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Relevant Work Experience

- October 2016 - Research Associate,
Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Serbia:
project: *Modernization of the Western Balkans*
- March 2015 - Assistant Researcher,
Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Serbia:
project: *Modernization of the Western Balkans*
- January 2016- Management and Steering Committee Substitute
September 2017 COST Action IS 1301, *New Communities of Interpretation: Contexts, Strategies and Processes of Religious Transformation in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe 1350-1570.*
- October 2015 – Editorial Secretary and Member of editorial Board
Belgrade Historical Review, Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade.
- February 2014- History Teacher
June 2014 Specialized High School *Drvo Art*, Belgrade, Serbia
May 2012- Expert Guide
August 2012 Permanent exhibition *Two Centuries of Modern Serbian Diplomacy*
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Serbia

Education

- 2009-2013 *University of Belgrade*, PhD in History, GPA 10.00 out of 10.00, December 2013.
Dissertation topic: “Elizabeth Szilagyi (141-1483)”, biography of a Hungarian XVth century aristocratic woman
- 2009-2010 *University of Oxford*, Master of Studies in Modern British and European History.

October 2005- *University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of History, GPA 9.76*
March 2009 out of 10.00; completed studies in 3.5 yers, instead of 4 as the top student in her year.

2002-2004 *Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific, Victoria, BC, Canada, International Bacculaureate.*

Representative from Serbia, having been selected among ca. 700 candidates.

Participation in conferences

- “Continuity and Discontinuity in Daily Religious Practices in South Hungary before 1526. Viewed in the Light of Changes in the Practice of Spiritual Graces „, *COST Action IS1301*, Lisbon, 22-24 March 2016
- “Long-distance mercantile roads as the means of transportation of the new religious ideas: Case of the Danube River”, *COST Action IS 1301*, April 4-5, 2016
- “The Hussite community and the Hussite Bible in Kamenica (today Sremska Kamenica part of Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia)”, *COST Action IS1301*, Tours, 15-17 October 2015.
- “Identity of Sephardic Women in Serbia and Its Changes from the Middle of XIX until the Middle of XX Century”, *Multi-, Inter-, Pluri-: Languages, Cultures, and Identities in Complex Societies : The 18th International Conference of Conceptual History*, West University of Timișoara, Romania, 15-18 September 2015.
- „Time and Temporality in Accounts of Nineteenth Century British Travellers on Balkan”, *the Annual Conference of the International Society for Cultural History themed: Time And Culture/Temps et culture*, University of Bucharest, Romania, 7-11 September 2015.
- ‘Position of Women in Serbian Politics – National Overview of Innovative Mechanism’, *Book of Abstracts - Session Abstracts, International Conference Perspectives on Gender in a Global World: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, Lumina the University of South-East Europe – Lussec, Bucharest, 14th-16th May 2015.
- ‘Restitution and Denationalization of Property in Serbia, as Part of Transition and Democratization of the State: A Legal and Historical Approach’, *the Fifth International Conference After Communism East and West under Scrutiny*, Craiova, 24-25 April 2015
- „Contribution of a Bosnian Genus to Hungarian Humanism. The Case of Elizabeth Szilágyi's Cousins“, *Középkorral foglalkozó doktoranduszok konferenciájára*, Eötvös Loránd Univerzitet, Budimpešta, 21-22. May 2015.
- ‘Conceptualization of Modernity of Serbian Women in the 19th Century British Travellogues,’ *Book of Abstracts, Conceptualizing Modernity in the Central and Southeastern European Cultures: Notions, Discourses and Languages, The Third International Conference of Conceptual History*, Timisioara, Romania, 8-11 October 2014.
- “The Note of Ownership in the Gospel of Janus Pannonius, Bishop of Pécs made by Elizabeth Szilagyí's Cousin, Hungarian Poet Peter Garázda”, *COST Action IS1301*, University Paris IV Sorbonne, Paris, 23-24 October 2014.
- Personal Hygiene as Sinful Pleasure in Christendom in the Middle Ages, *International Medieval Congress 2013*, University of Leeds, 1-4 July 2013.
- „Konstantin i Krisp“ – školska drama subotičke gimnazije u XVIII veku, *Sveti car Konstantin i hrišćanstvo*, Niš, 31. maj- 2. jun 2013 (“Constantine and Crispus” – Theater play of the

Gymnasium of Subotica in the eighteenth century', *Conference of St. Emperor Constantine and Christianity*, Centre for Ecclesiastical Studies, Niš, 31.May-2. June 2013.)

- „Following or Disregard of Rules of St Francis among the Franciscans in the Southeast Europe: The Case of Rule of Poverty”, *International Medieval Congress 2012*, University of Leeds, 9-12 jul 2012.
- „Tripartit“ Ištvana Verbecija (Opus tripartitum juris consuetudinarii incltyi regni Hungariae), kao bitan element mađarskog nacionalnog identiteta, *Nacionalni i evropski identitet u procesu evropskih integracija*, 28-29 June 2012.

("Tripartite" by István Werbőczy (Opus Tripartitum juris consuetudinarii incltyi Regni Hungariae), as an essential element of Hungarian national identity, *Conference of National and European Identity in the Process of European Integration*, Institute for International Politics and Economics, Belgrade)

- „Poverty and the Franciscan Order in Medieval Southeast Europe“, *International Medieval Congress 2011*, University of Leeds, 11-14 July 2011.
- „Transdanubia: The Link between North-West and South-East Europe through Centuries“, *International Medieval Congress 2010*, University of Leeds, 12-15 July 2010.
- „Nineteenth Century British Women Travellers' Perceptions of Serbian Women Writing Central Eastern Europe“, *Jagiellonian University in Kraków*, 11-12 jun 2010.
- "Rákóczi, Brigands, Székely and Swedes, County and privileged districts“, Hajdúböszörmény, Hhungary, 21-23 November 2009.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Rokai Melina, *The British and Balkan Woman : British Perceptions of Balkan Women and their Femininity in the Long Nineteenth Century (1789-1914)*, Belgrade, 2017, pp. 493. ISBN 978-86-531-0285-2

Рокаи Мелина, *Краљева мајка Елизабета Сулађу : (1410-1483) [The Mother of the King. Elizabeth Szilagyí (1410-1483)]*, Београд, 2017, pp. 498 ISBN 978-86-6289-060-3

Articles published in scientific publications:

Melina Rokai, 'Continuity and Discontinuity in Everyday Religious Life in Southern Hungary before 1526 in the Light of Supplications to the Holy See', in *Religious Practices and Everyday Life in the Long Fifteenth Century (1350-1570)*, ed. by Ana Maria S.A. Rodrigues and Ian Johnson, in the book series *New Communities of Interpretation (Turnhout, Brepols)*. Accepted for publication.

Melina Rokai, 'Communities of Interpretation of the Bible along the European Margins: Hussite teachings, the Hussite Bible, and the Bogumils, from the South of Hungary to the Periphery of Eastern Europe in the Long Fifteenth Century', in *Bridging the Historiographical Divides: Religious Transformations in "New Communities of Interpretation" in Europe (1350-1570)*, ed. by Ian Johnson and Élise Boillet in the book series *New Communities of Interpretation (Turnhout, Brepols)*. Accepted for publication.

Rokai Melina, 'Impossible Escape: Inquisitor Jacques Fournier and the Trials of the Cathars at the end of Their Existence in Languedoc', *Annals of the Faculty of Law in Belgrade/Анали правног факултета у*

Београд, Vol. 65, Beograd, Br. 4 (2017), 124-134. UDC 343.919, ISSN 0003-2565, (Online) = ISSN 2406-2693

<http://ojs.ius.bg.ac.rs/index.php/anali/article/view/276>.

Rokai Melina, "Pannonia" in the Writings of 15th/16th-Century Humanists: Petrus Ransanus, Antonio Bonfini, Nicolaus Olahus and Paulus Gregoriancz', *Lucida intervalla: prilozi odeljenja za klasične nauke*, Beograd, Br. 46 (2017), 145-159. UDC 911.3:94(292.455)"14/15". ISSN 1450-6645.

[http://emu.f.bg.ac.rs/lucidaintervalla/issues/46\(2017\).pdf](http://emu.f.bg.ac.rs/lucidaintervalla/issues/46(2017).pdf)

Рокаи Мелина, 'Устанак Вата Тејлора и буна Ђерђа Доже (сличности и разлике))[Insurrection of Watt Taylor and Dozsa György (similarities and differences)]', *Dózsa György - Ђерђ Дожа 1514-2014*, (eds.) П. Рокаи, З. Чемере, Кикинда - Мако, 2017, 147-155. ISBN 978-86-6029-348-2

Rokai Melina, 'A British Woman's View on the "Osmanli" Women in the Late Nineteenth Century', *Belgrade Historical Review/ Beogradski istorijski glasnik*, Beograd, Br. 8 (2017), 101-115. UDC 316.722-055.2(560:410)"18" ISSN 2217- 4338

Rokai Melina, 'Time and Temporality in Accounts of Nineteenth Century British Travellers on Balkan', *Time And Culture/Temps et culture*, (eds.) E. Lung, E. Bourdon, C. Heath, L. Shee, C. Vallée, Bucureşti, 2016, 384-398. ISBN 978-606-16-0809-6

Rokai Melina, 'The contribution of a Family of South Slav Origins to Hungarian Humanism The Case of Erzsébet Szilágyi s Cousins', *MICAE MEDIAEVALES V*, (eds.) L. Fábíán, J. Gál, P. Haraszti Szabó, D. Uhrin, Zbornik radova, Budapest, 2016, 193- 202. ISBN978-963-284-712-2

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<http://epub.ff.uns.ac.rs/index.php/istr/article/view/1556/1610>

Rokai Melina, 'Restitution and Denationalization of Property in Serbia, as Part of Transition and Democratization of the State: A Legal and Historical Approach', *Revista de Stiinte Politice - no. RSP 46/2015 Human Rights, Migration and Identity Perceptions: Capturing Regional Bids & Displays*, Craiova, 2015, 52-62. (Online) -ISSN 2344-4452, ISSN-L 1584-224X.

http://cis01.central.ucv.ro/revistadestiintepolitice/files/numarul46_2015/RSP%2046.pdf

Rokai Melina, 'Two Victorian and an Edwardian Ladies Writing on the Balkans and its Women', Conference Proceedings of International Conference „Общество, Гендер, История“, Липецк, мај 2015, 77-84, ISBN 978-5-4353-0130-4

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Рокаи Мелина, „Константин и Крисп“ - школска драма суботичке гимназије у XVIII веку, Зборник радова са конференције Свети цар Константин и хришћанство (ed.) Драгиша Бојовић, Ниш, 425-429, УДК 371(497.113Суботица)"17". ISBN 978-86-84105-39-6

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Rokai Melina, 'Poverty and the Franciscan Order in Southeast Europe', *Истраживања*, Нови Сад, бр. 22 (2011), 145-151. UDC 27-788(4), DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.19090/i.2011.22.145-151>, <http://epub.ff.uns.ac.rs/index.php/istr/article/view/500/519> ISSN 0350-2112

Rokai Melina, 'British Perceptions of Serbian Women 1830s-1903', *The South Slav Journal*, vol. 29, No. 3-4 (113-114) Autumn 2010, 27-58. ISSN 0141-6146.

Book of Abstracts:

Rokai Melina, 'Long-distance mercantile roads as the means of transportation of the new religious ideas: Case of the Danube River', *Collections of Abstracts, Networking Europe: connecting ideas, exchanging goods, transfer of religious knowledge during the long fifteenth century, WG3 meeting, Seville, 4-5 April 2016*, 1.

Rokai Melina, 'Continuity and Discontinuity in Daily Religious Practices in South Hungary before 1526 Viewed in the Light of Changes in the Practice of Spiritual Graces', *Collection of Abstracts of Papers, Religious Practices and Everyday Life (1350-1570), COST Action IS 1301 WG 2a and 2b Meeting, Universidade de Lisboa, 22-24 March 2016*, 9-10.

Rokai Melina, 'The Hussite community and the Hussite Bible in Kamenica (today Sremska Kamenica part of Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia)', *WG2 Collection of Abstracts, Religious Transformation in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe. Bridging the chronological, linguistic, confessional and cultural divides (1350-1570), Plenary Conference, Tours, France, 15-17 October 2015*, 1.

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Rokai Melina, 'Conceptualization of Modernity of Serbian Women in the 19th Century British Travellogues,' *Book of Abstracts, Conceptualizing Modernity in the Central and Southeastern European Cultures: Notions, Discourses and Languages, The Third International Conference of Conceptual History, Timisoara, Romania 8-11 October 2014*, 52-55.

Rokai Melina, "'Constantine and Crispus' – an 18th Century School Drama of Subotica High School', *Book of Abstracts of the International Conference Saint Emperor Constantine and Christianity 31 May – 2 June 2013*, (ed.) Prof. D. Bojović, Niš, 2013, 118. ISBN 978-8684105-40-2 (CCS).