**EDUCATION**

* B.S. (Biology), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (2002)
* Ph.D. (Biology), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (2009)

**TITLES**

* Senior research fellow (2021-present), Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana (ZRC SAZU), Slovenia
* Associate Professor in Ethology (2018-2023), University of Primorska, Slovenia
* Assistant Professor in Ethology (2018-2022), University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

**EMPLOYMENT**

* Senior research fellow (2021-present), research fellow (2012-2021), research assistant (2009-2012), young researcher (2006-2009), Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia
* Lecturer (2013-present), University of Primorska, Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies, Slovenia
* Post-doctoral Researcher (2010-2011), Behavioural Biology, University of Hamburg, Germany (Prof. Dr. Jutta Schneider)
* PhD student (2003), Konrad Lorenz Research Station for Ethology, Gruenau, Austria & University of Vienna, Austria (Prof. Dr. Kotrschal)

**RESEARCH FIELDS**

* Behavioural biology: animal personalities, sexual behaviour and behavioural plasticity
* Evolution: evolution of sexual biology and sexual size dimorphism; quantitative genetics
* Ecology: behaviour and life histories strategies in ecology, specifically ecology of human altered environments (urbanization, global climate change)

**LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

* Leader of the basic research programme: *Biodiversity: patterns, predictions and conservation* (ARRS P1-0236) (2020-present)
* Principal Investigator of Evolutionary Zoology Laboratory, lead of behavioural lab (2018-present), Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia
* Coordinator at *Earth and Environmental Sciences, masters studies, 2nd level, Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU* (2020-present)
* Coordinator at *Environmental and Regional Studies, doctoral study 3rd level, Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU* (2020-present)

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ON RESEARCH PROJECTS**

* ARRS programme: *Biodiversity: patterns, predictions and conservation* (ARRS P1-0236) (2020-present)
* Coordinator of project *Evolutionary dead ends: The perils of extreme phenotypes* (ARRS J1-9163) at ZRC SAZU (2018-2021)
* Coordinator of project *Fluctuating selection behind phenotypic polymorphism: an empirical approach using subterranean and surface crustaceans as model* (ARRS N1-0069) at ZRC SAZU (2017-2021)
* ARRS post-doctoral project (2011-2013): *Behavioural mechanisms underlying species invasiveness* (Z1-4194)
* Humboldt Foundation Return Fellowship (2011): *Assortative mating by personality types in an orb-viewing spider*
* Humboldt Foundation postdoctoral project (2010-2011): *Behavioural types underlying invasiveness in bridge spider and its consequences for community structure*

**TEACHING AND MENTORSHIPS**

* 2013-present Associate Professor – Behavioural Genetics: master study, Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies, University of Primorska, Slovenia
* 2022-present Associate Professor – Scientific approaches in natural sciences; Selected topics from behavioural biology: Earth and Environmental Sciences, master study, Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU, Slovenia
* 2022–-present Associate Professor – Methodology in environmental and regional studies; Selected topics from animal ecology, Behavioural biology: Environmental and Regional Studies, doctoral study, Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU, Slovenia
* PhD mentor: Shakira Quinones-Lebron (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, 2020); Eva Turk (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, awarded by L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science, 2022; the National Institute of Biology award for outstanding doctoral work in the field of research activity, 2023).
* Ongoing PhD mentoring: Rok Golobinek (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana), Simon Cirkulan (Postgraduate school ZRC SAZU).
* Master thesis: Urška Pristovšek (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, 2013), Nina Šramel (FAMNIT UP, 2017), Tina Cokan (FAMNIT UP, 2017), Lučka Vavpotič (FAMNIT UP, 2017), Rok Golobinek (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, 2018); Špela Ocvirk (FAMNIT UP, 2019); Klavdija Šuen (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, 2019); Janko Šet (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, 2020), Katarina Štamulak (FAMNIT UP, 2021); Lea Krajnc (FAMNIT UP, 2021).
* Ongoing master’s mentoring: Živa Vehovar (Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana); Neža Gabrovšek (FAMNIT UP).
* Mentor of bachelor theses: Zali Slabe (FAMNIT UP, 2015), Lara Samojlenko (FAMNIT UP, 2016), Andrej Katarinčič (FAMNIT UP, 2016), Lara Gregorčič Vidović (FAMNIT UP, 2016), NastjaUgrin (FAMNIT UP, 2017); Chiara Piraino (Maastricht University, The Netherlands; 2022; awarded best bachelor thesis)
* Others: PhD thesis examinator of Chang Chia-Chen (National University of Singapore; 2018); member of a supervision and follow-up group of PhD thesis of Akshay Mohan at the Doctoral Programme in Biological and Environmental Science, University of Jyväskylä (Finland; 2021-present); regular academic committee member at the FAMNIT UP and University of Ljubljana

**OUTREACH**

* Academic editorial board: editorial board at Hacquetia (2009-present)
* Conference programme committee member: 27th European Congress of Arachnology, Ljubljana, Slovenia (2012); 15th Conference of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology (ISBE), New York, USA; 31st European Congress of Arachnology, Vac, Hungary (2018)
* Peer review: Proceeding of the Royal Society B, American Naturalist, Journal of Animal Ecology, Evolutionary Ecology, Evolution and Ecology, Journal of Evolutionary Biology, Biology Letters, Scientific Reports, Animal Behaviour, Behavioral Ecology, Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology, Ethology, Behaviour, Hormones and Behavior, Behavioral Processes, Physiology and Behavior, Plos One, Conservation Biology, Animal Cognition, Current Zoology, Naturwissenschaften, Zoology, Journal of Arachnology (<https://publons.com/author/1140577/simona-kralj-fiser#profile>)
* Member of the commission for international project tenders. Innovation, Canada, 2020; Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland 2022; National Science CenterPoland**,** Poland 2023

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

* 2012 Best poster award at 27th European Congress of Arachnology, Ljubljana, Slovenia
* 2011-2011 Humboldt Foundation return fellowship
* 2010-2011 Humboldt Foundation postdoctoral fellowship
* 2003-2006 Fürst Dietrichstein'sche Stiftung

**SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

* *Biodiversity: patterns, predictions and conservation* (ARRS P1-0236)
* *Behavioural mechanisms underlying species invasiveness* (ARRS Z1-4194)
* *Behavioural types underlying invasiveness in bridge spider and its consequences for community structure* (Humboldt Foundation postdoctoral project)
* *Assortative mating by personality types in an orb-viewing spider* (Humboldt Foundation Return Fellowship)
* *Evolutionary dead ends: The perils of extreme phenotypes* (ARRS J1-9163)
* *Fluctuating selection behind phenotypic polymorphism: an empirical approach using subterranean and surface crustaceans as model* (ARRS N1-0069)

**SELECTED INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS**

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

* European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB)
* International Society for Behavioral Ecology (ISBE)

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