

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Information

Name: Jelena Tešija

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Education

9/2020– Doctoral Student and ZARAH Doctoral Researcher
Central European University, Vienna, Austria
[ZARAH](#): Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally,
from the age of empires to the late 20th century
Project title: *The International Co-operative Women's Guild and Central and
Eastern Europe, 1921-1963: Labour Activism Beyond the "Main Suspects"*
(Doctoral candidacy: June 2021)

2013–2014 MA in Gender Studies
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Thesis Title: *The End of the AFŽ – The End of Meaningful Women's Activism?
Rethinking the History of Women's Organizations in Croatia, 1953 – 1961*

2010–2013 MA in Journalism
Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

2007–2010 BA in Journalism
Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

ZARAH Lead Responsibility

2020–2022 External funding management

2021–2023 Curation of [ZARAH blog series](#)

Languages

BHS Native

English Fluent

German Intermediate

Research Experience

2017–2018 Researcher
*Organized Women on the Left – Periods between World Wars, during the WWII
and after the Liberation*; research project supported by RLS SEE, Zagreb,
Croatia

2015 Researcher
*Feminism, Organization and Cooperation: Relations between Women's Antifascist
Front of Croatia and Workers' Movement*; research project supported by RLS
SEE, Zagreb, Croatia

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2022 Teaching Assistant
Central European University, Department of Gender Studies
MA Course: Foundations in Gender Studies I
- 2015–2017 Lecturer
Centre for Women's Studies, Zagreb, Croatia
Courses taught: *The role and importance of the Antifascist Women's Front in the history of women's organizing in Yugoslavia*

Honours and Awards

- 2010 Award by the Faculty of Political Science for the best student of the 3rd Bologna generation of undergraduate studies in journalism (Zagreb, Croatia)
- 2008 Award by the Faculty of Political Science for the best first-year student of journalism studies in the academic year of 2007/2008 (Zagreb, Croatia)

Publications

- 2023 Tešija, Jelena. 2023. "Millions of Working Housewives': The International Co-operative Women's Guild and Household Labour in the Interwar Period." *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* 31 (2): 321–338. doi:[10.1080/25739638.2023.2227517](https://doi.org/10.1080/25739638.2023.2227517).
- 2023 Ghiț, Alexandra, Veronika Helfert, Ivelina Masheva, Zhanna Popova, Jelena Tešija, Eszter Varsa, and Susan Zimmermann. 2023. "Women and the Gendered Politics of Work in Central and Eastern Europe, and Internationally, in the Twentieth Century: Activism, Governance, and Scale." *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* 31 (2): 227–240. doi:[10.1080/25739638.2023.2227512](https://doi.org/10.1080/25739638.2023.2227512).
- 2022 Çağatay, Selin, and Jelena Tešija. 2022. "Through the Lens of Women's Work and Activism: Introducing the ZARAH Guest Blog Series." Online publication. <https://zarah-ceu.org/blog/>.
- 2014 Tešija, Jelena, Viktorija Car, and Josip Šipić. 2014. "Analysis of Female Characters in Pula Film Festival's Winning Films from 1992-2011." In *Young Women in Post-Yugoslav Societies: Research, Practice and Policy*, edited by Mirjana Adamović, Branka Galić, Anja Gvozdanović, Ana Maskalan, Dunja Potočnik, and Lejla Somun Krupalija, 321–356. Zagreb, Sarajevo: Institute for Social Research in Zagreb and Human Rights Centre, University of Sarajevo.

Papers Presented

- 2023 "Millions of Working Housewives': The International Co-operative Women's Guild and Household Labour in the Interwar Period." Paper presented at the European Social Science History Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, 12-15 April 2023

- 2023 "Who was the Housewife? - The International Co-operative Women's Guild and the Ambiguity of Self-representations in the Interwar Period." Online presentation as a part of the workshop sessions: "Women's intellectual history, care, and social thought", 20 March 2023
- 2022 "Working women discussing the problems of their home life: Eastern European countries and the International Women's Co-operative Guild." Paper presented at the Third ZARAH International Workshop, Vienna, Austria, 10-12 October 2022
- 2021 Presenter at the international workshop "At the Nexus of Voluntary Action and Public Policies: Rethinking Care in Southeastern Europe", at the Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana, Slovenia, organized within the framework of the COST Action Who Cares In Europe?, 26-27 August 2021

Professional Service and Community Activities

- 2023 Organizer of the sessions "An Inclusive History of Women's Labour Activism: Forms and Scales of Organizing and the Politics of Women's Work I and II" at the ESSHC, Gothenburg, Sweden, 12-15 April 2023
- 2022 Organizer and the moderator of the conversation with Stefan Berger "Memory Cultures of Social Democracy and Trade Unionism", an online event, CEU, 27 January 2022
- 2016–2021 Co-founder and member of the feminist collective [fAKTIV](#) that organizes [8th of March \(International Women's Day\) Night Marches](#), Zagreb
- 2015–2019 Editor/journalist at [Libela.org](#), a news-portal on gender and politics, Zagreb

Membership

- 2021– Member of the European Labour History Network (ELHN) Working Group on Feminist Labour History
- 2021– Member of the reading group "Women's Labor under State-Socialism", organized within the Working Group 4: Intersecting Marginalities, COST action "Worlds of Related Coercions in Work" (WORCK)