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Marko Kovačević is an Assistant Professor at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science. He earned his PhD in International and European Studies, with the dissertation on identity-role construction in the foreign and security policies of small states at the United Nations. His research interests concern IR theory, international security studies and foreign policy analysis – with the focus on comparative regionalisms, statebuilding and various forms of state agency and practices within the UN system. Most recently, his articles have been published in *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* and *Third World Thematics: A TWQ Journal*. He is a co-editor of *Journal of Regional Security* and member of ISA, ACUNS, EISA, ECPR and CEEISA.

Education

Ph.D – Political Science: European and International Studies, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2021. Doctoral dissertation: “Small States’ Identity and Their Roles at the United Nations.”

M.A. – International Studies (International Security): University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2012. M.A. thesis: “The Concept of Statebuilding and Regional Security Complex Theory.”

B.A. – International Affairs, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2009, diploma paper: “Grand Strategies in the U.S. Foreign Policy after the End of the Cold War.” Bard College, U.S., 2005/2006, Belgrade Open School, 2006/2007.

Academic Career

Assistant Professor, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2022 – present

Teaching Assistant, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2019 – 2022

Research Assistant, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2014 – 2019

Junior Teaching Fellow, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2011–2014

Membership in Professional Associations

International Studies Association (ISA), Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), European International Studies Association (EISA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Central and Eastern European International Studies Association (CEEISA).

Fellowships and Education/Research Stays

University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science: visiting guest researcher, January – February 2018.

Summer University at Central European University (“Comparative Regionalisms”, Budapest, July 2013)

Bard College, U.S. (OSI Undergraduate Exchange Program, 2005/2006).

Publications

Kovačević, Marko. 2023, online first. “Handbook on the Politics of Small States, edited by Godfrey Baldacchino and Anders Wivel.” *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy* 18 (1): 1–4, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/1871191x-bja10130>.

Ejdus, Filip, Tijana Rečević, and Marko Kovačević. 2022. “Military Dynamics, Conventional Arms Control, and Regional Security in the Western Balkans.” In *Peace and Security in the Western Balkans: A Local Perspective*, edited by Nemanja Džuverović and Věra Stojarová, 129–155. Routledge, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003276661>.

Kovačević, Marko. 2022. “Diskurzivni tragovi malih država: oblikovanje identiteta i uloga Srbije i Hrvatske u Ujedinjenim nacijama.” *Tragovi: časopis za srpske i hrvatske teme* 5 (1): 73–108, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.52328/t.5.1.3>.

Ejdus, Filip, and Marko Kovačević. 2021. “International relations (IR) in Yugoslavia and post-Yugoslav states.” *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 24 (4): 932–959, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41268-021-00236-w>.

Kovačević, Marko i Andrej Cvetić. 2021. „Stanje i dometi teorije regionalnog bezbednosnog kompleksa u proučavanju regiona u međunarodnim odnosima”. u *Regionalna bezbednost: pristupi, elementi, dinamika*, uredili Nevena Šekarić i Vladimir Trapara. Beograd: Institut za međunarodnu politiku i privedu, 11–39, DOI: https://doi.org/10.18485/iipe_regbezb.2021.ch1.

Kovačević, Marko. 2019. “Small states’ marginality constellations and the challenges to the Europeanisation of the Western Balkans in the last decade.” *Yearbook of the Institute of East-Central Europe* 17 (4): 25–48, DOI: <https://ies.lublin.pl/rocznik/riesw/2019/4/2>.

Ejdus, Filip, and Marko Kovačević. 2019. „Penetration, overlay, governmentality: The evolving role of NATO in Balkan security dynamics.” *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 13 (5): 566–580, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17502977.2019.1660032>.

Kovačević, Marko. 2019. “Understanding the marginality constellations of small states: Serbia, Croatia, and the crisis of EU–Russia relations.” *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 27 (4): 409–423, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2019.1580564>.

- Kovačević, Marko. 2018. „Bringing in Bibó: Understanding Identities and Reality of Small Post-Yugoslav States”, in *Politics of Enmity*, edited by Gazela Pudar Draško, Aleksandar Pavlović, and Eltion Meka. Beograd: Insitute for Philosophy and Social Theory, 184–210.
- Kovačević, Marko. 2017. “Međunarodni odnosi u doba teorijskog pluralizma: o stanju discipline i glavnim raspravama početkom 21. veka.” [International Relations in the time of theoretical pluralism: On the state of the discipline and its main debates at the beginning of the 21st century] *Međunarodni problemi* 69 (2-3): 181–205, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2298/MEDJP1703181K>.
- Kovačević, Marko. 2016. „What place for East and West? Discourses, reality, and foreign and security policies of small post-Yugoslav states.” *Third World Thematics: A TWQ Journal* 1 (1): 110–131, DOI: [10.1080/23802014.2016.1229133](https://doi.org/10.1080/23802014.2016.1229133).
- Kovačević, Marko. 2015. „Introduction: On Regions, Powers, and Regional Security Complexes, or What Does Regions and Powers Mean for Theory and Practice in 2015?” *Journal of Regional Security* 10 (2): 108–111.
- Kovačević, Marko. 2015. “Male države u svetu regiona i izazovi multipolarizacije međunarodnih odnosa na početku 21. veka” U: *Politički identitet Srbije u globalnom i regionalnom kontekstu*, uredila Vesna Knežević-Predić, 149–170. Beograd: Fakultet političkih nauka.
- Kovačević, Marko. 2015. “Socijalizacijska uloga OEBS-a i rekonstituisanje spoljnopolitičkog identiteta Srbije u postjugoslovenskom periodu” [Socializing Role of the OSCE and Reconstitution of the Foreign Policy Identity of Serbia in the Post-Yugoslav Period.]. In *Četrdeset godina od potpisivanja Helsinškog završnog akta* [Forty Years Since the Signing of the Helsinki Final Act], edited by Mina Zirojević and Vesna Ćorić, 419–436. Belgrade: Institute of Comparative Law.
- Kovačević, Marko i Nikola Vujinović. 2014. “Socijalni konstruktivizam i međunarodni odnosi.” *Godišnjak Fakulteta političkih nauka* 11: 147–151.
- Kovačević, Marko. 2014. “Small States, Identity and Europeanization in the Western Balkans – An Analysis of Serbia's Foreign Policy After 2000”, in Marko Lovec, ed. *Lessons Learned For the European Union AcadEUSelected Conference Proceedings*, Ljubljana.
- Kovačević, Marko. 2013. „Regional Security in a Changing World.” *Journal of Regional Security* 8 (2): 175–181.
- Kovačević, Marko. 2012. “Akterstvo i moć Evropske unije.” *Godišnjak Fakulteta političkih nauka*, 7: 145–163.
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Book Translations

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics* [published in Serbian: Aleksandar Vent. 2014. *Društvena teorija međunarodne politike*. Beograd: Fakultet političkih nauka i Službeni glasnik], co-translator with Nikola Vujinović.

Research Projects and Grants

Work Package 3 Coordinator and Researcher: “Shifting perspectives on regional peace and security governance in the Western Balkans” as part of the “Monitoring and Indexing Peace and Security in the Western Balkans – MIND” project, financed by the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia, February 2022. – February 2025.

Researcher: “Political Identity of Serbia in Global and Regional Context”, project no. 179076, financed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Republic of Serbia, May 2014 – December 2022.

Project Coordinator: “Regional Security Knowledge Hub (Phase 1)”, at Center for International Security – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, March – December 2021.

Research Assistant: OSCE Network Project “Western Balkans Military Dynamics”, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science (Center for International Security) in cooperation with OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions (funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs and the German Federal Foreign Office), October – December 2019.

University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science: visiting guest researcher, January – February 2018 (as part of my doctoral research).

Academic Conferences

Central and East European International Studies Association – CEEISA 2022 Convention. Paper: “Marginality constellations and changing geopolitical identities of small states in Europe.” Bratislava, Slovakia, 22–24 June 2022.

Second Student Conference on International Relations, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Political Science. Ljubljana, 4 May 2022 (academic board member and discussant).

International Studies Association, English School Section, 10 March 2022 (online).

Roundtable, Doing International Political Sociology (Doing IPS), Worlding/Provincialising IR from Eastern Europe, 11 February 2022 (online): <https://www.doingips.org/news-events/roundtable-exploring-ips>.

ECPR Virtual Joint Sessions of Workshops, European Small States in International Organisations – Strategies, Preferences and Adaptation (workshop). Paper: „Foreign Policies of European Small States in the United Nations: Identity-Role Convergence and Divergence.” Prague (online), Czechia, 24 May 2021.

13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA PEC 2019). Paper: “Marginality Constellations and Multipolarization of International Relations: Understanding Small State Approaches to China’s Influence in Southeast Europe.” Sofia, Bulgaria, 10–14 September 2019.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference 2019. Paper: “When Lilliputians Matter for the Colossus: Exploring Europeanization as liberal order norm diffusion in Serbia, Croatia and Austria, 1999–2018.” Wroclaw, Poland, 4–7 September 2019 (co-authored with Pierre Baudry).

CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference 2019, Belgrade, 17–19 June 2019. Paper: “Connecting the Dots of (post)Yugoslav IR” (co-authored with Filip Ejdus).

CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference 2019, Belgrade, 17–19 June 2019. Paper: “Can Small States Determine Success of International Orders? Exploring Indirect Symbolic Agency of Austria, Croatia, and Serbia in European Security, 1999–2018” (co-authored with Pierre Baudry).

International Studies Association, 60th Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 27–30 March 2019. Paper: “The End of the Yugoslav IR and its Aftermath” (co-authored with Filip Ejdus).

Godišnja konferencija Hrvatskog politološkog društva. „Kraj jugoslovenskih Međunarodnih odnosa i njegove posledice: mapiranje međunarodnog na post-jugoslovenskom prostoru.” Zagreb, 7–8. novembar 2018 (co-authored with Filip Ejdus).

Godišnja konferencija Udruženja za političke nauke Srbije, “The end of the Yugoslav IR and its aftermath.” U: Sabor politikologa, godišnja međunarodna konferencija Udruženja za političke nauke Srbije, Beograd, 22–23 septembar 2018. *Konstitucionalizam i ustavni dizajn u demokratskoj recesiji : knjiga sažetaka = Constitutionalism and Constitutional Design in Democratic Recession : Abstract : Sabor politikologa*. Beograd: Udruženje za političke nauke Srbije, 2018. <http://www.upns.rs/sites/default/files/2018-09/The%202018%20SPSA%20conference%20-%20Abstracts.pdf>. (co-authored with Filip Ejdus).

International Studies Association, 59th Annual Convention, San Francisco, 4–7 April 2018. Paper: “Forgetting and Rediscovering the United Nations: Understanding the International Roles and Practices of Post-Yugoslav Small States.”

International Studies Association, 58th Annual Convention, Baltimore, 22–25 February 2017. Paper: “Small States In a Changing World of Regions: Understandings of Multipolarization in the Balkans and the Caucasus”; Roundtable “Launching and Managing Academic Journals” (WC86); Working group „Accelerating Change in Global Governance: Enhancing the Participation of Excluded and Marginalized Voices Through Information and Communication Technology” (PWG01).

Politics of Enmity-Can Nation Ever Be Emancipatory? Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade, 26 – 28 September 2016. Paper: “Bringing in Bibo: understanding identities and reality of small post-Yugoslav states” [abstract published in Petrović Trifunović, Tamara, Gazela Pudar Draško, Aleksandar Pavlović. 2016. *Book of Abstracts: Politics of Enmity-Can Nation Ever Be Emancipatory?* Belgrade: Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, p. 32].

International Studies Association, 57th Annual Conference, Atlanta, 16 – 19 March 2016. Paper: “Small State With a Middle Power Mindset? Serbia’s Foreign Policy and the United Nations.”

British International Studies Association International Conference, London, 16 June 2015. Paper: “Small State With a Middle-Power Mindset? Continuity and Change in Serbia’s Foreign Policy

Identity After 2000”, BISA@40 workshop “Non-Western Small States: What Agency in an Unequal World?”

Slovenian Political Science Association Convention, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 29–30 May 2014. Paper: “Small States, Identity and Europeanization in the Western Balkans – An Analysis of Serbia’s Foreign Policy After 2000.”

Belgrade Security Forum, Academic Event. Belgrade, 14 – 16 September 2011. Paper: “Implications of state-building on regional security dynamics within Regional Security Complex Theory.”

Journal Editing

Co-Editor in Chief, *Journal of Regional Security* (since 2021)

Editorial Board Member, *Međunarodna politika*

Managing Editor, *Journal of Regional Security* (2012–2021)

Reviewer: *Teoria Polityki*, *International Politics*, *Review of International Affairs*, *Political Geography*, *Međunarodna politika*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Sarajevo Social Science Review*, *Politeuma*, *Politeia*, *Insight Turkey*

Stipends, Grants, Awards

Civil Society Scholar Award 2017 [University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science: visiting guest researcher, January – February 2018]

ISA Annual Convention Travel Grants: Atlanta (2016), San Francisco (2018)

OSCE Mission to Serbia fellowship for doctoral studies at University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2012–2015

OSCE Mission to Serbia fellowship for M.A. studies at University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science, 2010–2011

Undergraduate Exchange Programme, OSI [Bard College and Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program, U.S., 2005–2006]

Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia stipend, 2003–2007

EFG Bank stipend for undergraduates, 2006

Languages

Serbian (fluent), English (fluent), French (basic), Spanish (passive).

Certificates: EMI – English as Medium of Instruction, Tempus Foundation, certificate number 2022-*HEDU-2302-022* (2022); TOEFL (2005)