

# Vuk Kolarević

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## Education:

2026 – ongoing **PhD in Philosophy of Science**, University of Barcelona (LOGOS).

My PhD is part of the project *Evidential Factors in Scientific Practice: Nature, Functions and Limits*, supervised by Prof. Dr. José Díez and Prof. Albert Solé.

2024 – ongoing **Master's in Logic and Philosophy of Science**, LMU Munich (MCMP).

**Grade:** *Excellent*

**Selected courses:** Theories of Explanation; Invariance and Invariantism; Scientific Progress; Epistemology of Machine Learning; Models and Representation; Formal Methods (Logic); Bayesian Philosophy of Science.

**Thesis:** *Does Formalising Psychological Theories Advance Scientific Understanding?*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Dr. Alexander Reutlinger

**Second Reader:** Prof. Dr. Stephan Hartmann

2021 – 2023 **Master's in Ancient Philosophy**, LMU Munich (MUSAΦ)

**Grade:** *Excellent*

**Master's thesis:** *Concept Formation in Aristotle's Epistemology*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Dr. Peter Adamson

**Second Reader:** Prof. Dr. Christof Rapp

2017 – 2021 **Bachelor's in Philosophy**, University of Belgrade, Serbia

**Grade:** *Excellent*

**Bachelor's thesis:** *Popper's Criticism of Induction and the Neyman–Pearson Theory of Statistical Hypothesis Testing.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Vladan Djordjevic

**Second Readers:** Prof. Andrej Jandrić and Prof. Oliver Tošković

**AOS:** Scientific Understanding; Explanation; Representation; General Philosophy of Science.

**AOC:** Philosophy of Probability; History of Philosophy of Science; Ancient Philosophy.

## Research Papers:

Kolarević, V. "Does Formalising Psychological Theories Advance Scientific Understanding?" (in preparation, available on request).

## Conference Presentations:

**Presentation Title:** *Does Formalising Psychological Theories Advance Scientific Understanding?*

2026 (Sep) planned [Theory Methods Conference](#), Tilburg, **poster**.

2026 (Aug) planned [ECAP12](#) The European Society of Analytic Philosophy, Madrid, **contributed talk**.

2026 (July) planned [ESPP26](#) European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Utrecht, **contributed talk**.

2026 (Jun) planned [Filosofidagarna](#) Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Stockholm, **contributed talk**.

**Presentation Title:** *Theory's Determinacy as a Dimension of Scientific Understanding*

2025 (Nov) [PSA Around the World](#) Philosophy of Science Association, Online, **contributed talk**.

2025 (Aug) [EPSA25](#) European Philosophy of Science Association, Groningen; **poster**.

2025 (Jul) [BSPS25](#) British Society for the Philosophy of Science, Glasgow; **contributed talk**.

2025 (Jun) [ENU25](#) Explanation, Narrative, and Understanding, Hong Kong, **contributed talk**.

## Invited Talks and Seminars:

2026 (Feb) **Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy**, Graduate Seminar:  
*Does Formalising Psychological Theories Advance Scientific Understanding?*

2025 (Aug) **Petnica Science Center**: *The Problem of Induction and Statistical Hypothesis Testing*  
at the Petnica Psychology Seminar.

2024 (Mar) **Petnica Science Center**: *Endless Quest: Popper, Lakatos, and Feyerabend*  
at the annual interdisciplinary seminar for training new student assistants.

2021 (Nov) [LEP](#) **Laboratory for Experimental Psychology, Belgrade University**:  
*Popper's Criticism of Induction and the Neyman-Pearson Theory of Statistical Hypothesis Testing*.

## Academic Service:

- 2026 – 2027      **Student Representative at EPSA**  
I have been elected as a student representative at the European Philosophy of Science Association for a two-year term.
- 2023              **Local Organising Committee at EPSA23**  
Served as a member of the [local organising committee](#) at the biannual European Philosophy of Science Association conference, in Belgrade.
- 2023              **Chair of the Emerging Ideas in Philosophy of Science Conference (EIPS)**  
I co-founded and co-chaired the first Emerging Ideas in Philosophy of Science conference in Belgrade, which was awarded the [Blaumann Foundation Research Grant](#).  
The conference featured Dr. Jan Sprenger (Turin) and Dr. Vladan Djordjević (Belgrade) as keynote speakers and 12 student speakers from across Europe.
- 2023              **Program Committee at the Petnica Science Center**  
Member of the program committee (with a focus on philosophy of science) for an interdisciplinary seminar aimed at training new student assistants.
- 2020 – 2024      **Head of The Philosophy Club**  
I founded the [Philosophy Club](#), a student organization in Serbia aimed at helping high-school students develop philosophical skills through lectures and workshops.  
At the club I gained valuable teaching and mentoring skills by leading weekly sessions and mentoring student presentations. The club ran for four consecutive years, first in person and later in hybrid format.

## Prizes and Grants:

- 2026              **ECAP12 Honourable Mention** (Prize for Best Contribution by an Early-Career Scholar, Philosophy of Science Section).
- 2026 – 2030      **A Four-year Predoctoral Fellowship (FPI)**, funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and the European Union.
- 2023              **Blaumann Foundation Research Grant** for organising the EIPS conference.
- 2021 – 2023      **A Two-year DAAD Scholarship**, full study and living costs covered during Master's studies.
- 2021 – 2023      **A Two-year Scholarship "Dositeja"**, Foundation for Young Talents, Serbia.

## Languages:

**English** (C1), **German** (A2), **Spanish** (beginner) **Ancient Greek** (basic) **Serbian** (native).