

PhD Maria Vivod, social and cultural anthropologist



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Languages: Hungarian, French, English, German, Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian (basic), Spanish (basics), Tagalog (basics)

Fields of research and interest

Relation of organized crime and paramilitary units, Peace and Conflict (Polemology), Fascism (totalitarian regimes), Medical Anthropology/Ethnomedicine, Visual Anthropology, Politics of the Balkans, Societies in Transition, Eastern European Anthropology

Geographical fields of experience and interest:

Central Europe, the Balkans, Southeast Asia (Vietnam, the Philippines), Mauritius, Canary Islands

Short and long-term research contracts (independent research consultancy and project leading/assisting):

* Since 06/06/2006 - Associate researcher (freelancer) at CNRS (Centre National de Recherches Scientifiques/National Center for Scientific Research of France); research laboratory UMR 7367 'Dynamics of Europe' Strasbourg, France

2018: short-term contract, researcher, Riga Stradiņš University, Riga, Latvia, Horizon 2020 European Comission N°693537, **'Inform: Closing the gap between formal and informal institutions in the Balkans'**

2015/2014: short-term contract, part-time associate researcher, University of Pécs, Hungary, FP7-IDEAS-ERC Project Reference: 324214, **'Vernacular religion on the boundary of Eastern and Western Christianity: continuity, changes and interactions'**

2013: research assistant in research project **'Peace negotiations in the Philippines'** financed and support by OIIP – Austrian Institute for International Politics

2012-2013: freelance anthropologist and consultant, research assistant (cognitive/applied anthropology): **Project 'Emabal'** SEB, France/ Krups, Germany

2009: March-October research project leader and consultant (medical anthropology): **Beijing, China**

2007-2008 independent research project: Contested practices on the Canary Islands, Spain (case study: island Gran Canaria, village El Burrero)

2006-2007: freelance anthropologist (medical and cultural anthropology): **continuing education program for health workers, Limoges, France**

2005-2007: research-project leader/consultant (social and cultural anthropology): **French Gendarmerie, Strasbourg, France**

2004: February research assistant (visual anthropology): **Project ‘Springs in Europe’, Mohàcs-Hungary/University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France**

Education

2005

PhD Ethnology, Sociology and Demography, University Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, France, Dissertation « **L'ethnomédecine en Voïvodine, Serbie** » (**Ethnomedicine in Vojvodina, Serbia**) and the documentary « **Biljana la femme guérisseuse** » (**Biljana, the healer-women**) 34 mn - <http://www.rap.prd.fr/ressources/vod.php?videotheque=mnhn/smm> directed by par Dr. Colette Méchin, Researcher, CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) (National Research Center), grade: "very honorable". Members of the jury: Dr Marianne Mesnil (Professor, University of Brussels), Dr Vladimir Fisera (Professor, University Marc Bloch, Strasbourg), Dr Charles-Henri Pradelles Delatour (Research Director, CNRS)

2000-2001

Postgraduate degree in Social Sciences (DEA) « **Traditions et changements: le conflit des Modèles** » (**Traditions and change: conflict of models**), University March Bloch, Strasbourg, France

1997-1999

Master's degree in Ethnology, University Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, France

1996

Master's degree French Language and Literature, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia

1992-1995

Studies of French Language, Literature and Civilization at University of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia

1991

High school Diploma in German Language, High school of Sremski Karlovci, Yugoslavia

Publications

Book

2015 “The Master and its Servants: The Entangled Web Between the Serbian Secret Service, Organized Crime and Paramilitary Units in the Yugoslav Conflict” New York: Nova Science Publisher

Book chapters

2019 (to be published) “Violence as Symbolic Capital: the Upward Political Mobility of Serbian Paramilitaries”

In *The Political Violence of Capital: Paramilitary Formations*

In Global Perspective. Hristov, Jasmin, Sprague-Silgado, Jeb and Tauss, Aaron (Eds.) Routledge

2018 “Getting even with the State: Serbian war veterans suing a country officially never at war” In *Conflict*

Veterans. Discourses and Living Contexts of an Emerging Social Group. In Daxner, Michael, Näser-Lather, Marion and Nicola, Silvia-Lucretia (Eds.) 2018. Cambridge Scholar Publishing

2015 "Fifteen Years After -An Anthropological Field from a Diachronic Angle", Athens: ATINER'S Conference Paper Series, N°: ANT2015-1576

2014 “Heroes of the Serbian nation. How flamboyant nationalism influenced the rise of socially marginal Individuals”. pp.105-121 in *Heroes and Celebrities in Central and Eastern Europe.* Povedák István (ed). Szeged: Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

2012 “Between a collective amnesia and a memory reconstruction: the case of the Serbian paramilitary units”. In *La construction de l'oubli* Diasio, N. & Wieland, K. (Ed). Bielefeld, Aisthesis-Verlag. 2011.

2012 “Stronger than the state?”. In *Etnofoor . Anthropological Journal.* Issue *State/Violence* 23/2 Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Spinhius. Amsterdam

2010 “Criminals and Warriors: The Use of Criminals for the Purpose of War-The Serbian Paramilitary Units”. In Hasselm, A.E. (Ed.) *Crime: Causes, Types and Victims.* 2010. New York Nova Science Publisher

2010 “A Tündérláto Radmila”. [The fairy-seer Radmila] In *Mágikus és szakrális medicina.* Pocs E.(Ed) Budapest, Ballasi Kiadó, 2011.pp 718. (344-357)

2009 “The story about Old hag Europe and Healthy Maiden Serbia”. In *Europe - Imagination and Practices.* Fikfak, J. & Vivod, M. (Ed) ZRC SAZU Inštitut za slovensko narodopisje, Ljubljana 2009. 115-127.

2009 “Europe, the (Un)capturable” In *In Europe - Imagination and Practices.* Fikfak, J. & Vivod, M. (Ed) ZRC SAZU Inštitut za slovensko narodopisje, Ljubljana 2009. 21-30.

2008 „A szerb babice-k – női démonok vagy mediátorok?” In *Angyalok, démonok, látók és szentek,* E. PÓCS (Ed) Budapest : Ballasi Kiadó

2008 « The Charms of the charmer, bajalica Biljana » In J.ROPER (Ed), *Charms and Charmers,* London : Palgrave Macmillan

Articles in peer-reviewed journals :

2019 “Šojmanka – Women of Eastern Serbia who communicate with fairies” *Curare* 41(2018) 3+4: 191-200

2018 “The Valach fairy-seers of eastern Serbia: seeing fairies - speaking through trance” *Oral Tradition* 32.1.

2015 “Fifteen Years After - An Anthropological Field from a Diachronic Angle.” *Athens Journal of Health.* Volume 2, Issue 4, December 2015

2015 “Radmila—the Fairy-clairvoyant. Rethinking Ethnopsychiatry—a Case Study from Serbia” *Curare* 37(2014)1.pp.55-64.

2013 “In the Shadow of the Serbian Paramilitary Units: Narrative Patterns about the Role of Paramilitary Units in Former Yugoslav Conflict” *Advances in Anthropology* 2013. Vol.3, No.1, 23-32

2012 “Stronger than the state?”(Serbian paramilitaries and the Serbian government) *Etnofoor.Anthropological journal.* 23-2 Mai 2012

- 2009** “Living with dead bodies in your closet – Serbian ex-paramilitary reflections”. *Anthropology News* Vol. 50, No.5, May (2009): 13.
- 2009** “The story about Old hag Europe and Healthy Maiden Serbia”. In *Traditiones* Vol . 38/2. Zbornik Inštituta za slovensko narodopisje, Ljubljana 2009. 115-127.
- 2009** “Europe, the (Un)capturable” In *Traditiones* Vol. 38/2 Zbornik Inštituta za slovensko narodopisje: Ljubljana 2009. 21-30.
- 2008** „Die Beschwörerin (*Bajalica*) Biljana aus Budisava, Wojwodina. Rekonstruktionsversuche einer ethnischen Identität im postsozialistischen Nachkriegsserbien“. In *Curare*, 30(2007)2+3: 153-162
- 2006** « *Les guérisseuses de la Voïvodine, Serbie-Monténégro* », *Cahiers de Publications Doctorales de l'Université Marc Bloch de Strasbourg*, n° 7, Mai 2006, Strasbourg, Presses Universitaires
- 2005** « *Le développement de l'ethnologie en Ex-Yougoslavie (jusqu'à 1998)* », *Cahiers de Publications Doctorales de l'Université Marc Bloch de Strasbourg*, n° 6, Avril 2005, Strasbourg, Presses Universitaires
- 2004** « *L'eau non-commencée dans l'ethnomédecine serbe et hongroise* », *Transformations, mutations*, n° 1, Juin 2004, Université Marc Bloch, Ecole Doctorale des Humanités
- 2001** « *Journal de l'enquête* », *Cahiers Doctorales de l'Université Marc Bloch de Strasbourg*, n° 1, Janvier 2001, Strasbourg, Presses Universitaires

Coeditor:

- 2010** “West” and “East”: *Dreaming, writing, imagining, and practicing Europe*. With Fikfak, J. (Ed) *Traditiones - Institut za slovensko narodopisje*, Ljubljana Vol 38/2, 2009
- 2010** *Europe- Imagination & Practices*. With Fikfak, J. (Ed) *Zalozba ZRC. Institut za slovensko narodopisje*, Ljubljana In negotiations: *Ethnographies of paramilitaries*. (Eds). Vivod, Maria & Khittel, Stefan

Book reviews:

- 2018** Shi, Lihong (2017) *Choosing Daughters. Family Change in Rural China*. Stanford University Press. 208pp.
Curare 41 (2018) 1+2, 144–151
- 2017.** “Haredi masculinities between the Yeshiva, the army, work and politics the Sage, the warrior and the entrepreneur” (2016) Hakak, Yohai. *Brill Culture and Religion*, DOI:10.1080/14755610.2017.1382985
- 2017** “Ebola: How a People’s Science Helped End an Epidemic. (2016) Richards, Paul. London: Zed Books. *Curare* 40(2017)3 pp.241-242.
- 2014.** “Orvosi antropológia. Budapest” (2012) Lázár, Imre & Pikó, Bettina (Eds) Medicina Könyvkiadó, [Medical Anthropology] *Curare* 37/2 pp.27-29
- 2014.** “Colonizing the Greek Mind? The Reception of Western Psychotherapeutics in Greece.” (2014) Charles Stewart (Ed) DERE—The American College of Greece. *Curare* 37/2 pp.168-173
- 2014.** “Transcultural Montage“ (2014) Christian Suhr and Rane Willerslev(eds.) Afterword by George E. Marcus, Berghahn Books in *Somatosphere. Science, Medicine and Anthropology* <http://somatosphere.net/2014/03/book-review-transcultural-montage.html>

2013 “Cosmologies of Suffering: Post-communist transformation, sacral communication, and healing.” (Ed.) Agita Luse, Agita & Lázár, Imre. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 2007 .in *Cargo.Journal of Cultural and Social Anthropology*. 1, 2 / 2011, the Czech Anthropological Association pp. 208-212

2013. “Serbian Dreambook: National Imaginary in the Time of Milošević. Marko Živković. New Anthropologies of Europe series. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2011” in *American Anthropologists. Volume 115, No. 2*

Translations

(from French to Serbian):

2017 Psihološka struktura fašizma. (Georges Bataille, La structure psychologique du fascisme. *Hermès* 5-6. Paris. 1989) [The Psychological Structure of Fascism]

2017 Prvi vek posle Beatrije. (Amin Maalouf (1992) Le premier siècle après Béatrice. Paris : Grasset & Fasquelle ISBN/ 2-253-09782-9) [First century after Beatrice]

(from English to Serbian):

2018 Ebola: Kako je narodna nauka pomogla zaustavljanje epidemije (Paul Richard's 'Ebola: How a People's Science Helped End an Epidemic (African Arguments)' Zed Books, 2016)

Documentaries (visibles at https://www.canal-u.tv/producteurs/smm/anthropologie_ethnologie):

2016 “The Fairy-seer” 14.30' presented at Kratovo Ethnological Filmfestival 2016, Macedonia

<http://www.imdb.com/video/wab/vi293123353/>

2008 “Thaipoosam cavadee of Ansina and her Father-Mauritius, 2006” '35 proposed for the Göttingen Internaional Ethnographical Film Festival, Göttingen, Germany

2007 “The case of the Hungarian ill-fated double citizenship –Interview with K.F.” 6' presented at the Annual Conference of the Commission of Urban Anthropology (CUA) 27-31 August 2007 **Urban Identity, Power and Space: The Case of Trans-European Corridors** in Tirana, Albania

2007 « Suskàlás –The Ear-Whispering –an example of charming from Hungary » 10' presented at International Conference "Charms, Charmers and Charming", 11-13 Mai 2007, organized by : International Society for Folk Narrative Research, Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Pécs, Hungary, Hungarian Ethnographical Society, Budapest, The Folklore Society, London, à PAB Székház, Pécs Comity of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Hungary

2005 “Eine Rekonstruktion von ethnischer Identität – der Fall der Beschwörerin bajalica Biljana aus der Vojvodina, Serbien”, 10' presented at **Bedrohte Lebenswelten – eine Herausforderung aus medizinanthropologischer Sicht**, 18. Fachkonferenz Ethnomedizin der Agem, 21.-23. Oktober 2005 at Kassel, Germany

2005 « Islam & the Serbs-Interview with N.Z. » 10' presented at 'Europe and the World' International Congres of EASA Bristol, 18 -21 September 2006; Workshop W031 'New Perspectives in European Christianity

2005 “*The Charms of bajalica- conjurer, Biljana from the village of Budisava, in Serbia*”, 10’ presented at International conference “**Charms, Charmers and Charming**” 23-24 September 2005, organized by Folklore Society and the British Academy of Sciences, at the Warburg Institute, London, UK

2000 « *Biljana, la femme –guérisseuse* », 35’, presented at: ‘**Europe and the World**’ 9th Biennial Conference of European Association of Social Anthropologists 18 -21 September 2006’ Bristol, UK

1998 « *L’abattage du cochon en Voïvodine* », 56’

Newspaper articles (Hungarian):

2006 “*Mauritius – az àlomsziget.*” Novi Sad, Serbia: *Tarka Világ* XIII. Mårcius. pp.4-5

2006. “*A kiràlynak is a fejét vették*”. Novi Sad, Serbia *Magyarszó*. Április 8-9. pp.3

Appointments:

2012 December-2013 January-February in charge of the photographic exposition of Vargyas Gàbor (MTA Hungary) “Gods, ancestors and shamans”, presented in Novi Sad Serbia (December 2012) & Subotica Senta, Serbia (January/February 2013)

2008 March creator and in charge of the exposition of photographs “The ethnologist and his field – photographs of J.P.B De Josselin De Jong and C. Levi-Strauss” as a manifestation of a congress Centenary of Claude Levi-Strauss “The Dutch scientific contribution in a structural anthropology: from J.P.B. De Josselin de Jong to C. Levi Strauss” organized by the research unity UMR7043

Invited Lecturer:

- 2015 December
VNU Vietnam National University Hanoi, Department of Anthropology, Hanoi, Vietnam:
“Ethnography, Ethnology and Anthropology in Europe. Differences between Eastern and Western Europe. As an example: the development of ethnology in the former Yugoslavia/Serbia”

https://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=Ldzk2PfN3f-TrAAD&u=/watch%3Fv%3DN2SR-tKUV-U%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user

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https://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=ETTv6UedL5kIIUzl&u=/watch%3Fv%3DHSskrNCgI98%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user

- 2015 December
Vietnam National University of Ho Chi Minh City, University of Social Sciences, Faculty of Anthropology, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam:

“Ethnomedicine. A brief introduction into Medical Anthropology.”

https://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=viccR8Asl28sadh&u=/watch%3Fv%3Da6KMWdpT0ro%26feature%3Dem-share_video_user

- 2013 July

Third World Studies Center, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Manila, Philippines:

“The Serbian Paramilitary Units: From Heroes of a Nation to Reviled War Criminals--and Back Again” 18 July 2013. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPiwIg50tjM>

Lectures at international conferences (lectures in French, English, German and Hungarian):

2018 October “From an Informal to a Formal Practice: The Case of the Serbian Slava”, Tracing Informativity in Southeast and Northeast Europe: Anthropological Perspectives. Riga Stradins University, 18-19 October, Riga, Latvia

2018 Mai “The Museum of Violence’. A Space of Affective Materialism”. *Dangerous Art / Violent Worlds: Anthropological Encounters*. Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, 24-25 May 2018, Vienna, Austria

2016 July “A legal conundrum concerning war veterans: war veterans suing a country which was never officially at war for unpaid wages”. International conference „Deployment returnees. Discourses and living worlds of an emerging social group.” July 07.-09.2016. Center for Conflict Studies, Philipps University, Marburg, Germany

2015 June "Fifteen years after. An anthropological field from a diachronic angle." Annual International Conference on Anthropology, 15-18 June 2015, Athens, Greece

2014 December “From Margins to Periphery: Collaborative Efforts in Peace Research between Austria, Serbia and the Philippines” joint lecture with Stefan Khittel, OIIP, Austrian Institute for International Politics, Vienna at the international Conference ‘Past, Present and Future of Peace Research’, 11 and 12 December 2014, University of Groningen, Holland

2012 July “Lords of death: the imminent forms of death in Serbian paramilitary narratives. Analysis of trial testimonies.” Paper in the Workshop W008 ‘Certainties and uncertainties of the armed fighter’ at the International conference: European Association of Social Anthropologists 12th Biennial Conference ‘Uncertainty and disquiet’, 10-13th July 2012 Nanterre, France

2012 June “Scholarly practices and conflicts in post-conflictual Serbia. A view from close.” Paper at EXCEPS Workshop ‘Peace, Conflict and the Production of Knowledge’ 19-20 June 2012, University of Exeter, U.K.

2012 Mai “The totemic animal inside of us – what’s your animal spirit?” Paper at the international conference ‘Body, Soul, Spirits and Supernatural Communication’. The Regional Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Hungary 18th-20th May 2012

2011 October “A hero of the Serbian nation. A leader of a Serbian paramilitary unit.” Paper at the international conference ‘Heroes and Celebrities in Central and Eastern Europe’ October 13-16, Szeged, Hungary. The Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Szeged and the ‘Bálint Sándor’ Institute for the Study of Religions, Szeged, Hungary

2011 September Convener of the Workshop n° 5 ‘The culture of non-state armed and paramilitary groups’ with Alexander Horstmann, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen at PACSA (Peace and conflict studies in social anthropology)-PRIO (Peace research Oslo) Cyprus Centre Conference, 1 September 2011 ‘The ‘Local’ in Global Understandings of War and Peacemaking - Anthropological and inter-disciplinary perspectives’

2011 September “Rhetorics of the killers. Narratives of Serbian paramilitary units members from trial documents.” Paper at PACSA (Peace and conflict studies in social anthropology)-PRIO (Peace research Oslo) Cyprus Centre Conference, 1 September 2011 ‘The ‘Local’ in Global Understandings of War and Peacemaking - Anthropological and inter-disciplinary perspectives’

2010 August “Heroes of yesterday, war criminals of today: the Serbian paramilitary units fifteen years after the armed conflict of former Yugoslavia”. intervention at the International conference: European Association of Social Anthropologists 11th Biennial Conference 'Experiencing diversity and mutuality', 24-27th of August 2010, Maynooth, Ireland, Workshop W110 “Observing the 'bad guys': ethnographic approaches to non-state armed groups”

2010 August “Crisis and conflicts in our ranks”. Convener of the Workshop W006 at the International conference: European Association of Social Anthropologists 11th Biennial Conference 'Experiencing diversity and mutuality', 24-27th of August 2010, Maynooth, Ireland, Workshop

2009 December „Ein Plädoyer für die Ethnopsychiatrie – Zur kulturwissenschaftlichen Sicht einer Fallstudie aus Serbien.“ International conference „Kultur, Medizin und Psychologie im Trialog II – Anwendungen und Advocacy im interdisziplinären Arbeitsfeld Ethnologie & Medizin. 22. Fachkonferenz Ethnomedizin“, Heidelberg, Germany. 4.-6. December 2009

2009 November « Entre amnésies collectives et reconstruction de la mémoire : le cas des paramilitaires serbes» Colloque International « La construction de l’oubli » organized by University of Strasbourg and the Laboratory « Cultures and societies of Europe » MISHA, Strasbourg, France. 25, 26 and 27th november 2009

2009 September “Radmila – the ‘fairy-clairvoyant’ “, ‘Magical and Sacred Medical World’. A three-day international conference, organized by Pécs Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Hungary. 4-6th September 2009

2009 June “Discovering the dead bodies in the closet: fieldwork about Serbian ex-militia members” intervention at the International conference: ‘Ethnografeast IV. Intimacies and Knowledges’, Leiden University, Holland. June 24-27, 2009

2008 August “How to ‘cut’ without loosing your head?” intervention at the International conference: European Association of Social Anthropologists 10th Biennial Conference 'Experiencing diversity and mutuality', 26-29th of August 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Workshop W086 ‘Transcultural Montage : The uses of filmic montage in conveying diversity and mutuality’

2008 August “West” and “East”- dreaming, writing, imagining and practicing Europe’ convener with Jurij Fikfak, from the Institute of Slovenian Ethnology ZRC SAZU, Ljubljana, Slovenia – of the Workshop W012 at the International conference: European Association of Social Anthropologists 10th Biennial Conference 'Experiencing diversity and mutuality', 26-29th of August 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2008 January-February “Les Hongrois de l'autre côté de la frontière” [Hungarians from the other side of the border] International Multidisciplinary Congress ‘Vivre et tracer les frontières dans les mondes contemporaines’ (To live and to trace the frontiers in the contemporary worlds) Tangier, Morocco, from the 31 of January to the 2nd February 2008 organized by the Centre Jacques Berque de Recherche en Sciences Humaines et Sociales, Rabat, Morocco

2007 October « Expériences ‘limoggiennes’ -Une expérience de formation continue des personnels de santé » [Experiences from Limoges – a teaching experience in ‘continuing teaching program of health workers] International Congres **Anthropologie et médecine : Confluences et confrontations dans les domaines de la formation, des soins et de la prévention**, 25-27 October 2007 Marseille organized by AMADES (Association d'Anthropologie Médicale Appliquée au Développement et à la Santé/ Association of Applied Medical Anthropology)

2007 August “The case of the Hungarian ill-fated double citizenship – a collective outrage?”, Conférence Annuelle de la Commission de l’Anthropologie Urbaine (CUA) le 27-31 August 2007 Tirana, Albania **Urban Identity, Power and Space: The Case of Trans-European Corridors**

2007 Mai « Suskàlás –The Ear-Whispering – an example of charming from Hungary » lecture with presentation of documentary film at “Charms, Charmers and Charming”, International Conference, 11-13 Mai 2007, Pécs, Hungary organized by : International Society for Folk Narrative Research, Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Pécs, Hungary, Hungarian Ethnographical Society, Budapest, The Folklore Society, London, at PAB Székház, Pécs Comity of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2006 October “Time for fear - God’s punishment for the sins in politics - The traditional healer as an embodiment of the church and the state – an example from Serbia” International Conference : **Embodiment and the State**, Middelfart, Denmark, 27-28 October 2006, organized by: Research Unit Health, Man and Society, Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark; Dipartimento Uomo & Territorio, University of Perugia (Italy); Department for Social Studies in Medicine, McGill University (Canada).

2006 September Between Europe and the menacing Islam: Defending Europe on the borders from the Turks” - A Representation of identity in religious-political context - an example from Serbia” International conference: European Association of Social Anthropologists 9th Biennial Conference 'Europe and the World', 18 -21 September 2006, Bristol, Workshop W031 'New Perspectives in European Christianity'.

2006 Mai A szerb babicék – női démonok vagy mediátorok? [The serbian babice – female demons or mediators ?] Conference : **Angyalok, démonok, látok és szentek**, [Angels, Demons and Saints], 12–14.mai 2006., Révfülöp, Hungary, organized by Magyar Néprajzi Társaság Folklór Szakosztálya, PTE Néprajz – Kulturális Antropológia Tanszéke, MTA Néprajzi Kutatóintézet [Hungarian Society for Folklore, Chair of Cultural Anthropology of University of Pécs, Hungarian Academy of Sciences]

2005 October Eine Rekonstruktion von ethnischer Identität – der Fall der Beschwörerin(bajalica) Biljana aus der Wojwodina, Serbien, A reconstruction of an ethnical identity – a case of charmer, bajalica Biljana from Vojvodina, Serbia] 21-23 October 2005, 18. Fachkonferenz Ethnomedizin der Agem Kassel, Germany: **Bedrohte Lebenswelten – eine Herausforderung aus medizinanthropologischer Sicht.**

2005 September The Charms of bajalica- conjurer, Biljana from the village of Budisava, in Serbia, “Charms, Charmers and Charming” International conference, 23-24 September 2005, organised by the Folklore Society and the British Academy of Sciences, at the Warburg Institute, London

2005 April Le mauvais sort dans la culture populaire hongroise, [Bad charms in Hungarian Culture] Conférence about the Hungarian culture, 29 April 2005University Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, France

2005 March Presentation and commentaries of the documentary film **Biljana, la femme guérisseuse** [Biljana, the healer-women] International Congres at Centro Studi Monte Verità, Ascona Canton du Tessin, Switzerland; **Prévoir et prédire la maladie. De la divination au pronostic : savoirs, pratiques, techniques** [To forseen and to predict an illness: Between divination and prognostics: knowledge, practice and techniques]; 2-5 March 2005, organized by AMADES (Association d'Anthropologie Médicale Appliquée au Développement et à la Santé/ Association of Applied Medical Anthropology)

2004 June L’ethnomédecine slave,[The Slavic ethnomedicine] Journée Doctorale [Conference of doctorates] « Transformations, mutations, métamorphoses » 12 June 2004, Palais Universitaire, University Marc Bloch, Doctoral Schooll of Human Sciences, Strasbourg, France

Diverse:

* Interview given in: **ASSked. Ausgabe V /2010** – Thema: Serbisches Paramilitär im ehemaligen Jugoslawien“ ASSked – Nachgefragt. Ein Magazin der Außen- und Sicherheitspolitischen Studienkreise e.V. June 2010

* since 2012 membership in a francophone directory of researches-scientist and experts: <https://expertes.fr/expertes/67939-maria-vivod>

* occasional reviewer of *Curare*, a German (Potsdam) ethno-medical peer-reviewed journal

Author of Photographs:

- For EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists) : <http://easaonline.org/>
at <http://easaonline.org/banner/carousel.shtml?img=4>
- For AFEA (Association française d'ethnologie et d'anthropologie) : [http://asso-afea.fr/-](http://asso-afea.fr/)

Membership in professional organizations:

AGMA (AG Medical Anthropology der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde e.V.)

EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists)