the Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, UL.
- January 2012–February 2012: post-doc research and field work in Kyoto University in Japan (Japan Foundation scholarship).
- October 2006–March 2008: field work research and study in Kanazawa city in Japan (MEXT scholarship).
- October 2004–March 2008: research assistant at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, UL.

AWARDS

- 2012 (January and February) Japan Foundation scholarship
- 2006-2008 MEXT scholarship

CO-ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

- 3–5 October 2014, 3rd International STCS (Specific Topics in Chinese Studies) Conference, “Contemporary East Asia and the Confucian Revival”, <http://aas.ff.uni-lj.si/stcs>. SAZU, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 27–30 August 2014, 14th EAJCS Conference 2014, <http://aas.ff.uni-lj.si/eajcs>. Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 27–28 June 2014, 2nd Korean International Symposium, “Understanding Chinese Characters and Cultures in East Asia”, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 17 January 2014, 1st Korean International Symposium, “Medieval literature in East Asia with a special focus on Korean tradition”, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 18 October 2012, 3rd International Symposium of Department of Asian and African Studies “Language, thought, realities”, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 14–16 March 2012, 2nd International Symposium “Improvement in Communication”, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 23–24 March 2011, 1st International Symposium “Cooperation and Conflicts in East and South Asia: Contemporaneity, Historical and cultural Aspects”, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 5–10 February 2010, “IFERI Seminnar on Conference Slovenia Japan University Cooperation Network Graduate Student Forum” University of Tsukuba, Japan.
- 20–21 October 2009, 2nd Slovenia Japan University Cooperation Network Graduate Student Forum, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 8–9 November 2008, 1st Slovenia Japan University Cooperation Network Graduate Student Forum, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 26–29 August 2008, 10th Biennial EASA Conference, “Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality”, www.easa2008.eu, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS 2009–2014

- 13 October 2014, ‘Minority in Today’s Japan: Processes of Community Building in Marginal Places in Kyoto.’ 1st International Symposium with Toyo University Constructing International and Interdisciplinary Perspective. Ljubljana, Slovenia.

- 3–5 October 2014, 'Confucian Ideologies in the Modern Japanese State Formation.' 3rd STCS Conference on Contemporary East Asian and the Confucian Revival. Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 27–30 August 2014, 'Happy Dwelling – Construction of Community Buildings in Marginal Places in Kyoto', 14th EAJIS Conference 2014, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 27–28 June 2014, Irena Srdanović and Nataša Visočnik, 'Orthographic and sociolinguistic representation of Korea and Koreans in Japanese Language Corpora', 2nd Korean International Symposium, "Understanding Chinese Characters and Cultures in East Asia" Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana.
- 14–18 May 2014, 'Living on the Edge: Buraku in Kyoto.' IUAES 2014 with JASCA Conference, Chiba, Tokyo, Japan.
- 12–13 March 2014, 'Teachers or Robots: Mastering a Dance in Japan.' International Symposium on Japanese Studies, "Visibly and Unvisibly", Nichibunken, Kyoto, Japan and Philological Faculty of University of Beograd, Serbia.
- 1–3 March 2014, 'Modernization and *machizukuri* in Kyoto's *buraku*.' 4th International Symposium on Japanese Studies, "Tradition, Modernity, and Globalization in Japan", Center for Japanese Studies, University of Bucharest, Romania.
- 17 February 2014, 'Living on the Edge: Marginalized Communities in Kyōto.' Japanese Studies Conference 2014 Building Connections in Central and Eastern Europe, Japan Foundation, Budapest and Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary.
- 18 October 2012, 'Presentation of the Korean minority in Japan'. 3rd International Symposium of Department of Asian and African Studies "Language, thought, realities". Faculty of Arts, Ljubljana.
- 3–5 March 2012, 'Representation and Self-representation of Korean Minority Group in Japan'. 2nd International Symposium on Japanese Studies, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania.
- 24–27 August 2011, 'To Forget or not to Forget: The Question of Cultural Diversity in National-state through the Memories of Immigrants in Slovenia and Japan'. European Association of Japanese Studies, Tallinn, Estonia.
- 23–24 March 2011, 'The ways of Representing and Expressing of Identities within Minority Groups in Japan'. 1st International Symposium "Cooperation and conflicts in East and South Asia: Contemporaneity, historical and cultural aspects," Department AAS, FA, UL.
- 5–10 February 2010, 'IFERI Seminnar on Conference Slovenia Japan University Cooperation Network Graduate Student Forum'. Tsukuba, Japonska.
- 20–21 October 2009, 'Cultural Diversity in the Modern State with Regards to Slovenia and Japan'. 2nd Slovenia Japan University Cooperation Network Graduate Student Forum, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- English, Croatian, Japanese, German, French

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS

- EACP - European Association for Chinese Philosophy; Coordinator, <http://www.ea-cp.eu/>)
- EAJIS - European Association of Japanese Studies; Council Member from 2011–2014
- IUAES - International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Science
- JAWS - Japanese Anthropological Workshop

- JASCA - Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology
- AAS – Association of Asian Studies
- EASA - European Association of Social Anthropologists
- SAS (DAS) - Slovene Anthropological Society
- KULA - Slovene Ethnological and Anthropological Association
- SED – Slovene Ethnological Association

BIBLIOGRAPHY 2009–2014

Academic articles

Koreans in Japan: Processes of Community Building in Marginal Places in Kyoto. *Asian Studies* 2014, 2 (2): 89–107. <http://revije.ff.uni-lj.si/as/article/view/2918/2697>, doi: 10.4312/as.2014.2.2.89-109. [COBISS.SI-ID 56680290]

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Self and other - representations of the Korean minority in Japan. *Dve domovini* 2013, 37: 113-121. [COBISS.SI-ID 35518509]

Perception of Space and Body within the Processes of identification in Japan. *Stud. Univ. Babeş-Bolyai, Philol. (Print)*, 2013, vol. 58, issue 1, str. 127-140. [COBISS.SI-ID 51634530]

Percepcija telesnosti in prostora v okviru procesov identifikacij na Japonskem/ Perception of Body and Space within the Processes of identification in Japan. *Azij. afr. štud.*, 2010, Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 69-89. [COBISS.SI-ID 44546402]

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Academic Monograph

Hiša kot prostor identitet : oblikovanje identitet skozi percepcije prostora in telesa v bivalnem okolju na Japonskem/The house as space of identity; construction of identity through perception of space and body in dwelling environment in Japan, (Zupaničeva knjižnica, št. 34). Ljubljana: Znanstvena založba Filozofske fakultete, 2011. 264 str., fotogr. ISBN 978-961-237-473-0. [COBISS.SI-ID 259352320]

Published Papers Presented at the Conferences

Living on the edge: marginalised communities in Kyoto. V: PÁL, Dániel-Levente (ur.). *Building connections in central and Eastern Europe*. Budapest: Eötvös University Press, 2014, str. 15-25. [COBISS.SI-ID 56684386]

Published Abstracts of Papers Presented at the Conferences

Cultural diversity in modern state regards to Slovenia and Japan. In: *Living with diversity : Slovenia-Japan University Cooperation Network Graduate Student Forum series, 8th and 9th November, 2008 [and] 20th and 21st October, 2009, University of Ljubljana*. Tsukuba: IFERI

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba, [2010], pp. 168-173. [COBISS.SI-ID 42771554]

Happy dwelling: construction of community buildings in marginal places in Kyoto. V: The 14th International Conference of the EAJS, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, August 27-30, 2014. *Book of abstracts*. [Ljubljana]: Ljubljana University Press, Faculty of Arts, 2014, str. 284. <http://aas.ff.uni-lj.si/datoteke/eajs/334/bookofabstractseajs2014ljubljan3.pdf>. [COBISS.SI-ID 56167266]

Minority in today's Japan: processes of community building in marginal places in Kyoto = Gendai nihon no shôshû minzoku : kyôto no shôshû shûdan no jichitai keisei katei. V: 1st international Symposium with Toyo University, Department of Asian and African Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana. *Constructing international and interdisciplinary perspective : [programme and abstracts]*. Ljubljana: Faculty of Arts, 2014, str. 13. [COBISS.SI-ID 56791650]

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Co-author: VESELIČ, Maja. Vloga preteklosti pri oblikovanju nacionalnih identitet : konstrukcija večetnične kitajske nacije in homogene Japonske/The role of past in formation of national identities; construction of multiethnic nation of China and homogeneous Japan. In: *Kulturna dediščina in identiteta*, (Zbirka Zupaničeva knjižnica, št. 31), edited by JEZERNIK, Božidar. Ljubljana: Znanstvena založba Filozofske fakultete, 2010, pp. 31-52. [COBISS.SI-ID 41241954]

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Thesis

Sodobna bivalna kultura v japonski hiši in tradicionalni elementi ljudske hiše : diplomsko delo. Ljubljana: [N. Visočnik], 2003. 172 f., pril. [COBISS.SI-ID 22391906]