

# Curriculum Vitae

## DRAGANA MRVOS

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### EDUCATION

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- PhD** University of South Florida, Government August 2020  
Dissertation: “Proliferation of Gig Platforms and Its Impacts on Labor in a Study of Uber and CarGo”  
Committee: Peter Nikolaus Funke (chair), M. Scott Solomon, Harry Vanden, Kevin A. Yelvington
- MA** University of Belgrade, International Politics May 2012  
Thesis: “The World Trade Organization: Role, Importance and Limits from the Perspective of the International Business Law”  
Advisor: Sanja M. Graic Stepanovic
- BA** University of Belgrade, International Relations May 2010  
Graduated with Honours

### HONORS AND AWARDS

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- International Travel Grant (Office of Graduate Studies, USF)** Spring 2020  
Conference presentation grant
- Travel grant (School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, USF)** Spring 2017  
Conference presentation grant
- University Graduate Fellowship (USF)** Fall 201&Spring 2016  
Support for the most outstanding graduate students
- Certificate of Appreciation (Office of International Services, ISU)** Spring 2020  
Volunteer work at the International House Lounge
- Global Undergraduate Scholarship (USAID)** Fall 2009&Spring 2010  
Scholarship for two-semester of non-degree academic study at the U.S. universities
- Student Exchange Scholarship (European Movement)** 2008  
Cultural program touching on political and educational issues and focusing on Germany’s recent history

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Dissertation**, University of South Florida, Tampa 2020

Advisor: Peter N. Funke

- Completed a month-long direct-participant research
- Prepared and conducted 26 in-depth interviews
- Analyzed laws and legal texts

**Coordinating for Cohesion in the Public Sector of the Future (COCOPS Project)**,  
Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, Belgrade (Serbia) 2013

Supervisor, Irena Cerovic

- Translated questionnaires from English to Serbian
- Participated in the execution of surveys in the Government agencies

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of South Florida, Saint Petersburg** **Since August 2020**

**Adjunct Professor**, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies

- Taught **Introduction to Comparative Politics**, an undergraduate course averaging 47 students per semester, covering identity politics, political economy, colonialism, and globalization
  - ~ Designed the syllabus, quizzes, essay reflections, and exams
  - ~ Facilitated student presentations and discussions
  - ~ Kept detailed record of class performance
- Taught **American Foreign Policy**, an undergraduate course averaging 40 students per semester, covering the U.S. international engagement and foreign policy behavior, the U.S.'s relative power capabilities and domestic roots of foreign policy decisions
  - ~ Designed the syllabus, lecture notes, exams, and projects
  - ~ Prepared guidelines for writing a strong paper
  - ~ Provided extensive feedback to students

**University of South Florida, Tampa** **Jan 2018 to Aug 2020**

**Instructor and PhD Candidate**, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies

- Taught **Introduction to International Relations**, an undergraduate course averaging 47 students per semester, covering war, human rights, and human security
  - ~ Designed the syllabus, exams, and global perspective quizzes
  - ~ Involved students with the learning process with class games, simulations, and discussions
- Taught **Politics of Developing Areas**, an undergraduate course averaging 30 students per semester, covering theories of development, history of changing development practices, and regional development trajectories
  - ~ Adopted the syllabus for certification as a Global Citizens course
  - ~ Developed reading journals, and extra-curricular activities
  - ~ Coordinated the work of students during policy brief projects

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Dissertation*

Mrvos, Dragana, Proliferation of Gig Platforms and Its Impacts on Labor in a Study of Uber and Car Go, Ann Arbor: ProQuest LLC, 2020.  
<https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/etd/8907/>

### *Journal Publications*

Mrvos, Dragana., "Illusioned and Alienated: Can Gig Workers Organize Collectively?" *tripleC: Communication, Capitalism & Critique*. vol. 19, no. 1. 2021.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.31269/triplec.v19i1.1236>

### *Social Affairs Analyses*

"Kuda idu plate i položaj vozača CarGoa i Ubera?" [How to Evaluate Wages and Social Position of CarGo and Uber drivers?], *Masina*, March 20, 2021

"Nacionalizam ne rešava siromaštvo, nejednakost i obespravljenost" [Nationalism hasn't Solved Poverty, Inequality, and Deprivation], *Masina*, March 5, 2021

## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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**Lecture**, How to stand against collective conformity? A critical review of Václav Havel's essay "The Power of the Powerless", Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory (Belgrade), November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Workshops**, "Work and Economic Growth," Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Workshop, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 and November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Paper Presentation**, "Digital Re(Appropriations) And Attempts Of Collective Labor Organizing : Uber Technologies," Thirteenth Global Studies Conference, 2020

**Paper Presentation**, "Between the Non-alienated Communities and Alienated Bureaucracy," Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2017

**Paper Presentation**, "Creation of Class Consciousness in Yugoslavia (1945-1990): Gap between the Theory and Practice," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2016

**Paper Presentation**, "Anti-authoritarian Politics and Liberatory Aspirations: Otpor (Resistance) in Serbia from 1998 to 2004," Joint Special Operations University Symposium, 2016

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Global Studies Scholars, 2015-Present  
Social Movements Study Group, 2015-Present  
Southern Political Science Association, 2018-2021

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### **Red Cross of Serbia**

[Youth Activist and Certified International Humanitarian Law and First-Aid/CPR Instructor],  
[Serbia, Croatia, Denmark], 2007-2012

### **EKKEKO Microfinance**

[Fundraising activities], [Bloomington-Normal], 2010

## LANGUAGES

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**Serbian-Croatian:** Native Language

**English:** Superior

**Spanish:** Intermediate

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Platforms:** MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams), Canvas LMS

## REFERENCES

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**Dr. Peter N. Funke**, [Associate Professor]  
[School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies]  
[University of South Florida]  
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