

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## 1. PERSONAL DATA AND CONTACTS

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## 2. EDUCATION

2006-2008 PhD in Mathematics, University of Vienna, Faculty of Mathematics  
Title of PhD thesis: *Generalized functions and differential or fractional differential equations in mechanical models*  
Advisor: Ao. Prof. Günther Hörmann

1998-2003 MS in Mathematics, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Science and Mathematics.  
Title of master thesis: *Generalized fractional calculus in mechanical models*,  
Advisor: Prof. Stevan Pilipović, Co-advisor: Prof. Teodor Atanacković

1991-1998 BS in Mathematics, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Science and Mathematics

## 3. ACADEMIC POSITIONS/WORK

- April 2019 - March 2022: Department of Mathematics: Analysis, Logic and Discrete Mathematics, University of Gent, Belgium  
*Postdoctoral researcher*
- October 2010 - now: Faculty of Education in Sombor, University of Novi Sad:  
*Full Professor*, April 2020 - now, on leave  
*Associate Professor*, March 2015 - April 2020, on leave since April 2019  
*Assistant Professor (Docent)*, October 2010 - March 2015
- January 2006 - October 2010: Institute of Mathematics of the Serbian Academy of Science and Art, Belgrade  
*Assistant Research Professor*, 2009 - 2010  
*Research Assistant*, 2006 - 2009
- September 1998 - March 2005  
*Teaching Assistant* at the Faculty of Technical Science and at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Novi Sad  
*Professor in Mathematics* in several high schools and a gymnasium

## 4. TEACHING

### 4.1. At UGent.

2021/22 Co-chair for *Capita Selecta in Analysis* for Master students, with Michael Ruzhansky (chair), and David Rottensteiner(co-chair), and co-chair for *Topology and Metric spaces*, with Hans Vernaeve (chair)

2020/21 Exercises: *Topology and Metric spaces*, with Hans Vernaeve (chair)

Master thesis supervisor: *Multiplication of Distributions* by Robin Blommaert

2019/20 Co-chair for *Capita Selecta in Analysis* for Master students, with Michael Ruzansky (chair), and Jasson Vindas (co-chair)

**4.2. At the Faculty of Education in Sombor.** Courses at Bachelor degree: *Mathematics, Didactics of Mathematics, Mathematics for gifted students, Introductory statistics*, at Master degree: *Contemporary Didactics of Mathematics, Mathematics for gifted students, Introductory statistics*, at Doctoral studies degree: *Selected sections on Applied analysis, Selected sections on Contemporary didactics of Mathematics 2*.

Supervised diploma theses:

*Golden ratio*, by Ljiljana Mihajlović

*Pythagorean theorem* by Nevena Salatić

*Ordinary differential equations* by Miloš Milanković

*Real numbers* by Sonja Ljatković

Supervised master thesis:

*How to recognise gifted students for mathematics*, by Dunja Rakić

*Mathematical modelling in primary school*, by Radoslava Stojanović

Supervise PhD thesis:

*Importance of self-regulation of learning while solving mathematical problems in future teachers*, by Maja Mihajlović, work in progress

**4.3. Review of PhD thesis or committee member.**

- Suzana Aleksić: *Frames and weighted shift-invariant spaces*, University of Novi Sad
- Laura Muñiz-Rodríguez: *Initial Education of Future Secondary Mathematics Teachers in Spain*, University of Oviedo and Ghent University
- Smiljana Jakšić: *Distributions and ultradistributions on Laguerre expansions with applications to pseudo-differential operators with radial symbols*, University of Novi Sad
- Snežana Gordić: *Generalized Stochastic Processes with Applications in Equation Solving*, University of Novi Sad

## 5. SCIENTIFIC WORK

### 5.1. Scientific Publications.

#### MATHEMATICS AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS

- [1] F. Broucke, Lj. Oparnica, Distributed-order time-fractional wave equations, arxiv.org/abs/2204.04047, 2022.
- [2] S. Gordić, T. Levajković and Ljubica Oparnica, Wick-type stochastic parabolic equations with random potentials, arxiv.org/abs/2204.02696, 2022.
- [3] R. Blommaert, S. Lazendić, and Lj. Oparnica. The Euler-Bernoulli equation with distributional coefficients and forces. arXiv:2112.15497, 2021.
- [4] F. Broucke, Lj. Oparnica, Micro-local and qualitative analysis of the fractional Zener wave equation. *J. Differ. Equ.* 321, 217–257, 2022.
- [5] S. Gordić, T. Levajković and Ljubica Oparnica, Stochastic parabolic equations with singular potentials. *Chaos, Solitons and Fractals*, Vol. 151, 111245, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chaos.2021.111245>
- [6] D. Zorica and Ljubica Oparnica Energy dissipation for hereditary and energy conservation for non-local fractional wave equations. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A.* 378: 20190295, 2020.
- [7] Ljubica Oparnica and E. Silić. Well-posedness of the fractional Zener wave equation for heterogenous viscoelastic materials *Fractional Calculus and Applied Analysis*. 23(1), 126-166, 2020.
- [8] Ljubica Oparnica, Dusan Zorica, and Aleksandar Okuka. Fractional Burgers wave equation *Acta Mechanica*. 230(12), 4321-4340, 2019.
- [9] T. M. Atanackovic, Ljubica Oparnica, and Dusan Zorica. Bifurcation analysis of rotating axially compressed imperfect nano-rod. *ZAMM, Z. Angew. Math. Mech.*, 99:e201800284–1–20, DOI: 10.1002/zamm.201800284, 2019.
- [10] S. Konjik, Lj. Oparnica, and D. Zorica. Distributed-order fractional constitutive stress-strain relation in wave propagation modeling. *Zeitschrift für angewandte Mathematik und Physik*, 70:51, 2019.
- [11] Günther Hörmann, Lj. Oparnica, and D. Zorica. Solvability and microlocal analysis of the fractional Eringen wave equation. *Mathematics and Mechanics of Solids*, 23(10):1420–1430, 2018.

- [12] Günther Hörmann, Lj. Oparnica, and D. Zorica. Microlocal analysis of fractional wave equations. *ZAMM, Z. Angew. Math. Mech.*, 97(2):217–225, 2017.
- [13] T. M. Atanackovic, M. Janev, Lj. Oparnica, S. Pilipovic, and D. Zorica. Space-time fractional Zener wave equation. *Proc. A.*, 471(2174):20140614, 25, 2015.
- [14] Günther Hörmann, Sanja Konjik, and Ljubica Oparnica. Generalized solutions for the Euler-Bernoulli model with Zener viscoelastic foundations and distributional forces. *Anal. Appl. (Singap.)*, 11(2):1350017, 21, 2013.
- [15] Teodor Atanacković, Sanja Konjik, Ljubica Oparnica, and Dušan Zorica. The Cattaneo type space-time fractional heat conduction equation. *Contin. Mech. Thermodyn.*, 24(4-6):293–311, 2012.
- [16] Sanja Konjik, Ljubica Oparnica, and Dusan Zorica. Waves in viscoelastic media described by a linear fractional model. *Integral Transforms Spec. Funct.*, 22(4-5):283–291, 2011.
- [17] Teodor M. Atanacković, Sanja Konjik, Ljubica Oparnica, and Dušan Zorica. Thermodynamical restrictions and wave propagation for a class of fractional order viscoelastic rods. *Abstr. Appl. Anal.*, pages Art. ID 975694, 32, 2011.
- [18] T. M. Atanacković, S. Konjik, Lj. Oparnica, and S. Pilipović. Generalized Hamilton’s principle with fractional derivatives. *J. Phys. A*, 43(25):255203, 12, 2010.
- [19] Sanja Konjik, Ljubica Oparnica, and Dusan Zorica. Waves in fractional Zener type viscoelastic media. *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 365(1):259–268, 2010.
- [20] Teodor M. Atanackovic, Ljubica Oparnica, and Stevan Pilipović. Semilinear ordinary differential equation coupled with distributed order fractional differential equation. *Nonlinear Anal.*, 72(11):4101–4114, 2010.
- [21] Teodor M. Atanackovic, Ljubica Oparnica, and Stevan Pilipović. Distributional framework for solving fractional differential equations. *Integral Transforms Spec. Funct.*, 20(3-4):215–222, 2009.
- [22] Günther Hörmann and Ljubica Oparnica. Generalized solutions for the Euler-Bernoulli model with distributional forces. *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 357(1):142–153, 2009.
- [23] Lj. Oparnica. *Generalized functions in mechanical models, Differential and fractional differential equations*. Verlag Dr. Mörler, Berlin, 2009.
- [24] Teodor M. Atanacković, Ljubica Oparnica, and Stevan Pilipović. On a nonlinear distributed order fractional differential equation. *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*, 328(1):590–608, 2007.
- [25] Günther Hörmann and Ljubica Oparnica. Distributional solution concepts for the Euler-Bernoulli beam equation with discontinuous coefficients. *Appl. Anal.*, 86(11):1347–1363, 2007.
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- [27] Ljubica Oparnica. Generalized fractional calculus with applications in mechanics. *Matematički vesnik*, volume 54, pages 151–158, 2002.

## DIDACTICS OF MATHEMATICS

- [1] M. Nikolić and Lj. Oparnica. Mišljenje učitelja o ispunjenosti standarda kvaliteta sadržaja odabranih udžbenika matematike (Teachers’ opinion on meeting the content quality standards of selected mathematics textbooks) in *Textbooks: Old subject facing the challenges of the modern age*. Editors: Pešikan, A., Stevanović, J. *Zbornik instituta za pedagoška istraživanja*, 217–229, 2019.
- [2] M. Marić, M. Mihajlović, and Lj. Oparnica. Instrument za procenu motivacije i strategija samoregulacije u učenju matematike (SRUM). (Instrument for assessing motivation and strategy of self-regulation in learning mathematics) *Nastava i Vaspitanje*, 67, 2018.
- [3] M. Zobenica and Lj. Oparnica. Neke komponente samoregulacije tokom učenja matematike kod studenata Pedagoškog fakulteta u Somboru. (Some components of self-regulation during learning mathematics in students at Faculty of Education in Sombor) *Inovacije u nastavi*, pages 90–102, 2018.
- [4] S. Gordić, M. Mihajlović, and Lj. Oparnica. *Zbirka zadataka iz kombinatorike i verovatnoće*, (A collection of exercises in Combinatorics and Probability), on Serbian. Faculty of Education, University of Novi Sad, Sombor, 2018.
- [5] Lj. Oparnica, M. Marić, and M. Mihajlović. Assessing metacognition and self-regulated learning in prospective mathematics teachers in Serbia. In *42nd ATEE Annual Conference 2017: Changing perspectives and approaches in contemporary teaching, Conference proceeding*, Editors: Marija Sablić, Alma Škugor, Ivana Djurdjević Babić, pages 19–34. Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE), Brussels, Belgium, 2018.
- [6] Lj. Oparnica, S. Sudžuković, and M. Zobenica. Permutations in lower grades of primary school. *NORMA*, (2):137–149, 2016.
- [7] Lj. Oparnica, S. Sudžuković, and M. Zobenica. Probability in primary school. In *Education and the Social Challenges at the Beginning of the 21st century*, Editors Petrović, D. Antolović, M., number 3-4, pages 121–135. 2016.
- [8] Lj. Oparnica. *Kombinatorika i verovatnoća, Teorija, primeri, zadaci*, (Combinatorics and Probability, Theory, examples and exercises), on Serbian. Faculty of Education, University of Novi Sad, Sombor, 2014.

## 5.2. Scientific Conferences, Workshops, Short visits, most recent.

2021 – ISAAC: 13th International ISAAC Congress, August 2 to August 6, 2021 in Ghent, Belgium, online conference, web

2020 – GF2020: International conference on generalised functions 2020, August 31 – September 4, Ghent, Belgium, web  
*Research talk: Treating strong singularities in differential equations: very weak solution concept*

2019 – ISAAC: 12th International ISAAC Congress, July 29 to August 2, 2019 in Aveiro, Portugal. web  
*Research talk: Fractional wave equation with discontinuous coefficients*  
– OXFORD: May, 20–26, Short visit to professor Endre Süli  
*Research talk on faculty seminar: Fractional wave equations*  
– ATEE2019: Winter conference of Association for Teacher Education in Europe: Science and Mathematics Education in 21st Century, April, 15–17, Braga, Portugal. web  
*Research talk: Improving mathematics performance in pre-service teachers: effects of repeated testing and self-regulated instructions*

2018 – SMAK: 14th Serbian Mathematical Congress, May 16–19, Kragujevac, Serbia. web  
*Research talk: Distributed order fractional wave equation*  
– GF2018: International conference on generalised functions 2018, August, 27–31, Novi Sad, Serbia: web  
*Research talk: Distributed order fractional wave equation*  
– WIN 2018: Workshop: Wien – Innsbruck – Novi Sad, February 12–14, University of Innsbruck, Austria.  
*Research talk: Camassa-Holm equation*

## 5.3. Project participation.

- 2019- now: FWO Odysseus, grant G.0H94.18N: *Analysis and Partial Differential Equations*, Principal investigator: Michael Ruzhansky.
- 2018-2021: Bilateral project Austria–Serbia: *Functional analytic methods for models of wave propagation in viscoelastic media*, Principal investigator for Serbian side: Ljubica Oparnica, for Austrian side: Günther Hörmann.
- 2016-2019: APV 114-451-2167/2011-12 *Methods of Functional Analysis and Fractional Calculus with Applications in Mechanics*, Principal investigator: Sanja Konjik.
- 2011-2019: Ministry of Science project number 174024: *Methods of Functional and Harmonic Analysis and PDE with Singularities*, Principal investigator: Stevan Pilipović.
- 2011-2019: Ministry of Science project number 174005: *Viscoelasticity of Fractional Type and Shape Optimisation in a Theory of Rods*, Principal investigator: Teodor M. Atanacković (up to 2014), Dušan Zorica (since 2014).

## 5.4. Memberships in Scientific organisations.

- ISAAC - International Society for Analysis its Application and Computation: ISAAC
- International Association for Generalized Functions: IAGF
- Serbian Scientific Mathematical Society

## 5.5. Referee activity.

Composites Part B; Applied and Numerical Harmonic Analysis series; Novi Sad Journal of Mathematics; Zentralblatt MATH; Kragujevac Journal of Mathematics

## 6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (AT UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD)

- Member of the University Council, 2013–2018
- Professional Council of the University Senate, 2013–2018
- Head of the Department for Mathematics and Didactics at the Faculty of Education, 2016–2017

## 7. LANGUAGES

- Serbian: mother tongue, English: fluent, Dutch: niveau B1-

## 8. COMPUTER SKILLS END PROGRAM LANGUAGES

- Office, LaTeX, MySQL, Python

## 9. SOFT SKILLS

- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Teamwork and Networking
- Dedication, Perseverance, Commitment
- Initiative
- Pragmatic
- Passionate

## 10. REFERENCES

- Michael Ruzhansky: Postdoc supervisor, project leader.  
Michael.Ruzhansky@UGent.be, personal webpage
- Leo Storm: Head of Department for Analysis, Logic and Discrete Mathematics.  
Leo.Storme@UGent.be personal webpage
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