



We would be happy to get to know something about your professional career and it would be nice if you could describe your professional work in a few words.

My philosophical itinerary touched many areas and I think that this helps me to articulate the matters that I am concerned with. I teach philosophy in Ljubljana, Slovenia. I started to teach in Zadar, Croatia, being elected in the title of Dozent in Zagreb. In Paris I spent some years, starting with French government grant and support by Julia Kristeva (Jussieu). Then I frequented University Vincennes, Champ Freudien, and listened to Lacan's lectures. In that time I encountered many philosophers, including Derrida and Quine.

In Germany I obtained the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung grant that allowed me to study with Wolfgang Stegmüller in Muenchen. Later I obtained Fulbright grant and I spent some time in Memphis TN studying connectionism and philosophy of psychology with Terry Horgan and John Tienson. In Wuerzburg I studied Brentano in relation to Slovene Meinongian heritage. Phenomenology and Cognitive Science is an European Tempus project that I elaborated with the help of Professor Baumgartner.

I published and edited many books and articles, in Slovene and English languages, some in German, French and Italian. I had several functions, such as President of Yugoslav philosophical associations, president of Slovene philosophical society, APA member. I established Bled international conferences and journal Acta Analytica (now Springer, earlier Roell Verlag Dettelbach).

I am interested in several areas of philosophy. The common denominator of my approach may be called dynamics. In philosophy of cognitive science I am endorsing connectionism inspired overall approach of dynamical cognition. In philosophy of mind, I defend narrow brain in a vat thought experiment supported approach to qualitative phenomenology or consciousness as the basis of intentional directedness. In ontology I defend existential monism, which uses approach to truth as indirect correspondence in order to cash in a dynamic holistic world without parts. Vagueness helps here, conceived as transvaluationist take on the sorites sequence. Morphological content in a holistic environment is basis for my approach to epistemology. In the area of rational disagreement I defend nonconciliation. Moral philosophy: morphological pluralism.

How do you see yourself in the role of citizen of the EU?

I supported EU from the very beginning, as I believe that the role of Slovenia is in this setting. I also think that integration in EU is the only way to uphold Slovenia as a prosperous democratic society and nation.

What is your personal opinion regarding the most important challenges and reasons regarding a participation in the European Union as a nation?

Recently one can see the surge of anti-EU sentiment in several countries. This is why I support the initiative that clearly sees the fate of Slovenia in EU. People need to know that prosperity may be best achieved in this setting. I would like to see more European integration in my country. I believe that nationhood has ultimately the main chance in EU. Intergration in Europe is needed and sometimes urgent though, be it in financial or in political terms.

What do you think about the importance of Almuni in terms of the cultural, academic and economical exchange?

Wuerzburg Alumni present an interesting initiative to upheld existing cultural and academic ties and to renew them, adding new dimensions. Being together with alumni is a great experience for me. I enjoy meeting each one of them, and learning angles through which they look at things.

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