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## EMPLOYMENT

- MARIE CURIE FELLOW** Feb 2022 – present  
Copenhagen Business School, Department of Organization  
Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship  
Tax evasion for market control: Predatory economies in practice, mentor Karen Boll
- HUNT POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW** Jan – Dec 2021  
University of Oxford, Oxford School of Global & Area Studies, St Antony's College &  
Utrecht University, the Netherlands, Visiting Researcher  
Wenner-Gren Foundation
- POLITICAL ECONOMY FELLOW** July 2019 – Jan 2021  
University of Oxford, Oxford School of Global & Area Studies, St Antony's College  
Independent Social Research Foundation
- POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER** Sept 2017 – Sept 2019  
Leiden University, The Netherlands  
European Research Council Project: *Food citizens? Collective food procurement in European cities*

## EDUCATION

- 2017** DPhil in Anthropology, University of Oxford, New College  
**2011** MSc in Social Anthropology, University of Oxford, Wolfson College  
**2010** Certificate in Croatian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Summer Workshop in Slavic  
& East European Languages  
**2005** MA in Politics & Security, University College London, School of Slavonic & East  
European Studies  
**2003** BA in Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz

## JOURNAL ARTICLES, PEER REVIEWED

2020. **Contesting the social contract: Tax reform and economic governance in Istria, Croatia.** *Social Analysis* (Special issue: *Beyond the social contract: An anthropology of tax*) 64(2): 79-100. <https://doi.org/10.3167/sa.2020.640205>
2020. Makovicky, Nicolette & **Robin Smith** (special issue co-editors). **Introduction: Tax beyond the social contract.** *Social Analysis* 64(2): 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.3167/sa.2020.640201>
2020. **Smith, Robin** & Cristina Grasseni. **Ambivalent solidarities: Food reconfigurations in Croatia and Italy.** *Anthropology Today* 36(1): 12-16. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8322.12552>

## BOOK CHAPTERS, PEER REVIEWED

2022. **'Without friends, you don't exist': The value of favours in Istrian winemaking.** In: Peter Howland (ed.). *Wine & the gift: From Production to consumption*. Routledge (Critical Beverage Studies Series). Forthcoming in spring 2022.

2021. **An anthropological reflection on urban gardening through the lens of citizenship.** In: Kropp, Cordula, Irene Antoni-Komar, & Colin Sage (eds.), *Food system transformations: Social movements, local economies, & collaborative networks*. (Critical Food Studies Series) Routledge: New York, 198-210. ISBN: 9780367674229; <https://dx.doi.org/10.4324/9781003131304-14>

2018. **Solastalgia in Istria, Croatia: Winemaker narratives of landscape and loss.** In: Hana Horáková, Andrea Boscoboinik, & **Robin Smith (eds.)**, *Utopia & neoliberalism: Ethnographies of rural spaces*. (Freiburg Studies in Social Anthropology Series) Lit Verlag: Berlin, 149-170. ISBN: [9783643802156](https://doi.org/10.1017/9783643802156)

## ACCEPTED & DUE, PEER REVIEWED

2022. **Failed projects, broken trust: The long shadow of post-socialist privatization in an Istrian winemaking community.** Accepted with minor revisions for vol. 2/2022.

2022. **Taxing tradition: Shaping the rakija market through tax.** In: Johanna Mugler, Miranda Sheild Johansson, & **Robin Smith (eds.)**, *Anthropology & tax: Ethnographies of fiscal relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Expected: summer 2022.

2022. Mugler, Johanna, Miranda Sheild Johansson, & **Robin Smith**. **Advancing an anthropology of tax: Genealogies, landscapes, and futures.** In: Mugler, Johanna, Miranda Sheild Johansson, & **Robin Smith (eds.)**. *Anthropology & tax: Ethnographies of fiscal relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Expected: summer 2022.

## CO-EDITOR OF VOLUMES

2022. Mugler, Johanna, Miranda Sheild Johansson, & **Robin Smith (eds.)**. *Anthropology & tax: Ethnographies of fiscal relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2020. Makovicky, Nicolette & **Robin Smith (eds.)**. Special issue: *Beyond the social contract: An anthropology of tax*. *Social Analysis* 64(2).

2018. Hana Horáková, Andrea Boscoboinik, & **Robin Smith (eds.)**, *Utopia & neoliberalism: Ethnographies of rural spaces*. (Freiburg Studies in Social Anthropology Series) Lit Verlag: Berlin. ISBN: [9783643802156](https://doi.org/10.1017/9783643802156)

## OTHER

2020. Björklund Larsen, Lotta & Robin Smith. **The anthropology of tax.** *Tax Administration Research Centre (TARC) Blog*: <http://blogs.exeter.ac.uk/tarc/tag/taxation/>

2018. **An economy of trust: Chains of debts and favours in rural Istrian business relationships.** *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford* 10(1), 1-21. ISSN: [2040-1876](https://doi.org/10.1017/S002187781800001)

2018. **In food we trust.** *Instituut Culturele Antropologie*, Universiteit Leiden, 2, 15-17.

2018. **Community in economic 'kriza': Broken promises and precarity in a small Croatian farming community.** *Leiden Anthropology Blog*.

## IN PROGRESS

**Book:** *The art of getting by in Istrian winemaking*. The book explains the economic ideology of Istrian farmers within the context of the region's experience as part of Yugoslavia and Italy, and how this informs contemporary business practices and economic governance values.

## LANGUAGES

**Croatian:** intermediate written and advanced spoken. **Romanian:** intermediate. **Russian:** novice.

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2022-24	<b>Marie Curie Foundation</b> Tax evasion for market control: Predatory economies in practice
2021	<b>Wenner Gren Foundation</b> Hostage barter in the EU: An ethnography of Balkan corporate financial practices \$40,000 as an Independent Scholar to write my monograph
2019 - 20	<b>Independent Social Research Foundation</b> Hostage barter in the EU: An ethnography of a Balkan corporation £25,000 as an Independent Scholar hosted at the University of Oxford
2011 - 14 & 2015 - 16	<b>Oxford University Press</b> Clarendon Fund Scholarship and New College, Oxford Graduate Scholarship £14,000 plus university and college tuition waivers for four years
2012 - 13	<b>American Council of Learned Societies</b> Fieldwork Dissertation Research Fellowship in East European Studies \$18,500
2010	<b>American Council of Learned Societies</b> East European Language Training Grant \$2,000 plus tuition waiver for attendance at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, summer language program SWEESL for Croatian
2010	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS)</b> US Government Grant \$500 for attendance at SWEESL

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Creator of *The Anthropology of Tax Network* and website: [www.tax-anthro.net](http://www.tax-anthro.net)

Editorial board member of the *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* from July 2020.

Anonymous peer reviewer for: Berghahn Books, *Anthropological Theory*, the *Journal of Post-Communist Economies*, the *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*, *Pastoralism*, and *Naprijed* (Croatian).

Social Media editor of the *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*, July 2017 - July 2020.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

### 2021.

Imagining fiscal futures: What is an anthropology of tax? Roundtable I co-convened at the American Anthropological Association, online.

Tax matters: Are rules made to be broken? Co-convened with Nicolette Makovicky, the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, online.

### 2019.

Contesting the social contract: Tax reform and economic governance in Istria, Croatia. *The anthropology of tax* workshop, Stockholm Univ.

The (im-)morality of business: informal financial practices in Croatia's wine industry. *The moral dimensions of economic life in Eastern Europe*, Roundtable at the Oxford School of Global Studies, Oxford Univ.

Enacting economic agency: struggles over the economic governance of Istria. *Becoming taxpayers: Establishing the anthropology of tax*. Workshop at Stockholm Univ.

### 2018.

Chains of debt: winemaking families and predatory business practices. *Household and personal debt: international perspectives*, Roundtable at the Department of Anthropology, the London School of Economics.

Chains of debt and the politics of liquidity in Croatia's agribusiness sector. *Corporate lives after socialism: theory and ethnography*, at the Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, MA.

Making fiscal citizens? Bureaucracy, trust, and citizenship in Istria, Croatia. Panel convened by Robin Smith and Nicolette Makovicky. *The sociality of taxes: State-citizen imaginaries*, at the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth at Oxford Univ.

Wine is alive: Istrian cosmologies of winemaking (plan to publish). *Wine Mobilities: Tensions in crafting wine stories*, at the European Association of Social Anthropologists Conference (EASA) at Stockholm Univ.

### 2016.

Broker capitalism and democratic discontent: Recession, favors, and farmer protest. *Purposeful Agency & Governance*, International Multidisciplinary Conference at the Univ. of Kent, Canterbury.

### 2015.

*Fiskalizacija* and informality in rural Istrian business communities: Business values confronting a bureaucratizing state (different versions). *Precairous Economy: Informality and Entrepreneurship at the Bottom of the Pyramid*, Dec., Univ. of Sussex. *Multiple Moralities and Shadow Economies in Post-Socialism: Debating Positive and Negative Incentives to Tackle the Informal Economy*, Marie Curie Summer School, organized by Univ. of Sheffield School of Management.

The influence of EU agricultural legislation on traditional farming practices and rural trading relationships in Istria's wine industry. *International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)*, 12<sup>th</sup> Congress, Zagreb.

Agrotourisms and the marketization of rural Istrian identity through food. *Past, Present, Future: Identity in Flux*, Univ. of Pula.

## NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

### AGRIBUSINESS & RURAL BUSINESS VOLUNTEER/CONSULTANT, MOLDOVA

Peace Corps, United States Department of State

Feb 2008 - April 2010

Ministry of Agriculture & Moldova-Vin (Ministry of Wine)

**CENTRAL EUROPEAN RESEARCH INTERN, WASHINGTON, DC** Aug - Dec 2007  
Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA)

**JUNIOR ECONOMICS RESEARCHER, BELGIUM** Aug 2006 - Aug 2007  
Catholic University, Leuven  
LICOS Centre for Institutions & Economic Performance  
Research Group on Central European Agricultural Development & Food Policy

**PROJECT SITE COORDINATOR, KOSOVO** Jan - April 2004  
Balkan Sunflowers, Volunteers for Social Reconstruction