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## Curriculum Vitae

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### 1. Education

**2011:** PhD in interdisciplinary sciences, field of geography (human geography)

PhD thesis topic: The transformation of the Dugi Otok Island landscape as a reflection of modern socio-geographical processes. Department of Geography, University of Zadar

**1996-2001:** MA in Italian language and literature and geography

**1992-1996:** Gymnasium Franje Petrića, Zadar

### 2. Working experience

**2023** – full professor – Department of Geography, University of Zadar

**2017** – associate professor – Department of Geography, University of Zadar

**2011** – assistant professor – Department of Geography, University of Zadar

**April 2011** – senior assistant – Department of Geography, University of Zadar

**2006 – January 2011** – assistant – Department of Geography, University of Zadar

**2002 – 2006** – young researcher/assistant – Department of Geography, University of Zadar

- Acting vice head of the Department of Geography at the University of Zadar (academic year 2011/12)

- Head of the Department of Geography at the University of Zadar for two terms (academic year 2014/15 & 2015/2016 and 2016/17 & 2017/2018)

- Vice head of the Department of Geography at the University of Zadar for two terms (academic year 2012/13 & 2013/14 and 2018/19, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 & 2021/2022)

- Acting head of the Department of Geography at the University of Zadar (academic year 2023/2024)

### 3. Scientific and professional projects

#### Scientific projects:

**2021-2023** – Collaborator on the research project "Island Temporalities Network" funded by the University of Zadar

**2014-2017** – Collaborator on the research project "Croatian Rural Areas: Scenario-based Approach to Discuss Planning and Development" funded by the Croatian Science Foundation

**2007-2010** – Collaborator on the research project "Social-geographical transformation of coastal rural areas in Northern Dalmatia" funded by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia

**2003-2007** – Collaborator on the research project "Geographical basis of organic agriculture in Croatia" funded by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia

#### Other projects:

**2023** – Project of technical assistance for the purposes of implementing the island development evaluation procedure (Comprehensive analysis of the model for computing developmental indicators specific to islands). Project leader: Institute for development and international

relations, Croatia, Financed by Ministry of Regional Development and European Union Funds, Republic of Croatia

**2022** – Member of the Expert Team for Developing the Urban Area Development Strategy for Zadar 2021–2027

**2022** – **2022** – Project: JEDRO – MURTER, Cofinanced by the EU funds – European social fund, Project Leader: Association for the Protection of Nature and the Environment and the Promotion of Sustainable Development "Argonauta"; Preparation of the study: Spatial Transformation of the Settlement of Murter on Murter Island, Expert.

**Since November 1, 2022** - collaborator on an international professional project EU-CONEXUS Plus, (ERASMUS+)

**From September 1, 2019, to 2022** - collaborator on an international professional project (ERASMUS+) – EU-CONEXUS – European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability

**In 2021**, served as one of the representatives of the institution on an international professional project REDN-SESPA – Research and Development Network for Southern Europe Sparsely Populated Areas

**From March 22, 2019, to March 22, 2022** - served as the leader of the working group for the development of a lifelong learning program for mentors in the project "Competency Standards for Teachers, Educators, and Mentors," funded by the European Structural and Investment Funds. Project lead: University of Zadar

#### **4. Scientific papers published in last 5 years**

- Baldacchino, Godfrey; Oroz, Tomislav; Čuka, Anica (2024). Capital Zagreb Versus Coastal Split: Enduring Tensions Between Capital Cities and Port Second Cities // *Sociologija i prostor*, 62 (2024), 2; 235-256. doi: <https://doi.org/10.5673/sip.62.2.1>
- Čuka, Anica; Kordej - De Villa, Željka; Starc, Nenad (2024). Covid -19 and pos Covid times in the Croatian archipelago // *Archipelago tourism revisited: Core – Periphery Dynamics after the Pandemic* / Baldacchino, Godfrey (ur.). Routledge, doi: 10.4324/9781003451037-3
- Blaće, Ante; Cvitanović, Marin; Čuka, Anica; Faričić, Josip (2024). Land Use/Land Cover Changes on Croatian Islands Since the Beginning of the Twentieth Century— Drivers and Consequences // *Environmental Histories of the Dinaric Karst* / Fuerst-Bjeliš, Borna; Mrgić, Jelena; Petrić, Hrvoje et al. (ur.). Cham: Springer International Publishing, 141-165 doi: 10.1007/978-3-031-56089-7\_6
- Čuka, Anica; Oroz, Tomislav (2024). Taking Time To Know The Island: Multiple temporalities and changing mobilities on Dugi Otok, Croatia // *Shima : the international journal of research into island cultures*, 18, 1; 1-21. doi: 10.21463/shima.211
- Špeh, Natalija; Čuka, Anica (2023). Evaluation of landfill sites on Pašman Island and islanders' perceptions regarding waste management issues // *Hrvatski geografski glasnik*, 85, 2; 47-80. doi: <https://doi.org/10.21861/HGG.2023.85.02.02>
- Zjalić, Slaven ; Scapari, Marzia ; Čuka, Anica ; Šikić, Zoran ; Reverberi, Massimo (2020). The first report of truffles (*Tuber aestivum* Vittad.) in Zadar County // *Geoadria*, 25, 2891, 10. doi: 10.15291/geoadria.2891
- Blaće, Ante ; Čuka, Anica ; Šiljković, Željka (2020). How dynamic is organic? Spatial analysis of adopting new trends in Croatian agriculture // *Land use policy*, 99, 105036, 12. doi: 10.1016/j.landusepol.2020.105036
- Čuka, Anica ; Graovac Matassi, Vera ; Blaće, Ante (2020). Emigration from Dalmatia (Croatia) to the United States from 1892 to 1924 – Analysis of the Ellis Island Database

// Društvena istraživanja : časopis za opća društvena pitanja, 29, 1; 49-69. doi: 10.5559/di.29.1.03

- Čuka, Anica ; Faričić, Josip (2020). The Island and the City: The Zadar (Sub)Urban Archipelago // The Notion of Near Islands : The Croatian Archipelago / Starc, Nenad (ur.). Landham (MD) : Boulder (CO) : New York (NY): Rowman & Littlefield, 135-152
- Faričić, Josip ; Čuka, Anica (2020). The Croatian Islands: An Introduction // The Notion of Near Islands: The Croatian Archipelago / Starc, Nenad (ur.). Landham (MD): Boulder (CO) : New York (NY): Rowman & Littlefield, 55-88

## **5. Presentations at international conferences and/or recognized scientific organizations**

- 19th ISISA Islands of the World Conference - Islands and Resilience: Global Opportunities, Lombok, Indonezija, International Small Islands Studies Association, IPB University, 25 June 2024-29 June 2024 (topic: Islanders' perception regarding the key stakeholders in rural tourism development and its benefits on regional progress in the post-COVID era – A Case Study of the Azores and Croatian Archipelago, co-author: Castanho, Rui Alexandre)
- RethinkBlue: Rethinking the Blue Economy "Socio-Ecological Impacts and Opportunities", COST Action CA22122, Zadar, Hrvatska, 23 April 2024-25 April 2024 (topic: Zagreb versus coastal Split: Enduring transitions between capital cities and port second cities, co-authors: Baldacchino, Godfrey & Oroz, Tomislav)
- 11. Anatomy of Islands: Mediterranean Diet at the Table—Balancing Global Processes and Island Knowledge, main Organizer: Anatomy of Islands Association – Center for Research and Development, Jelsa, Hvar, 28-30 September 2023 (topic: Spatial and Temporal Changes in Food Production on Croatian Islands: Opportunities, Threats, and Challenges)
- 9th EUGEO Congress, Geography for our Common Future, organized by: Universidad de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, 4-7 September 2023 (topic: Contemporary development of island settlements in Croatia: Exploring rural urban peripheries)
- International Forum on Island Ecological Conservation: Island Practices in Resource, Management and Sustainable Development, Organized by: Island Research Center, Ministry of Natural resources, China Oceanic Development Foundation, Xiamen Marine International Cooperation Center & Hainan Tropical Ocean University, Pingtan, Kina, 10 November 2022 (topic: Understanding the Croatian Islands' Paradox – From Dying Out to Overbuilding)
- 18th Islands of the World Conference, Island: Nature and Culture, Sveučilište u Zadru & International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA), Zadar 13-17 June 2022 (topic: Traffic connection as a factor of the multiple temporalities created within the same island – The case of Dugi otok, Croatia (co-author: S. Turner)
- 8th EUGEO Congress on the Geography of Europe, Association of European Geographical Societies, Prague, Czech Republic, 28 June-1 July 2022, (topic: Landscapes in-between land abandonment and agricultural intensification: driving forces of contemporary landscape changes in Croatia (co-author: A. Blaće) (topic: Challenges of waste management in isolated coastal environments: the case study of Pašman Islands, Croatia (co-author: Natalija Špeh)
- The 28th Colloquium of the Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems: Rural on the Move: Transitions, Transformations, Mobilities and Resistance, Department of Geography, Faculty of Science, Zagreb & IGU, Zagreb, 23-25 August

- 2021 (topic: Rural ageing in Croatia – the example of Zadar County (co-author: V. Graovac Matassi)
- 7th EUGEO Congress, Re-imagining Europe's Future Society and Landscapes, Association of European Geographical Societies, Galway, Ireland, 15-18 May 2019 (topic: Potentials, perspectives and challenges in tourism development on Croatian Islands – differentiation and classification of islands according to their complex geographies (co-authors: J. Faričić and A. Blaće)
  - 15th International Conference Proceed With Care 2019: Living with tourism; under patronage of the UNESCO, Šibenik, Croatia, 2-5 May 2019 (topic: The influence of tourism and housing development on the Croatian Islands on the Islands' identity (co-author: J. Faričić)
  - Island Cities and Urban Archipelagos 2017, Island Dynamics & University of Madeira's Research Centre for Regional and Local Studies, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal, 8-12 November 2017 (topic: Croatian Urban Archipelagos – between islands and the mainland (co-authors: J. Faričić, N. Starc)
  - 9th European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) Biennial Conference: Natures in Between. Environments in areas of contacts among states, economic systems, cultures and religions, University of Zagreb, University of Zadar, European Association for Environmental History., Zagreb, 28 June – 2 July 2017 (topic: Historic land-use evolution of a small island – Case study of Žirajsko polje on Žirje Island, Croatia (co-authors: J. Faričić, A. Blaće)
  - 2nd Croatian Emigrational Congress, 1-3 July 2016, Šibenik, Croatia (topic: The Attitudes of the Student Population Toward Emigration: A Case Study of Students at the University of Zadar (co-authors: Gorana Komšo, Zvonimir Perić, Fran Domazetović, Ivić Ivan)
  - 1st Croatian Emigrational Congress, 23-26 June 2014, Zagreb, Croatia (topic: Emigration from Dalmatia to the United States in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries: Origins and Demographics of the Emigrants (co-author: Vera Graovac Matassi)
  - IV EUGEO Congress 2013, 5-7 September 2013, Rome, Italy (topic: Influence of socioeconomic development on the land-use change on Croatian islands
  - 4th Conference of the Adriatic Forum, Geopolitical Issues of the Adriatic – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Zadar, 16-18 September 2011 (topic: Emigration from Dalmatia to the USA at the turn of the 20th century (co-author: V. Graovac)
  - Scientific Consultation: The Adriatic – Contemporary Geographic Issues, Zadar, 10-12 September 2009 (topic: Small Croatian Islands: A Workspace-Residential Area and/or a Space for Leisure and Recreation (co-authors: J. Faričić and V. Graovac)
  - Migrant Communities, Associations, and Social Activities in North and South America: A Comparative Analysis of Croatia and Slovenia, Zagreb, 3 April 2009 (topic: Croats in the United States According to Recent American Census Data)
  - Sviluppo glo-cale e societa' nei Paesi del sistema Adriatico, Teramo - Giulianova, Italy, 9-11 June 2004 (topic: The Role of Deruralisation in Spatial Development of Zadar Islands, Croatia (co-author: D. Magaš)
  - Challenges of Regional Development in Croatia and Its Neighboring Countries, Zagreb, 28-30 November 2002 (topic: The Impact of Zadar on the Economic and Demographic Development of Dugi Otok)

Invited Speaker:

- 1st Swedish Small Island Studies Conference, Mapping key challenges to sustainability on small islands; Organizers: Södertörn University, University of Gothenburg, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and The Swedish National Archipelago Confederation, Umeå – Holmön, Sweden, 12-14 October 2023 (topic: Croatian islands – immigration hub in a country dealing with a demographic crisis?)

## **6. Organization of Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops**

- 19th ISISA Islands of the World Conference - Islands and Resilience: Global Opportunities, Lombok, Indonesia, International Small Islands Studies Association, IPB University, 25 – 29 June 2024, Scientific committee member
- Anatomy of Islands: The Mediterranean Diet at the Table—Balancing Global Processes and Island Knowledge. Main Organizer: Anatomy of Islands Association – Center for Research and Development, Jelsa, Hvar, September 28–30, 2023. Member of the Scientific Committee
- 10th Anatomy of Islands, Climate Change and the Environmental Futures of Islands, September 26–28, 2022, Lastovo. National symposium with international participation. Member of the Scientific Committee
- 18th International Small Islands Studies Association „Islands of the World“ Conference, 13-17 June 2022, Zadar, Croatia , Chair of the Organizing Committee and Member of the Scientific Committee
- “School Today, School Tomorrow”: Scientific and Professional Symposium as part of the project "Competency Standards for Teachers, Educators, and Mentors," March 11, 2022, Zadar – Member of the Program and Organizing Committees
- 9th Anatomy of Islands, Islands and Crises: Resilience and Sustainability of Island Communities, September 27–29, 2021, Lastovo. National symposium with international participation. Member of the Program and Organizing Committees
- 7th Croatian Geographic Congress: National congress with international participation, October 9–11, 2019, Čakovec. Member of the Program/Scientific Committee
- European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) Summer School: Natural and Cultural Heritage Under Different Governments, member of Organizing Committee
- 9th European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) Biennial Conference: "Natures in Between: Environments in Areas of Contact Among States, Economic Systems, Cultures, and Religions," Zagreb, June 28 – July 2, 2017. Member of the Local Organizing Committee
- International Seminar of European Geographical Societies: EUGEO General Assembly and Seminar, September 26–27, 2016, Zadar. Member of the Organizing Committee
- Contemporary Development of European Rural Areas: International Scientific Conference, Zadar, September 4–6, 2014. Chair of the Organizing Committee
- 4th Conference of the Adriatic Forum: Geopolitical Issues of the Adriatic – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Zadar, September 16–18, 2011. Member of the Organizing Committee
- Easy-Going Landscapes: International Scientific and Professional Conference and Workshop on Landscape and Spatial Planning, Zadar, April 14–21, 2011. Chair of the Organizing Committee and Workshop Tutor
- 3rd Croatian Geographic Congress, September 24–27, 2004, Zadar: National Scientific Congress, Member of the Organizing Committee

## **7. Activities and Memberships in Scientific and Professional Associations**

Chair of the International Geographic Union (IGU) Islands Commission (2024-2028)

Member of the Executive Committee and editor of the newsletter for the International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA).

Member of the Anatomy of Islands association – Center for Research and Development (Croatia)

## **8. Other**

From 2011 to 2015, she served as a member of the editorial board and technical editor of the scientific journal *Geoadria*, which is indexed in the WoS and Scopus databases.

Since 2022, she has been a member of the editorial board of the international journal *Journal of Marine and Island Cultures* (ISSN 2212-6821), published by the Institution for Marine and Island Cultures in South Korea. The journal is indexed in the Scopus database.

At the Department of Geography she teaches courses on Agricultural and Rural Geography, Regional Geography of Australia, Oceania and Antarctica, Geography of Croatian Islands, Croatian Emigration, and Tourism Geography.