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EDUCATION

- 2020 – present** **PhD Psychology | University of Amsterdam**
Project: Psychological distance to science and science scepticism
Supervised by dr. Bastiaan Rutjens and prof dr. Frenk van Harreveld
- 2018 – 2019** **M.A. Psychology | University of Belgrade**
Thesis on associations between belief in conspiracies and recognition memory performance (developed in collaboration with prof. dr. Robbie Sutton and dr. Stefan Leach, supervised by prof. dr. Iris Žeželj)
- 2014 – 2018** **B.A. Psychology | University of Belgrade**

PUBLICATIONS

- Većkalov, B.**, Zarzečna, N., McPhetres, J., van Harreveld, F., & Rutjens, B. T. (2022). Psychological Distance to Science as a Predictor of Science Skepticism Across Domains. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.
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- Većkalov, B.**, Zarzečna, N., Niehoff, E., McPhetres, J., & Rutjens, B. T. (2021). A matter of time... consideration of future consequences and temporal distance contribute to the ideology gap in climate change scepticism. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 78, 101703.
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- Rutjens, B. T., & **Većkalov, B.** (2022). Conspiracy beliefs and science rejection. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 46, 101392. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2022.101392>
- Zarzečna, N., **Većkalov, B.**, Gligorić, V., & Rutjens, B. T. (2022, May 11). Letter to the Editors of Psychological Science: Boosting Understanding is Unlikely to Correct False Beliefs About Most Science Domains: Regarding van Stekelenburg et al. (2021). *Psychological Science*.
<https://doi.org/10.25384/SAGE.16640672.v2>
- Zarzečna, N., Bertlich, T., **Većkalov, B.**, & Rutjens, B. T. (2022). Spirituality is associated with Covid-19 vaccination scepticism. *Vaccine*, S0264410X22014633.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2022.11.050>
- Ruggeri, K., Panin, A., Vdovic, M., **Većkalov, B.**, ... García-Garzon, E. (2022). The globalizability of temporal discounting. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 6(10), 1386–1397.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-022-01392-w>
- Jarke, H., Anand-Vembar, S., Alzahawi, S., Andersen, T. L., Bojanić, L., Carstensen, A., Feldman, G., Garcia-Garzon, E., Kapoor, H., Lewis, S., Todsén, A. L., **Većkalov, B.**, Zickfeld, J. H., &

- Geiger, S. J. (2022). A Roadmap to Large-Scale Multi-Country Replications in Psychology. *Collabra: Psychology*, 8(1), 57538. <https://doi.org/10.1525/collabra.57538>
- Ruggeri, K., **Većkalov, B.**, ... Folke, T. (2021). The general fault in our fault lines. *Nature Human Behaviour*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01092-x>
- Gligorić, V., Vilotijević, A., & **Većkalov, B.** (2021). Does the term matter? The labeling effect on the perception of ethnic minorities: The case of The Romani in Serbia. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 85, 69–81. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2021.09.007>
- Hecht, M., Plohl, N., **Većkalov, B.**, Stuhlfreyer, J., Ruggeri, K., & van der Linden, S. (2021). Communication. In K. Ruggeri (Ed), *Psychology and Behavioral Economics: Applications for Public Policy* (2nd edition). London: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003181873>
- Ruggeri, K., Alí, S., Berge, M. L., Bertoldo, G., Cortijos-Bernabeu, A., ... **Većkalov, B.**, ... Folke, T. (2020). Replicating patterns of prospect theory for decision under risk. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4(6), 622–633. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-0886-x>
- Gligorić, V., **Većkalov, B.**, & Žeželj, I. (2018). Intuitive and analytical cognitive styles as determinants of belief in conspiracy theories. In K. Damjanović, I. Stepanović Ilić, & S. Marković (Eds.), *Proceedings of the XXIV Conference Empirical Studies in Psychology*, (pp. 93-95). Belgrade, Serbia. Available at: <http://empirijskaistrazivanja.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/EIP18-Zbornik-radova-u-celini.pdf>

Manuscripts under review:

- Većkalov, B.**, van Harreveld, F., van Stekelenburg, A., & Rutjens, B. T. (2022). Who is skeptical about scientific innovation? Examining predictors of AI, nanotechnology and genetic editing attitudes. (under review)
- Većkalov, B.**, Gligorić, V., & Petrović M., (2022). Does priming analytic thinking reduce conspiracy beliefs? High-powered preregistered replications of Study 2 and Study 4 from Swami et al., (2014). (Registered Report Stage 1)
- Zarzczna, N., **Većkalov, B.**, Niehoff, E., & Rutjens, B. T. (2022). Decreasing distance to reduces science scepticism.
- Ruggeri, K., Stock, F., Haslam, S. A., Capraro, V., Boggio, P., Ellemers, N., ... **Većkalov, B.**, ... Willer, R. (2022). Evaluating expectations from social and behavioral science about COVID-19 and lessons for the next pandemic. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/58udn>

Manuscripts in preparation:

- Većkalov, B.**, Zarzczna, N., van Harreveld, F., & Rutjens, B. T. (2022). Psychological distance effects on science skepticism – generalizability and mechanisms.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2022** KLI Seedmoney Grant to replicate foundational experimental research on reducing conspiracy beliefs (€3,000; PI).
- 2019** Zoran Djindjic Foundation Travel Grant (€400)
Djoka Vlajkovic Foundation Travel Grant (€250; University of Belgrade)
- 2017-2019** Scholarship for exceptionally gifted students – Serbian Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development (€5,000)

INVITED TALKS

- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Social Psychology Group Department talk (2022): Psychological distance to science
- Junior Researcher Programme Conference (2021): Multi-country replications panel discussion
- University of Pennsylvania, Research Seminar in Human Development: Mixed Methods (2021): Science skepticism and its precursors.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Uva Academy (short-term education for professionals), Polarization Masterclass (2023): Conspiracy beliefs and (science) polarization
- Character & Context popular science blog post: Science from a Distance ([link](#))
- Radio Television Serbia Morning show (2020): Prospect Theory and decision-making under risk ([video](#))

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Symposium organisation

- Public Perceptions of Science and Scientists. (2022): Empirical Studies in Psychology Conference, University of Belgrade, Serbia; organised (alongside Iris Žeželj) and presented in.

Individual presentations

Većkalov, B., van Harreveld, F., & Rutjens, B. T. (2022). Rejection of scientific innovations and pseudoscience beliefs in the Netherlands – an examination of ideological and knowledge predictors. Presented at the European Social Cognition Network Conference, Milan, Italy.

- Većkalov, B.,** Zarzeczna, N., McPhetres, J., van Harreveld, F., & Rutjens, B. (2022). Psychological Distance to Science As a Unifying Predictor of Science Skepticism across Domains. Presented at the ASPO 2022 Summer Event, Tilburg, Netherlands.
- Većkalov, B.,** Zarzeczna, N., McPhetres, J., van Harreveld, F., & Rutjens, B. (2021). Psychological Distance to Science As a Unifying Predictor of Science Skepticism across Domains. Presented at the APS Virtual conference.
- Većkalov, B.,** Zarzeczna, N., Niehoff, E., McPhetres, J., & Rutjens, B. (2021). A matter of time: What underlies the ideology gap in climate change skepticism? Poster presented at the SPSP Political Psychology Preconference.
- Većkalov, B.,** Petrović M., Gligorić V., & Žeželj I. (2019). Differential Effects of Ingroup and Outgroup Threat on Belief in Conspiracy Theories. Poster presented at the 3rd Biennial International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France
- Većkalov, B.,** Petrović, M., Gligorić, V., & Žeželj, I. (2019). Belief in conspiracy theories and paranoia – an attempt at empirically separating the constructs. Presented at 25th international scientific conference Empirical Studies in Psychology, Belgrade, Serbia.
- Većkalov, B.,** Gligorić, V., & Krstić, K. (2018) Adolescent Instagram Use and Imaginary Audience Ideation. Presented at 13. Alps-Adria international scientific conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia

REVIEWING

- *Personality and Social Psychology Review* (Emerging Editorial Board member)
- Invited reviewer for APS 2022 APSSC Student Grant Competition
- Ad-hoc reviewer:
 - British Journal of Psychology*
 - Nature Reviews Psychology*
 - Psychological Medicine*
 - Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*
 - Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*
 - Journal of Cognition*
 - International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*

TEACHING

- 2020 – present **Thesis supervision (bachelor & master) |** Psychology department, *University of Amsterdam*
- 2017 – 2018 **Teaching assistant |** Faculty of security studies – *Belgrade, Serbia*
Teaching tutorials for undergraduate courses General psychology and Social psychology; Mentoring research groups

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – 2022** Research Officer | JRP (Junior Researcher Programme)

2019 – 2020 Scientific Coordinator | JRP (Junior Researcher Programme)

2019 Research intern | Policy Research Group, University of Cambridge – *Cambridge*

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Kurt Lewin Institute
- European Association for Social Psychology
- Association for Psychological Science
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology