

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Zoran Grozdanov



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WORK EXPERIENCE

2010–2018

Lecturer

University Center for Protestant Theology, University of Zagreb
Ivana Lučića 1, 10000 Zagreb Zagreb (Croatia)
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2005–2018

Assistant Professor

University Center for Protestant Theology, University of Zagreb
Ivana Lučića 1, 10000 Zagreb Zagreb (Croatia)
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Editor of *Oecumenica, Judaica and Ars haeretica* series, Initiator and Publisher of Croatian edition of *International Journal of Theology "Concilium"*

Publishing house Ex libris, Rijeka, Croatia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2009–2015

PhD

Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University in Zagreb, Zagreb (Croatia)

Doctoral dissertation "Speculative Good Friday in Early Hegel's Philosophy and Its Impact on Early Theology of J. Moltmann"

2000–2007

Master of Philosophy

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University in Zagreb, Zagreb (Croatia)

2000–2007

Master of History

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University in Zagreb, Zagreb (Croatia)

1998–2006

Master of Theology

Evangelical Theological Faculty, Osijek (Croatia)

Evangelische Theologie, Eberhard-Karls University in Tübingen, Tübingen (Croatia)

01/10/2010–01/09/2011 Research year 2010-2011 of doctoral studies, under the mentorship of Jurgen Moltmann

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

10/2010-09-2011 Brot für die Welt and Gustav Adolf Werk scholarship – doctoral studies at Evangelische Theologie in Tübingen (mentor Jürgen Moltmann)
01/2014-04/2015 Partnerschaftsprogramm der EKD – project „Political Theology in the Balkans and Ethnic Exclusion“ Fellowship, Institut for Ecumenical theology WWU Münster
10/2018-09/2019 Summer 2019

AWARDS

2016 Best Alumni Practice “Brot für die Welt”
2018 Croatian Book of the Year (“Faith and the Dialogue”), Centre for Peace, Osijek
2018 For the Special contribution to the promotion of religious freedom, Association for Religious Freedom in Croatia

Mother tongue(s)

Croatian, Serbian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
German	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

PUBLICATIONS

Authored:

“From Catholic Church to Religious–Political Movements: Religious Populism’s Coming of Age in Croatia” (with Nebojša Zelić), in: Lo Mascolo, Gionathan (ed.), *The Christian Right in Europe: Movements, Networks and Denominations*, Berlin: Transcript Verlag, 2022 (to be published).

„Balkan the Unifier and Balkan the Divider“ (with Stipe Odak), in: Odak, S. and Grozdanov, Z. (eds.), *Balkan Contextual Theology: An Introduction*, London and New York: Routledge, 2022., p. 1-14.

„IncarNation: On the Possibilities of Balkan Contextual Theology“, in: Odak, S. and Grozdanov, Z. (eds.), *Balkan Contextual Theology: An Introduction*, London and New York: Routledge, 2022., p. 79-91.

„From Incarnation to Identity: The Theological Background of National-Populist Politics in the Western Balkans“, in: Schmiedel, U. and Ralston, J., *The Spirit of Populism: POLitical Theologies in Polarized Times*, Leiden: Brill, 2022, p. 149-163.

„Is Populism Hijacking Christianity? An Eastern European Perspective“, in: *Concilium* 1(2021), p. 84-89.

"Christ's Ethnonationalist Crucifixion: Sacralization of Ethnonationalist Agendas within Croatian Catholicism and Serbian Orthodoxy—Cases and Effects," (with Branko Sekulić), *Occasional Papers on Religion in Eastern Europe*: Vol. 40 : Iss. 9 , Article 2., 2020.
Available at: <https://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/ree/vol40/iss9/2>

"The Cross as a Political Tool? Jürgen Moltmann and the Political Relevance of Christian Identity", in *Filozofska istraživanja/Synthesis Philosophica* 39, 4 (2018).

"Political ideology or faith?", foreword to Croatian edition of Miroslav Volf, *Flourishing: Why We Need Religion in a Globalized World (Pod istim krovom: religije i globalizacija)*, Ex libris, Rijeka – Synopsis, Sarajevo, 2017

"Geknebelte Universalität. Die Herausforderung der Ethnoreligiosität für das Christentum im ehemaligen Jugoslawien" mit Branko Sekulić, in: *Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift* (68/2) 2017, s. 146–154

"Theology out of the Concrete Events", in: Zoran Grozdanov (ed.), *Theology: Descent into the Vicious Circles of Death: On the 40th Anniversary of Jurgen Moltmann's "The Crucified God"*, Wipf&Stock, Oregon, 2016, p. 19-45.

Odbojna riječ. Smrt Boga kod ranoga Hegela i ranoga Moltmanna (Repugnant Word. Death of God in Early Hegel and Early Moltmann), Fabrika knjiga, Belgrade, 2016.

"Pluralizam u neslaganju" ("Pluralism in (dis)accord"), in Z. Grozdanov and N. Zelić (ed.), *Vjera u dijalog: sekularno i religijsko u razgovoru (Faith in a Dialogue: Secular and Religious Domain in the Conversation)*, Ex libris - CeKaDe, Rijeka, 2016.

Foreword to *U potrazi za Crkvom Koncila: antologija tekstova Conciliuma 1965-2015 (In a Search of the Church of the Council: Anthology of Concilium articles 1965-2015)*, Ex libris, Rijeka - Synopsis, Sarajevo, 2016.

"Teologija i društvena promjena" ("Theology and Social Change"), in: *Journal Reč*, Fabrika knjiga, Belgrade, 2015, p. 111-125.

"Teologija iz konkretnoga", u: Z. Grozdanov (ur.), *Teologija - silazak u vražje krugove smrti*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2014.

Foreword to *Opasna sjećanja i pomirenje: kontekstualna promišljanja o religiji u postkonfliktnom društvu (Dangerous Memories and Reconciliation: Contextual Reconsideration of the Role of Religion in a Postconflict Society)*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2011.

Foreword to *Bog pred križem: Zbornik u čast Jurgena Moltmanna (God in Front of the Cross: Festschrift for Jurgen Moltmann)*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2007.

Edited and Coedited:

Stipe Odak and Zoran Grozdanov (eds.), *Balkan Contextual Theology: An Introduction*, London and New York: Routledge, 2022.

Zoran Grozdanov and Marina Schumann (eds.), *Reformacija: globalni događaj u lokalnoj perspektivi*, Zagreb: Teološki fakultet Matija Vlačić Ilirik, 2020.

Zoran Grozdanov, Ryan McAnnally Linz and Matt Croasmun, *Flourishing in Christ: Essays in Honour of Miroslav Volf*, Wipf&Stock, Oregon, 2017.

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Zoran Grozdanov and Nebojša Zelić (eds.), *Vjera u dijalog: sekularno i religijsko u razgovoru (Faith in a Dialogue: Secular and Religious Domain in Conversation)*, Ex libris - CeKaDe, Rijeka, 2016.

Zoran Grozdanov and Norbert Reck (ed.), *U potrazi za Crkvom Koncila: antologija tekstova*

Conciliuma 1965-2015 (In a Search of the Church of the Council: Anthology of Concilium articles 1965-2015), Ex libris, Rijeka - Synopsis, Sarajevo, 2016.

Z. Grozdanov, R. Ammicht-Quinn, M.-Th. Wacker, S. Ross and M. Babić, *Religion and Identity: Religion in a Postconflict Society*, *Concilium* 1(2015).

Zoran Grozdanov (ur.), *Teologija: silazak u vražje krugove smrti*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2014.

Zoran Grozdanov, Srđan Sremac and Nikola Knežević, *Opasna sjećanja i pomirenje: kontekstualna promišljanja o religiji u postkonfliktnom društvu (Dangerous Memories and Reconciliation: Contextual Reconsideration of the Role of Religion in a Postconflict Society)*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2011.

Zoran Grozdanov (ed.), *Bog pred križem: Zbornik u čast Jurgena Moltmanna (God in Front of the Cross: Festschrift for Jurgen Moltmann)*, Foreword, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2007.

TRANSLATIONS

Aristotle Papanikolaou, *Mistično kao političko: demokracija i neradikalno pravoslavlje*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2022. (u pripremi)

Pantelis Kalaitzidis, *Pravoslavlje i politička teologija*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2022.

Susan White, *Temelji kršćanskog bogoštovlja*, Teološki fakultet MV Ilirik, Zagreb, 2019.

Leonardo Boff, *Franjo Rimski i Franjo Asiški*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2018.

Miroslav Volf, *Flourishing: Why We Need Religion in a Globalized World (Pod istim krovom: religije i globalizacija)*, Ex libris, Rijeka – Synopsis, Sarajevo, 2017

Miroslav Volf, *A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve Common Good (Javna vjera: kršćani i opće dobro)*, Ex libris, Rijeka, 2013.

Alister McGrath, *Christian Theology: An Introduction (Uvod u kršćansku teologiju)*, Ex libris, Rijeka - Faculty of Theology "Matthias Flacius Illyricus", Zagreb, 2007.

Joseph Rhymer, *Biblijski atlas (Bible Atlas)*, Dušević i Kršovnik, Rijeka, 1999.

116 articles for Croatian edition of *International Journal of Theology Concilium*, Ex libris, Rijeka - Synopsis, Sarajevo, 2010-2018.

OTHER ACTIVITIES 2015/2016

Initiator and coordinator of the national campaign „No VAT on food donations“ which succeeded that the Government of the Republic of Croatia abandon VAT on food donations to the charities.