

Biographical notes

Andrej Kozina holds a Master's degree in Philosophy and Croatian Studies, and is a writer and film critic. He has been a member of the Croatian Writers' Society since 2026, and of Matica hrvatska since his student days. In 2025 he published a poetry collection, *Golovanje hladnog sunca* (*Fasting of the Cold Sun*), and his debut novel *Goli u svjetlu odjevenih* (*Naked in the Light of the Clothed*). He regularly publishes poetry and prose in numerous journals and publications, and serves as a film critic for *Hrvatski filmski ljetopis* and a literary critic for the portal *Suvremenik*. He is also a director and screenwriter of short films and music videos.

Bruno Ćurko, Master of Philosophy and Latin Language and Literature, is an Associate Professor at the University of Split, where he teaches a range of courses across various departments and study programs. From 1997 to 2006, he worked in several secondary schools as a teacher of philosophy, logic, ethics, Latin, politics and economics, and even mythology; and from 2006 to 2016 as a researcher at the Institute of Philosophy in Zagreb. He is the author of more than twenty authored books, edited volumes, textbooks, and manuals, and as a guest lecturer and workshop facilitator he has presented on all inhabited continents. He is the founder of the Zadar association *Mala filozofija* (Little Philosophy), within which he has initiated and organized numerous international project collaborations. Through the association (and beyond), he has held more than 1,500 workshops and groups related to philosophy with children (P4C) and the encouragement and promotion of critical thinking in the spirit of philosophical practice. He is Executive Editor of the journal *Metodički ogledi*, as well as a member of the editorial boards of several domestic and international journals. He is likewise a member of the program and organizing committees of numerous domestic and international conferences and symposia.

Filip Has holds a Master of Law (mag. iur.) degree, having completed his legal studies in 2013 at the Faculty of Law of Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek. Since 2024, he has been enrolled in the doctoral programme in Educational Sciences and Perspectives in Education at the Faculty of Education of Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek. He began accumulating professional experience in higher education in 2012 at Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek, initially at the Department of Cultural Studies and subsequently at the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Health, where he worked in student administration. Since 2022, he has been employed as Senior Legal Adviser at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Zagreb. His scholarly and professional work focuses on the legal and regulatory aspects of healthcare, higher education, and bioethics, particularly within the European legal framework. He is the author and co-author of scientific papers and an active participant in domestic and international scientific and professional conferences.

Filip Škifić is a scientific researcher, writer, educator, and project coordinator at the Mala filozofija (Little Philosophy) association. Founder of Transformacija – a center for innovation in non-formal education – and Young Leaders Academy – a non-formal academy for philosophy with children. Behind him is a wealth of national and international projects, most notably Erasmus+ KA2 and KA3. He has created and delivered numerous educational programs for teachers and the general public. He regularly holds lectures, workshops, and festivals through which he promotes philosophy in practice and new approaches to upbringing and education..

Ivana Lalić Čičković has held a Master's degree in Nursing since 2017. She is employed at the University Hospital Centre Zagreb in the Department of Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis, where she serves as Head Nurse of the Respiratory Infections Ward. At the Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Studies she is a doctoral student in philosophy, directing her research toward the field of genetic engineering, an interdisciplinary area connecting medicine, bioethics, and contemporary scientific challenges. She is a member of the multidisciplinary team of the Ministry of Health's Reference Centre for Cystic Fibrosis in Adult Patients, contributing to the coordination of care and the exchange of professional knowledge. She presents at numerous domestic and international conferences and publishes widely in both professional and scientific journals.

Ivica Kelam is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Health, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, also teaching at a number of other faculties and units. He completed his doctorate on the topic of GMOs from a bioethical perspective, subsequently expanding his dissertation into a monograph titled *Genetički modificirani usjevi kao bioetički problem* (Genetically Modified Crops as a Bioethical Problem), to date the most significant and comprehensive scientific work in Croatia addressing genetically modified crops. He has published more than thirty scientific and professional articles, served as Vice-Dean, delivered numerous invited lectures, and participated in more than fifty workshops and summer schools. He is a member of the organizing and editorial boards of numerous conferences and publications, and in 2018 he founded and continues to lead the international symposium *Osijek Days of Bioethics*.

Kinzie Gamaleldin is an early-career scholar whose interests include the philosophy of psychiatry, philosophy of mind, bioethics, philosophy of methodologies, the social structure of science, and modern history of anatomy. She completed her M.A. in the History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine (HPS) from Indiana University Bloomington in May 2026. After completing this degree, Kinzie will be working in a private medical practice in New York City preceding her matriculation to an American medical school. As a philosopher-physician, she is aspirational for bridging health humanities and innovative interventions to optimize patient quality of life and knowledge production.

Luka Janeš is a contemporary Croatian philosopher and academic whose work primarily bridges environmental ethics, integrative bioethics, and the philosophy of mental health. Born in Zagreb in 1986, he completed his higher education at the University of Zagreb, where he earned his doctorate with a dissertation focusing on the eco-ethics of Aldo Leopold. He currently serves as an Assistant Professor at the University of Zagreb's Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, and he is a prominent associate at the University Centre for Integrative Bioethics. Beyond his academic research and numerous publications, Janeš is widely recognized as the founder and organizer of the International Transdisciplinary Symposium "Bioethics and the Aporias of Psyche," and the Croatian Association for Philosophical Practice (HUFP). He actively translates philosophical theory into practice as a certified philosophical counselor and practitioner of logotherapy. He is the co-founder and deputy editor of *Philosophical Counselor*.

Luka Maršić is a graduate anthropologist, Doctor of Philosophy, psychotherapist, and addictologist at the Psychiatric Clinic of the University Hospital Centre Sestre milosrdnice. There, in collaboration with Professor Zoran Zoričić, MD, PhD, he has since 2015 led the Counselling Centre for Non-Substance Addictions, which includes the new addictions of the digital age. Since 2015 he has been President of the association KLOK (Club of Recovered Gambling Addicts), and from the early 1990s onward has led countless workshops and support groups for people with addiction problems. He has

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Mihael Vrbanc holds a Master's degree in Philosophy and is the author of numerous works, particularly in the sphere of poetry, aesthetics, and the philosophy of beauty. The organizational skills acquired through attending and leading numerous philosophical and artistic events, workshops, and conferences, as well as through disseminating and editing student and professional publications, are currently expressed through his work at the Inkubator izvrsnosti (Excellence Incubator). He is a participant in a two-year training program in philosophical counselling organized by the Croatian Association for Philosophical Practice.

Mladen Matić is a master's student of Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad. His research primarily focuses on phenomenology, post-structuralism, critical theory, and various forms of philosophy of life. He places a special emphasis on the phenomenology of the alien (the foreign/the other) and social phenomenology in general. Additionally, his work deals with the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche and Albert Camus, as well as the reception and understanding of the concept of power throughout philosophy. He is one of the founders and a former president of the Philosophy Students' Association at the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad "Sisyphus". He has authored several philosophical and interdisciplinary papers and has participated in multiple international conferences. He is the recipient of the "Dr Zoran Đinđić" Award for the best undergraduate or master's thesis in the field of philosophical and sociological sciences in 2024, awarded for his *thesis Anthropology of the Foreign: Nietzsche and Camus*. He is also an editor for the journal *Philosophical Counselor*. Alongside his academic work, he writes essays and prose..

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Srđan Damjanović teaches theoretical subjects at the Faculty of Law for Commerce and Judiciary in Novi Sad. He is also a lecturer at the Philosophical Centre for Psychoanalysis in Novi Sad and a teacher at Karlovci Grammar School. His research and teaching interests include legal ethics, the philosophy of psychoanalysis, the methodology of teaching philosophy, critical theory, and structuralism, with a particular focus on the thought of Louis Althusser. He is the author of several books and more than one hundred scholarly and professional articles.

Toma Gruica completed his Master's degree in Philosophy and History at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Split, and earned his doctorate in philosophy at the Karl-Franzens University in Graz. He is employed as an Assistant Professor at the University of Defence and Security "Dr. Franjo Tuđman" in Zagreb. To date, he has published more than forty scientific and professional articles and participated in various domestic and international conferences. He currently has two books forthcoming: a monograph based on his doctoral dissertation, entitled *A Heideggerian Study in Phenomenological Psychopathology – Embodied Coupling and World Disclosure* with Springer Nature, as well as

a book titled *Depression, Serotonin, and Embodiment: A Phenomenological and Critical Examination of SSRI Pharmacotherapy* with Psychiatria Danubina. He is Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Philosophical Counselor* and Vice-President of the Croatian Association for Philosophical Practice. Beyond his philosophical research focus, directed toward phenomenology, psychopathology, cognitive science, enactivism, christian theology and military ethics, he is also an naïve painter, dramaturge, and is a great lover of animals and nature. "In 2026, he was awarded a Post-DocTrack Fellowship by the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

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