

# Jelka Stojanov



## EDUCATION

- 2019 – 2023 **DPhil (PhD) in Experimental Psychology**  
*(expected)* Department of Experimental Psychology | University of Oxford | UK  
 Supervisors: Prof. Brian Parkinson & Prof. Geoff Bird  
 Thesis: *Intergroup emotion processing: First- and second-order emotion perception and empathy*
- 2015 – 2019 **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**  
 Department of Psychology | University of Belgrade | Serbia  
 Major: Psychological research | Minor: Educational psychology | GPA: 9.74/10.0

## SELECTED RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

- Mar 2022 – Jun 2022 **Visiting PhD Student | University of Southern California**
- Research visit in Dr. Leor Hackel's **Social Learning & Choice lab** at the University of Southern California.
  - Developed a new **social learning paradigm** to investigate the influence of aligned and misaligned **intergroup empathic norms** on outgroup-oriented empathy.
- Jul 2021 **Interactive Participant | Neuromatch Academy in Computational Neuroscience**
- Used **dimensionality reduction** techniques (PCA, ICA, t-SNE) and **machine learning classifiers** (GLM, SVM) to decode the content of visual working memory from fMRI data (Project title: *Decoding the distributed nature of visual working memory*).
- Jul 2021 - Present **Supervisor | Junior Researcher Programme**
- Currently supervising an **international** project of three undergraduate and three master's students in collaboration with the UK Behavioural Insights Team (Project title: *Actual and perceived polarisation in people's opinions on behavioural policy interventions*).
  - More info: <https://jrp.psycholars.org/>
- Oct 2020 - Present **PhD Researcher | Emotion & Social Relations Lab | University of Oxford**
- Developed a new experimental paradigm to investigate **intergroup empathy and perception of empathic norms** and tested it as a part of different intergroup contexts (minimal groups, national groups in Croatia and Serbia; political groups in the UK).
  - Tested and validated **eye-tracking and psychophysiology** equipment for experimental, usability and HCI research.
  - **Supervised** three undergraduate and two master's students to completion.
- Oct 2020 - Present **Teaching Assistant | University of Oxford**
- Designed and led undergraduate tutorials in **social psychology and social neuroscience**, and **Python, R, SPSS** data science workshops (2-25 students).
- Mar 2020 - Present **Co-founder & Programme Lead | FutureGov Fellowship**
- **Co-founded** and led two international four-month-long FutureGov fellowships (21 early-career policymakers from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia).

- **Organised a Horizon Talk series** with academics and professionals from the Behavioural Insights Team, Oxford Policy Management, United Nations Development Programme, and University of Oxford.
  - More info: <https://futuregovfellowship.org/>
- Mar 2020 – Present* **Applied Behavioural Scientist | Center for Policy Innovation**
- Developed **human-centred design** workshops and ‘**Behavioural insights for public policy**’ discussions.
  - Completed a **systematic review** on using behavioural science to combat misinformation and developed a proposal of an online counter-misinformation **intervention**.
- Feb 2019 – Jul 2019* **Data Analyst & Research Associate | Alathea R&S | People Analytics Hub**
- Conducted **quantitative** (e.g., predictive modelling based on large-scale corporate data) and **qualitative** research (e.g., content analysis, focus groups, semi-structured interviews) with the goal of developing a data-driven recruitment and employee retention strategy.
- Sep 2018 – Sep 2019* **Junior Researcher | Department of Psychology | University of Belgrade**
- **Evaluated** a small-scale contact-based intervention to improve intergroup relations (Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia).
  - Tracked **linguistic** changes over time as implicit markers of prejudice.
- Sep 2018 – Sep 2019* **Research Assistant | Laboratory for Neurocognition and Applied Cognition | University of Belgrade**
- Built eye-tracking and psychophysiology experiments in OpenSesame and PsychoPy.
  - Manipulated visual stimuli using **facial landmark detection** algorithms (OpenFace), **face morphing** algorithms (Psychomorph) and **Adobe Photoshop**.
- Sep 2018 – Sep 2019* **Research Assistant | Laboratory for Research of Individual Differences | University of Belgrade**
- Supervised a **psychometric** project of five undergraduate students (Project title: *Alexithymia inventory: Construction and psychometric validation*).

## AWARDS & HONOURS

- 2022 **Honorable Mention, Best Flash Talk Award**  
Society for Affective Science
- 2021 **EPS Study Visit Grant** (\$4200)  
*Grant awarded to support a research visit to the USC Social Learning & Choice lab*  
Experimental Psychology Society
- 2020 **APS Research Grant** (\$500)  
*Grant awarded to support PhD research in initial development stages*  
Association for Psychological Science
- 2019, 2021 **Travel Grant** (\$1850)  
St John’s College
- 2019 **Dulverton Scholarship** (\$163500)  
*Full PhD funding (1 of 4 awardees from 68 African and European countries)*  
The Dulverton Trust

- 2019 **Rotary D1090 Scholarship** (\$30000)  
*Four-year PhD research grant (only awardee out of over 400 applicants)*  
 Rotary Foundation Global Grant
- 2019 **DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) Scholarship** (\$21500)  
*Full funding for an MSc in Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (Returned)*  
 German Academic Exchange Service
- 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 **National Scholarship for High-Achieving Students** (\$3400)  
 Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia
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## AUTHORSHIP

\* Denotes equal contribution. Underlined names indicate undergraduate and master's mentees.

### *Published articles*

- Cuve, H.\*, Stojanov, J.\*, Roberts-Gall, X. M., Catmur, C., & Bird, G. (2021). Validation of Gazeport low-cost eye-tracking and psychophysiology bundle. *Behavior Research Methods*.  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34405387/>
- Stojanov, J., Stanisavljević, S., Tatić, V., & Pantić, A. (2020). Conspiracy thinking inventory (CTI): Construction and validation study. *Primenjena psihologija*, 4, 363-383.  
<http://primenjena.psihologija.ff.uns.ac.rs/index.php/pp/article/view/2248>
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### *Articles under review or in preparation*

- Stojanov, J., Razum, J., Žeželj, I., Stantić, M., Bird, G., & Parkinson, B. (2022). Perceived intergroup empathic failures: Prejudice perceptions predict perceptions of ingroup and outgroup empathic norms. *Long abstract to be published in Affective Science*.
- Stojanov, J., Razum, J., Žeželj, I., Stantić, M., Bird, G., & Parkinson, B. (2022). Seeing intergroup empathy bias: Perceptions of empathic norms are negatively biased in intergroup contexts. *Under review*.
- Cuve, H., Liao, W., Stantić, M., Stojanov, J., Catmur, C., & Bird, G. (2022). Representation of emotion in linear and non-linear face dynamics. *Under review*.
- Stojanov, J., Stanisavljević, S., Kovačević, K., Radičević, B., & Žeželj, I. (2022). Misinformation-based impressions and their correction: The role of social group membership and misinformation valence. *In preparation*.
- Stojanov, J., Ahmed, M., & Parkinson, B. (2022). Beyond meta-dehumanisation: Targeted prejudice-specific pathway from meta-prejudice to support for discriminatory policies. *In preparation*.
- Stojanov, J., & Parkinson, B. (2022). Group and coalition bias in judgments of facial expressions of emotion. *In preparation*.
- Reeves, L., Stojanov, J., Schöne, J., & Parkinson, B. (2022). Emotion amplification effect in multiracial and monoracial crowds. *In preparation*.
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### *Selected talks*

- Stojanov, J. (2022, April). *Seeing intergroup empathy bias: Perceptions of empathic norms are negatively biased in intergroup contexts*. Presented at the University of Southern California. (Invited talk)
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- Stojanov., J.** (2022, April). *Perceived intergroup empathic failures: Prejudice perceptions predict perceptions of ingroup and outgroup empathic norms*. Presented at the Society for Affective Science Conference.
- Stojanov., J.** (2022, January). *Addressing the intergroup empathy deficit: Can empathy for outgroups be learnt?* Presented at the Autism, Social Cognition and Bodily Movement lab at the University of Birmingham. (Invited talk)
- Stojanov., J.** (2021, October). *Us vs them: Perceived intergroup empathic failures*. Presented at the 'Conflict, Peace, and Humanitarian Aid' lecture series at St John's College at the University of Oxford. (Invited talk)
- Stojanov., J.** (2021, April). *Cooperation and ingroup positivity bias in judging facial expressions of emotion: Perceptual processing and post-perceptual judgments*. Presented at the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society Conference.
- Stojanov., J.** (2021, April). *Intergroup emotion processing: The role of social relations and (biased) meta-perceptions*. Presented at the University of Stirling. (Invited talk)
- Stojanov., J.** (2021, April). *Beyond first-hand intergroup empathy: How do we think 'our' and 'their' emotional experiences are perceived and shared by outgroup members?* Presented at the Society for Affective Science Conference.
- Stojanov, J.** (2021, January). *Examining the influence of social relations on judgments of ingroup and outgroup members' emotional expressions*. Presented at the Experimental Psychology Society Meeting.
- Stojanov, J.** (2020, August). *Informing public policy with social and behavioural sciences*. Presented at the Center for Policy Innovation. (Invited talk)
- Stojanov, J.** (2020, July). *Getting in touch with the former adversary: The effects of an online chat intervention*. Should have been presented at the 2020 European Association of Social Psychology (EASP) Meeting as a part of the international symposium *How to include former adversary into a shared history or a shared present: Potential for inclusiveness in the Western Balkans*. (Cancelled)
- Stojanov, J.** (2020, July). *Misinformation-based impressions and their correction*. Should have been presented at the 2020 EASP Meeting. (Cancelled)
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### **Science communication**

- Stojanov, J.** (2020, April 10). Behavioural science in the time of COVID-19: How can it help? [Blog post in Serbian].
- Stojanov, J.** (2018, November 9). Achieving closeness without a single word: Parasocial interaction & relationships [Blog post in Serbian].
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### **SELECTED SKILLS**

**Programming & software:** R & R-Studio, Python, Git & Github, SPSS, JASP, Jamovi, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PsychoPy; OpenSesame; Winsteps; Psychomorph, AMOS; Adobe Photoshop; Lightworks; Acqknowledge; Ledalab; basic MATLAB, FSL.

**Languages:** English (Full proficiency), German (Intermediate), Portuguese (Intermediate), Serbian (Native).

**Ethics certifications:** MSD Human Research Ethics Certification (UK).

**Open science practices:** <https://osf.io/ne4a8/>