

# Merima Tricic

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California, Irvine</b> JD Irvine, CA	May 2025
<b>University of California, Irvine</b> Policy Planning and Design- PhD Irvine, CA GPA: 3.95	May 2024
<b>Brandeis University</b> Political Science-MA Waltham, MA	May 2019
<b>Cambridge University</b> International Security and Intelligence Program Cambridge, United Kingdom GPA: 3.75	August 2017
<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> Political Science/ Study of Religion / World Culture- B.A. with Honors Los Angeles, California GPA: 3.60	June 2016

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research and Design: SOC 10</b> <i>Urban Planning, UC Irvine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted students in discussing research designs and applying theories to personal projects</li><li>Held weekly discussions where research designs in various qualitative and quantitative studies were discussed</li></ul>	Summer 2021
<b>Global Poverty and Inequality: UPPP 115</b> <i>Urban Planning, UC Irvine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designed and taught lecture with guest speaker on issue of racism and inequality in higher education</li><li>Assisted students in writing papers relating to discussions of inequality in urban spaces</li></ul>	Spring 2021
<b>Urban Inequality: UPP 102</b> <i>Urban Planning, UC Irvine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted students in writing various papers on urban inequality issues, de jure segregation, de facto segregation, and spatial inequality</li><li>Provided office hours for students to discuss various housing policies across the U.S.</li></ul>	Winter 2020
<b>History of Urban Planning: UPP 202</b> <i>Urban Planning, UC Irvine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted graduate students to write complex and argumentative analytical papers and graded them at the</li></ul>	Fall 2020

graduate level

- Provided office hours for graduate students to discuss urban planning committee sessions

**International Divided Cities: UPP 178/Poli Sci 157B**

Spring 2020

*Urban Planning, UC Irvine*

- Held weekly office hours to review course content and key cases of ethnic conflict found in the peacebuilding and political science literature
- Assisted in grading student papers and answering questions pertaining to ethnic conflict management

**Introduction to Urban Studies: UPP 4**

2019- 2020

*Urban Planning, UC Irvine*

- Assisted in teaching theoretical approaches to understanding urban issues across the United States
- Coordinated efforts for differently-abled student needs for examinations and course requirements

**International Relations Theory Teaching Assistant: POL 15A**

2017- Present

*Political Science, Brandeis*

- Led weekly discussions on theoretical approaches to understanding international relations
- Facilitated United Nations simulations as method to teach applied international relations theory

**War on Global Terror Instructor: POL 160A**

Fall 2017

*Political Science, Brandeis*

- Taught several weeks of coursework on torture ethics, intelligence gathering, and theory for preventing terrorism
- Planned course based upon recent events and used technology to enhance course learning

**Global Migration Crisis: POL 134B**

Fall 2017

*Political Science, Brandeis*

- Taught two weeks of coursework pertaining to economic theories of global migration
- Facilitated class discussion on comprehensive models on how to approach migration of refugees

**INTERNSHIP/CONSULTANT WORK**

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**AGS Legal Analyst**

Irvine, California

*Legal Analyst*

August 2021- July 2022

- Working with UC Irvine's AGS to produce bill and white paper on issues of policing on campus
- Working to collect information on student experiences with campus police and issues relating to discrimination

**TRIAL Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Sarajevo, Bosnia

*Intern*

January 2021- August 2021

- Assisted in producing study for sexual violence survivors to assess needs and experiences in accessing court reparations
- Produced study for the Global Survivors Fund on potential policy plans for November

**Medica Zenica**

Sarajevo, Bosnia

*Consultant*

January 2021- June 2021

- Assisted in producing grant for human trafficking resources
- Wrote successful grant from the Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation for the funding of computers and cameras for sexual violence survivors in Bosnia to learn how to use IT equipment and social media

**Foundation for Local Democracy**

Sarajevo, Bosnia

*Intern*

October 2020- December 2020

- Assisted the organization collect information about initiatives in Europe and the US in addressing needs of domestic violence survivors in the COVID-19 era

- Documented vast types of coding possible for women needing to escape domestic abusers while in quarantine
- Helped develop a grant with information about planning escape routes for domestic violence survivors

## **RAHMA**

*FGM Consultant*

Washington D.C.

October 2020- February 2021

- Assisted in producing a literature review for the purposes of applying to local grants to develop a toolkit for Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Survivors
- Assisted in producing a marketing plan for interviewing and reaching male members of local communities with high rates of FGM survivors
- Assisted in developing a codebook for interviews of local religious leaders who have witnessed communities engage in FGM

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **HEART**

*Research Assistant*

Los Angeles, California

June 2021- Present

- Conducting study on quantitative data provided by the HEART organization
- Designing quantitative visualization tools and producing statistics of prevalence of sexual violence in Muslim American communities
- Worked on writing a paper with the organization that is one of the first and comprehensive studies of sexual violence in Muslim American communities across the United States

### **UCI Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy**

*Senior Fellow*

Irvine, California

October 2019- Present

- Assisted Professor Goodwin in compiling information about pending, passed, and failed legislation pertaining to child marriage in the United States for a report for the executive director for California Women's Law Center (Betsy Butler)
- Collected data pertaining to access of abortion-care in various parts of the United States

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

*Graduate Researcher*

Cambridge, Massachusetts

August 2018- August 2019

- Developing research on gender-based violence and state policies in the Balkans
- Compiling information on feminist organizations seeking state policies to address grievances of sexual violence survivors

### **Harvard University**

*Graduate Research Associate*

Cambridge, Massachusetts

June 2018- October 2018

- Compiled information through interviews pertaining to local religious communities and movements
- Developed database information on the history and development of mosques in the Greater Boston Area

### **Cambridge University**

*Graduate Researcher*

Cambridge, United Kingdom

May 2017- August 2017

- Developed research on intelligence issues in offices between Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia
- Compiled information on returning ISIL fighters to the Balkans and analyzed issues in reprimanding former fighters in Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **Democracy and Cultural Pluralism Project**

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Waltham, Massachusetts

May 2017- May 2018

- Traveled to Sarajevo, Bosnia to collect census and local population data
- Coded and mapped demographics in regions of Bosnia from 1991 to 2013

### **University of California, Riverside**

*Undergraduate Research Assistant*

Riverside, California

May 2014- September 2014

- Collected data on utility charges and heat-related illnesses within past 10 years
- Compiled databases of information from over 10 Water and Power companies in California

- Assisted in research pertaining to the decrease use of energy with access to various kinds of trees/shrubbery

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

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“Democracy and Capitalism in the West: Does the Practice of Western Democracy Actually Help the Poor?” UCLA Undergraduate Political Science Journal. Los Angeles, California, May 28, 2015.

“Sisterhood in the Islamic Caliphate: Self-Appointed Gods, Fabrications of Islamic Law, and Governmental Failures”. UCLA Undergraduate Law Journal. Los Angeles, California May 28, 2015.

“From Colonial Rule to the Modern Day: The Impact of Globalization on Sharia Resources within the Female Algerian Youth”. Middle Eastern Student Associations Undergraduate Research Journal. Doha, Qatar, Bloomsbury Press March 8, 2014.

## **SELECT RESEARCH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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“Conference for Community-Based Writing”. CCW21 Conference. Washington, DC. October 22, 2021.

“Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Annual Conference”. *UC Irvine*. Irvine, California, March 5, 2020.

“National Undergraduate Research Conference”. *Harvard University*. Boston, Massachusetts, January, 2016.

“Middle Eastern Student Associations Undergraduate Research Conference”. *Georgetown University*. Doha, Qatar, April 2014 (Video of presentation submitted for conference).

## **SELECT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

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GPACS Research Award, 2022: UCI

Mentoring Award, 2022: UCI Department of Urban Planning/Public Policy

Gender-Based Violence Research Grant, 2021: UCI Law

BAPA Scholarship Award, 2021: BAPA

Organizational Studies Grant, 2021: UC Irvine

Small Change, Better World Grant, 2021: UC Irvine

Graduate Teaching Award, 2020: UC Irvine

DTEI Online Course Development Fellowship, 2020: UCI Law

Intelligence Program Scholarship, 2017: Cambridge University

Roche-Slapin Fellowship, 2017: Brandeis University

Turkish Coalition Scholarship, 2015: UCLA

Honors Undergraduate Research Scholarship, 2015: UCLA

Dean’s General Scholarship, 2015: UCLA

“Best Undergraduate Research Award”, 2015: UCLA

Civic Engagement Fellowship, 2015: UCLA

Constance Coiner Award, 2015: UCLA

Legal Fellowship, 2015: UCLA

Hyatt Scholarship, 2015: UCLA

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Bosnian: Native (Speaking), Advanced (Writing, Reading)

Turkish: Intermediate (Speaking), Advanced: Reading, Intermediate:

Writing French: Intermediate (Speaking, Reading, Writing)

Arabic: Intermediate (Speaking, Writing, Reading)

Russian: Beginner (Speaking, Writing, Reading)

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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• R Studio/R Coding	Expert	5 Years
• Microsoft Excel	Expert	7 Years
• Microsoft Word	Expert	7 Years
• Microsoft PowerPoint	Expert	7 Years
• Qualtrics		
• SSPS Statistics Software	Beginner	1 Years
• Python Software	Beginner	1 Year
• SQL Server	Beginner	1 Year
• PG Admin	Beginner	1 Year
• QDA Miner Lite	Beginner	1 Year
• QGIS Software	Beginner	1 Month

