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Since September 2009, I have been employed as a researcher in the field of social sciences, the scientific field of sociology, at the Institute of Social Sciences "Ivo Pilar" in the Dubrovnik Regional Center. I obtained my PhD at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciencies, University of Zagreb by fulfilling the obligations of the postgraduate doctoral study program in Sociology, which I enrolled in in 2010. The title of the doctoral dissertation written under the supervision of dr. sc. Dinka Marinović Jerolimov was "Noneligiosity in Croatia: Sociological Aspects of Organizing Non-religious and Atheists". The dissertation was defended on October 6, 2017, before a committee composed of dr. sc. Krunoslav Nikodem - president, dr. sc. Tihana Trako Poljak – member and dr. sc. Ivan Markešić - member.

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As an author and co-author, I have published over thirty scientific and professional papers and participated in numerous international scientific conferences.

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