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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: *How Formalising Theories Advances Scientific Understanding: Lessons From Psychological Science*

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, Formal Modeling, Representation, Explanation.

AOC: Philosophy of Statistics, History of Philosophy of Science, Ancient Philosophy.

Research Papers:

Kolarević, V. "How Formalising Psychological Theories Advances Scientific Understanding" (in preparation, available on request).

Conference Presentations:

Presentation Title: *How Formalising Psychological Theories Advances Scientific Understanding*

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

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

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

2026 (Jun) [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**.

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:
How Formalising Psychological Theories Advances 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 biennial European Philosophy of Science Association conference, in Belgrade.
- 2023 **Co-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 three consecutive years, first in person and later in hybrid format.

Awards and Scholarships:

- 2026 **ECAP12 Honourable Mention – [Prize](#)** for Best Contribution by an Early-Career Scholar, Philosophy of Science Section for "How Formalising Psychological Theories Advances Scientific Understanding".
- 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** during Master studies, awarded by the German Academic Exchange Service.
- 2021 – 2023 **A Two-year Scholarship "Dositeja"**, Fund for Young Talents, awarded by the Serbian Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Languages:

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