

Zona Zarić, philosopher and feminist, is our newest member of the Center for Critical Democracy Studies (CCDS) joining as a post-doctoral fellow to work on our Horizon Europe grant OppAttune. Zona is presently Lecturer at The American University of Paris (AUP) and serves as a Research Fellow at the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade. Though only recently receiving her PhD in Philosophy from the Ecole normale supérieure rue d'Ulm, her notable achievements also include a J.D. in law from the University of Belgrade, and a M.A. in International Affairs from the American University of Paris. In her doctoral thesis, she focused on the concept of compassion and its strategic political application. She highlights the moral and political significance of compassion in response to the challenges posed by a prevailing culture of rampant individualism. In so doing, she paves the way for a deparochialization of theory, challenging previously understudied forms of inequality, in particular those related to tolerance and the implicit hierarchy between the one who tolerates and the one who is tolerated.

Her scholarly interests primarily revolve around political and moral philosophy, as she continues focusing on questions that have inspired her since her doctoral thesis: What is the need to make compassion a political concept? How can we broaden the scope of our collective political attention? By virtue of what can we reinterpret the ethico-political heritage in the light of a new questioning of the meaning of the relationship to the other? These questions are also pathways of future research that she aims to direct towards formulating viable connections between care ethics and critical theory. Zona developed these academic endeavors with postdoctoral research conducted at the Center for Advanced Studies in Southeast Europe, University of Rijeka, Croatia, where she also organized an international conference in collaboration with AUP and SciencesPo Paris: "Re-inventing/reconstructing cosmopolitanism in contested spaces and post-conflict zones". In collaboration with Cynthia Fleury and Pauline Bégué, she organized and led the seminar "Care and Compassion: The Individual, the Hospital Institution, and the Polis" at the Philosophy Chair of the Hôtel-Dieu, Paris.

Zona's scholarly contributions extend to her role as the co-author of "Care and Compassion: A New Paradigm for Political Philosophy?" (Hermann Edition, 2021) and as the co-editor of the collected volume "Pierre Bourdieu: Radical Thought and Praxis" (IFDT Edition, Belgrade, 2023), as well as co-editor of a book of interviews "Refusing to Be Silent: Engaged Conversations with Leading Intellectuals" (Mimesis International, 2023). She is currently working on the first monograph dedicated to Nancy Fraser's oeuvre, which is to be published by Edinburgh University Press in 2024. Her multilingual academic prowess is showcased by numerous articles in English, Serbo-Croatian, and French. She is the editorial board member of *Novi Plamen*, an intellectual magazine of the region of former Yugoslavia.

Her teaching experience spans across multiple esteemed institutions, including the École Normale Supérieure (Ulm, Paris), the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM) Paris, the Catholic Institute of Paris (ICP), Paris 8 University, and the The American University of Paris (AUP).

For an interview with Zona Zarić, see <https://www.les-philosophes.fr/agora/zona-zaric.html>