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Research interest: welfare economics, taxation and redistribution, poverty, inequality, comparative economic systems



Work experience

2021 – present

Full professor at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics and Business (Department of Economic Theory and Analysis)

Courses: Public Sector Economics, Comparative Economic Systems

2016 – 2021

Associate professor at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics (Department of Economic Theory and Analysis)

Courses: Public Sector Economics

2012 - 2016

Assistant professor at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics (Department of Economic Theory and Analysis)

Courses: Public Sector Economics

2008 – 2012

Teaching assistant at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics (Department of Department of Economic Theory and Analysis)

Courses: Principles of Economics, Comparative Economic Systems, Public Sector Economics

Education

2006– 2010

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics

PhD in Economics

Doctoral thesis: "Impact of labour taxes on employment: the case of Serbia"

2005 - 2006

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics

Master of Science (in Economics)

Study programme (module): Public Sector Economics (GPA: 10.00/10)

Master thesis: "Buidling propety rights institutions"

1998 - 2003

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics

Bachelor of Economics (GPA: 9.39/10)

Module: Economics and Finance

Major publications

ŽARKOVIĆ, Jelena, ANIĆ, Aleksandra, Child Poverty in Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia: The Role of Poverty Persistence and Social Transfers, *Eastern European Economics*,
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ŽARKOVIĆ, Jelena, MUSTAFA, Artan, ARANDARENKO, Mihail, Minimum income in the Western Balkans: From socialism to the European Pillar of Social Rights, *Social policy and administration*, 57 (1), 1-15,
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PERUGINI, C., ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, VLADISAVLJEVIĆ, Marko, Austerity and gender inequalities in Europe in times of crisis, *U: Cambridge journal of economics*, ISSN 0309-166X, 2019, Vol. 43, no. 3, str. 733-767, DOI: 10.1093/cje/bey044

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ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, Employment effects of tax cuts in transition country: evidence from Serbia, *U: Post-communist economies*, ISSN 1463-1377, 2015, Vol. 27, no. 3, str. 397-412, DOI: 10.1080/14631377.2015.1055982

ALEKSIĆ MIRIĆ, Ana, ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, VLADISAVLJEVIĆ, Marko, LEBEDINSKI, L., Welfare State and Social Enterprise in Transition: evidence from Serbia, *U: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, ISSN 0957-8765, 2017, Vol. 28, no. 6, DOI: 10.1007/s11266-017-9844-2

ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, RANĐELOVIĆ, Saša, VLADISAVLJEVIĆ, Marko, Labour market effects of social security contributions reform in Serbia, *U: Economic annals*, ISSN 0013-3264, 2016, Vol. 61, no. 208, str. 73-92, DOI: 10.2298/EKA1608073Z

ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, RANĐELOVIĆ, Saša, Improving Working Incentives: Evaluation of Tax Policy Reform Using SRMOD, *U: International Journal of Microsimulation*, ISSN 1747-5864, 2013, Vol. 1, no. 6, str. 157-176

KRSTIĆ, Gorana, ALEKSIĆ MIRIĆ, Ana, ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, Profile of social entrepreneur in Serbia : motivation and socio-demographic characteristics = Profil socijalnih preduzetnika u Srbiji : motivacija i socio-demografske karakteristike, *U: Sociologija*, ISSN0038-0318, 2017, God. 59, br. 1, str. 62-80, DOI: 10.2298/SOC1701062K

ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, VLADISAVLJEVIĆ, Marko, Tax reforms and income inequality in former Yugoslav countries: escaping the avant-garde neoliberalism in the income tax policy, *U: Panoeconomicus*, 1452-595X, 2021, 68(2), 231-252, DOI: 10.2298/PAN2102231Z

ŽARKOVIĆ-RAKIĆ, Jelena, VLADISAVLJEVIĆ, Marko, VUJIĆ, Sunčica, RANĐELOVIĆ, Saša, Labour Supply and Inequality Effects of In-Work Benefits: Evidence from Serbia, *U: Naše gospodarstvo/Our Economy*, ISSN 2385-8052, 2019, 65 (3), 1-22, DOI: 10.2478/ngoe-2019-0010 (EconLit)

ŽARKOVIĆ RAKIĆ, Jelena, KRSTIĆ, Gorana, ARANDARENKO, Mihail, Nejednakost u Srbiji: da li je problem u merenju ili u politikama?, *U: Ekonomske ideje i praksa*, ISSN 2217-6217, 2019, br. 32, str. 89-97

Projects

September/October 2009 and January-March 2013

“Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia country chapters for the OECD tax and benefit model”, World Bank

2009-2010

“Building a Serbian tax and benefit micro-simulation model using EUROMOD”, Foundation for Advancement for Economics and ISER. Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex

2006- 2010

„Stipulating economic reforms in Serbia- growth, employemnt and competition“, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia

2010-2015

„The role of the state in new growth model of Serbian economy“ , Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia

2010

“Quantitative assessment of changes in the coverage and adequacy of social assistance as a result of adoption of the Draft Law on Social Welfare in Serbia”, World Bank

2011-2012

“Policy Impact Analysis - from inactivity to employment: Opportunities for Raising Activity and Employment in Serbia”, Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Strategy Unit, Government of Serbia

2012-2013

“Making Work Pay in Western Balkan Countries: Evidence from Serbia and Macedonia”. Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation within the Regional Research Promotion Programme Western Balkans.

2015-2016

“Women's access to economic opportunities in Serbia”, World Bank

2013-2016

“Enabling the flourishing and evolution of social entrepreneurship for innovative and inclusive societies, 2013-2016. European commission, the Seventh Framework Project - FP7.

2014-2016

“Migration as social protection. Analysis of Macedonian, Albanian and Serbian remittance-receiving households”, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation within the Regional Research Promotion Programme Western Balkans

2015-2016

“Reduction of child poverty in Serbia: balancing between improved cash-transfers and policies that promote parental employment”, Partnership for Economic Policy

2016-2020

European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (ENRESSH), European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST).

2015-2016

“Estimation of several reform scenarios (abolishment of minimum social security contributions base, in work benefit and reduction of withdrawal rate of monetary social assistance) on the labour supply in Serbia”, World Bank

2017-2019

Gender pay gap in times of austerity, Partnership for Economic Policy

2018-2020

Distributional Impacts Analysis of Fiscal Policy in Serbia, World Bank

2019-2020

“Study on youth situation in SEET countries with focus on Serbian case”, European Training Foundation

2022-2025

WeLaR, Welfare systems and labour market policies for economic and social resilience in Europe - Horizon Europe program

2022

Gender analysis for the Western Balkans (World Bank Group)

2022

Circular Migration before Depopulation! (Delegation of the EU in Serbia)

Honours, stipends and awards

- Stipend of the Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade (2005) Visiting Student, Research and writing of a master thesis paper; George Mason University (USA)
- Stipend of the Italian Government's Ministry of Education (2009) Visiting PhD student; European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- Fellowship, Visiting Atlantic Fellow, London School of Economics, International Inequalities Institute (2017 -2018)

Memberships and other activities

Membership:

- LSEE Research on South Eastern Europe
- Eastern European Social Policy Network

Skills

Languages

- **Serbian** - native
- **English** (understanding – C2; speaking – C2; writing – C2)
- **French** (understanding – B2; speaking – B2; writing – B2)
- **Italian** (understanding – B2; speaking – B2; writing – B2)

IT skills

- Statistical softwares (STATA and Eviews)
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point)

Driving skills

- Driving licence – B