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**KRAJŠA PREDSTAVITEV / SHORT PRESENTATION**

Znanstveni svetnik in izredni profesor dr. Bojan Žalec (r. 1966), doktor filozofije; področje njegovega znanstvenega zanimanja vključuje filozofijo religije, etiko, politično in socialno filozofijo (vključno s civilnimi kompetencami in vrlinami in teorijo državljanstva), izobraževanje in kritično mišljenje, filozofsko semantiko, filozofijo dialoga in komunikacije, personalizem, fenomenologijo in hermenevtiko, eksistencializem, slovensko filozofska tradicijo in intelektualno zgodovino. Je edini avtor petih znanstvenih monografij (o religiji, etiki, politični in socialni filozofiji, antropologiji in fenomenologiji) ter številnih znanstvenih člankov in prispevkov v znanstvenih monografijah. Od leta 2005 je predsednik organizacijskih odborov interdisciplinarnih mednarodnih znanstvenih konferenc v Celju, ki so privabile priznane raziskovalce iz EU, med njimi Felixa Ungerja, Ulricha Becka, Tomáša Halíka in Petra Hünermanna, ki se ukvarjajo s temami globalizacije, dialoga, genocida, sprave itd. Je vodja Inštituta za filozofijo in socialno etiko na Teološki fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani (v nadaljevanju TEOF UL). Je izkušen raziskovalec in univerzitetni učitelj. Je redni član Evropske akademije znanosti in umetnosti (rezidenca v Salzburgu).

**Izobrazba**

Univerza v Ljubljani, Filozofska fakulteta, dodiplomski študij filozofije, sociologije ter slovenskega jezika in književnosti

Univerza v Ljubljani, Teološka fakulteta, dodiplomski študij teologije

Open University, dodiplomski študij matematike

Univerza v Ljubljani, Filozofska fakulteta, Oddelek za filozofijo, podiplomski študij filozofije

Univerza v Würzburgu, Filozofski inštitut, dodiplomski študij filozofije in podiplomski študijski program za filozofijo (eno leto, projekt TEMPUS)

Univerza v Ljubljani, Filozofska fakulteta, Oddelek za filozofijo, doktorski študij (doktorat 1999).

Research Professor and Associate Professor Bojan Žalec (b. 1966), PhD in philosophy; field of scientific interest includes: philosophy of religion, ethics, political and social philosophy (including civil competencies and virtues and theory of citizenship), education and critical thinking, philosophical semantics, philosophy of dialogue and communication, personalism, phenomenology and hermeneutics, existentialism, Slovenian philosophical tradition and intellectual history. He is the only author of five scientific monographs (on religion, ethics, political and social philosophy, anthropology and phenomenology) and of numerous scientific papers and contributions to volumes. Since 2005, he has been the president of the organizational committees of interdisciplinary international scientific conferences in Celje that have attracted renowned researchers from EU, including Felix Unger, Ulrich Beck, Tomáš Halík and Peter Hünermann, dealing with the topics of globalization, dialogue, genocide, reconciliation etc. He is the Head of the Institute of Philosophy and Social Ethics at the Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana (hereafter TEOF UL). He is an experienced researcher and university teacher. He is a member of European Academy of Sciences and Arts (residence in Salzburg).

**Educational background**

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, undergraduate studies of philosophy, sociology and Slovenian language and literature

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Theology, undergraduate study of theology

Open University, undergraduate study of mathematics

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, postgraduate study of philosophy

University of Würzburg, Institute of Philosophy, undergraduate study of philosophy and postgraduate student grant for philosophy (one year, TEMPUS Project)

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, Department of Philosophy, doctoral study (PhD in 1999).

**DALJŠA PREDSTAVITEV / LONGER PRESENTATION**

**dr. Bojan Žalec, izredni profesor in znanstveni svetnik**

rojen 15. marca 1966 v Ljubljani

**Izobrazba, akademski in znanstvenoraziskovalni naziv**

1999 - doktor znanosti (filozofija), Filozofska fakulteta Univerze v Ljubljani

1996 - magister znanosti (filozofija), Filozofska fakulteta Univerze v Ljubljani (eno leto podiplomski študent filozofije na Inštitutu za filozofijo na univerzi v Würzburgu; prof Wilhelm Baumgartner iz Würzburga je bil somentor pri magisteriju)

1992 - diploma iz filozofije (A) in sociologije (B), Filozofska fakulteta Univerze v Ljubljani

Akademski in znanstvenoraziskovalni naziv: doktor znanosti, znanstveni svetnik

**Zaposlitve in vodstvene funkcije**

Od leta 2004 je zaposlen na TEOF v Ljubljani, kjer je predstojnik Inštituta za filozofijo in družbeno etiko. Leta 2012 je bil na TEOF UL izvoljen v izrednega profesorja, leta 2015 pa na UL v naziv znanstvenega svetnika.

2005–2007: predsednik Slovenskega filozofskega društva

*Ostale vodstvene funkcije:* vodja temeljnega raziskovalnega projekta Religija kot dejavnik etičnosti in medkulturnega dialoga (2014-2017), vodja Jean Monnet projekta/modula (2017-2020), vodja/predsednik programski in organizacijski odborov več mednarodnih znanstvenih konferenc, ki so se jih udeležili pomembni mednarodni raziskovalci (med njimi Felix Unger, Ulrich Beck, Tomáš Halík, Wolfgang Palaver, Dietmar Mieth, Rudolf Haller, Lieven Boeve, Santiago Sia, Josef Niewiadomski, Didier Pollefeyt in Peter Hünermann).

**Raziskovalni dosežki in sposobnosti**

Bojan Žalec je avtor več kot 165 znanstvenih publikacij. Je edini avtor 60 izvirnih znanstvenih člankov (skupaj 64), 6-ih znanstvenih monografij in na desetine delov znanstvenih monografij, ki so v raznih jezikih izšli v najuglednejših znanstvenih revijah z visokim faktorjem vpliva: *Acta Analytica, Anthropological Notebooks, Synthesis Philosophica, Filozofska istraživanja, Bogoslovni vestnik, Filozofia, European Journal of Science and Theology, Annales: Series Historia et Sociologia, XLinguae*, *Historia ecclesiastica)* in pri eminentnih znanstvenih založbah. Uredil je več deset znanstvenih monografij oz. zbornikov, od tega jih je 13 izšlo v tujini (založba Lit). 10 let je urejal pomembno družboslovno in humanistično knjižno zbirko Claritas pri Študentski založbi v Ljubljani. (Zbirka je objavila vrhunska dela s področja humanistike in družboslovja, na primer C. S. Lewis, Ch. Taylor, L. Strauss, S. Kierkegaard, J. Maritain, M. Komar, H. Arendt, L. Siedentop, J. H. Weiler, L. Wittgenstein, Z. Bauman, M. Novak, A. MacIntyre, Th. Luckmann, J. Juhant, H. McCabe, R. Brague idr.. Ko je bil glavni urednik, je izšlo 45 knjig). V slovenščino je prevedel pomembna filozofska dela iz nemškega in angleškega jezika (na primer *Kategorienlehre* Franca Brentana in *The Malaise of Modernity* Charlesa Taylorja (2000)).) Sodeloval je v več znanstvenih programih in projektih in na več deset znanstvenih konferencah (kot predavatelj) doma in v tujini. Kot vabljeni predavatelj je predaval na več univerzah v različnih evropskih državah, bil je gostujoči predavatelj na Univerzi v Zagrebu (2007) in gostujoči raziskovalec na Poljski akademiji znanosti v Varšavi (2014). Je član uredništev različnih knjižnih zbirk in znanstvenih revij s področja humanistike. Je recenzent pri več uglednih znanstvenih revijah in ocenjevalec evropskih projektov.

**Raziskovalna uspešnost (kvantificirana):** glede na kvantitativne ocene ARRS (A1) zaseda tretje mesto med vsemi registriranimi raziskovalci za področje humanistike na splošno za obdobje 2015-2020 (<https://www.sicris.si/public/jqm/rsr_top.aspx?lang=slv&opt=3&subopt=3&opdescr=&code1=6&code2=&code3=&eval_type=A1_Score&top_numbers=10> , 29.10.2020)

**Znanstvene monografije**

*Genocide, totalitarianism and multiculturalism: perspectives in the light of solidary personalism*. Zürich; Berlin: Lit, cop. 2015.

*Človek, morala in umetnost: uvod v filozofsko antropologijo in etiko*, (ZK, 23). Ljubljana: Teološka fakulteta, 2010. Hrvaški prevod 2019.

*Doseganje dobrega*, (Knjižna zbirka Claritas, 41). Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 2005.

*Samopodoba med motivacijo in tekmovalnostjo: interdisciplinarni pristop*, (Knjižna zbirka Scripta). Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 2004. (S soavtorji.)

*Spisi o Vebru*, (Zbirka Scripta). Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 2002.

*Reprezentacije: od pojavov k stvarnosti*, (Knjižna zbirka Claritas, 7). 1. izd. Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 1998.

**Mladi raziskovalci**

Mentor Ani Martinjak Ratej, mladi raziskovalki na Teološki fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani, ki je v letu 2015 uspešno zaključila MR usposabljanje in doktorski študij. Študijski mentor Barbari Simonič, mladi raziskovalki na Teološki fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani, ki je v letu 2009 uspešno zaključila MR usposabljanje in doktorski študij ter je sedaj zaposlena kot izr. profesorica na TEOF UL.

**Delo v strokovnih komisijah doma in v tujini ter nagrade**

Od 2018 redni član - razred za humanistiko - Evropske akademije znanosti in umetnosti (rezidenca v Salzburgu).

Član Odbora Republike Slovenije za podelitev nagrad in priznanj za izjemne dosežke v znanstvenoraziskovalni in razvojni dejavnosti (od l. 2020)

2012: ARRS nagrada za izjemni dosežek za področje humanistike (teologija);

2009: koordinator mednarodne skupine uglednih znanstvenikov iz Evrope in ZDA (prof. Benjamin Barber) "Task Force" for intercultural dialogue at the Centre for European Perspective;

član strokovnega sveta Inštituta Janeza Evangelista Kreka v Ljubljani;

član Srednjeevropskega raziskovalnega inštituta Sørena Kierkegaarda, Ljubljana;

2005–2007: član Kolegija za humanistiko ministrstva za VŠZT;

član slovenske skupine pri UNESCO za popularizacijo filozofije;

član: Slovensko filozofsko društvo; Društvo za analitično filozofijo in fil. znanosti;

Slovensko antropološko društvo; Društvo za kognitivno znanost; European Society of Catholic Theology; Vereinigung für katholische Sozialethik in Mitteleuropa.

**Raziskovalni projekti**

Temeljni raziskovalni projekt ***ARRS J6―6851 Religija kot dejavnik etičnosti in medkulturnega dialoga*** (2014-2017; **vodja projekta**): Izhodiščni raziskovalni problem projekta je predstavljala vloga religije kot dejavnika etičnosti in medkulturnega dialoga. Projekt je izhajal iz teze, da je etika, ki je lahko ustrezna podlaga medkulturnosti, etika solidarnega personalizma in dialoškega univerzalizma. Glede prvega je ključno razumevanje človeka kot presežnega bitja, pri slednjem pa je prava pot v spoštovanju individualnosti in posebnosti ter v hkratnem prepričanju, da je med nami vendarle dovolj skupnega, da hoja po poti dialoga in solidarnosti ni nesmiselna. Solidarni personalizem in dialoški univerzalizem tvorita duhovno obzorje, ki to utemeljuje ter omogoča. Odnos med religijo, etičnostjo in medkulturnim dialogom je zato potrebno proučevati znotraj pomembnih vidikov človeških odnosov, kakor tudi odgovorov na zadnja vprašanja človeka, ki zadevajo smiselnost vsakega početja, posebno smiselnost medsebojne empatije, dialoga, duhovnosti in spoštovanja človekove presežnosti.

Projekt/študijski modul Jean Monnet ***Challenges for the European Union: Identity, Values, and Dialogue*** (586843-EPP-1-2017; 2017-2020, **vodja**).

Projekt je razvil in izvedel celovit in multidisciplinarni študijski modul o temah EU, njenih institucijah, njeni vlogi v globalnem svetu in njenih glavnih izzivih, vse to pa je bilo podprto z raziskovalnim in akademskim sodelovanjem raziskovalcev iz treh držav.

Raziskovalni program ***Etično-religiozni temelji in perspektive družbe ter religiologija v kontekstu sodobne edukacije in nasilje*** (*P6–0269*; 2004-2020, raziskovalec v programu): Religije in svetovni nazori imajo odločilno vlogo v življenju posameznikov in družbe. Vlogo religije je v moderni zamenjal 'znanstveni svetovni nazor', religija je dobila pečat družbenega problema ('nasilna'?), čeprav sociologi spet potrjujejo njen družbeni pomen. Ta prepletanja in zamenjave idejnih okvirov v moderni so povzročile negotovost, ideologizacijo idejnih temeljev, spore, nasilje, vojne in revolucije ter pustile nezaceljene rane v tkivu nacionalnih in globalne družbe. Temeljni namen raziskav je metodološko preveriti izvore nasilja ideologij, svetovnih nazorov oziroma religij in idejnozgodovinsko presojati njihovo odgovornost za te spore ter preiskati možnosti za transformativno zdravljenje spomina na individualni in kolektivni ravni ter za oblikovanje kulture miru, sodelovanja, sobivanja in vzdržne družbe oziroma odpravo posledic sporov in popravo krivic.

Temeljni raziskovalni projekt ***J5-1790* Holistični pristop k spoštovanju človekovih pravic v gospodarstvu - reforma slovenske in mednarodne pravne ureditve** (2019–2012; raziskovalec v projektu): Z vidika teoretičnega in etično-normativnega premisleka je cilj, da lahko zasnujemo, načrtujemo in vzpostavimo ustrezen okvir nadnacionalne ali globalne pravičnosti, ki bo presegal tradicionalne koncepcije in bo prepoznal dinamiko spreminjajočega se sveta, pri čemer bi identificirali osnovne človekove pravice v gospodarstvu. Razvoj okvira globalne etike bo sledil predvsem pripoznanju, da so poglavitni izzivi (vključno z etičnimi izzivi), s katerimi se soočamo, v svojem temelju globalni in terjajo vzajemen odziv (H. Küng, P. Singer, R. Audi, M. Nussbaum, A. Sen, K.A. Appiah, S. Benhabib idr.). To bo omogočalo uporabo tega širšega okvirja tudi z drugimi vprašanji na področju globalne pravičnosti, na primer vprašanja varovanja okolja, članstva v skupnostih ter ostalih. Hkrati bo ta okvir omogočal uporabo in operacionalizacijo na normativni ravni, tako na nacionalni kot tudi na mednarodni. Raziskovalni projekt bo kritično raziskal tudi pomanjkljivosti trenutnih ureditev v domačih pravnih redih, s poudarkom na slovenskem pravnem redu tako, da bomo lahko kasneje razvili holistični teoretični in normativni modelov za izboljšanje ureditve spoštovanja človekovih pravic v gospodarstvu.

Temeljni raziskovalni projekt ***J6―7325 Vračanje religioznega v postmoderni misli kot izziv za teologijo*** (2016–2018; raziskovalec v projektu): V času postmodernega in post-sekularnega vračanja religioznega tako na individualni kot na družbeni ravni je ta slovensko-avstrijski raziskovalni projekt dal izviren prispevek k oblikovanju nove platforme za dialog med postmoderno mislijo in teologijo. Cilj projekta je bil identifikacija in analiza teološko relevantnih toposov, ki jih je projekt raziskal v treh smereh postmoderne misli. Rezultati projekta prispevajo k preseganju moderne razsvetljenske paradigme ločitve med religijo in družbo, ki pogosto vodi k izločitvi religije iz družbe, kar omogoča pot k novi kulturi sobivanja in vzajemnega spoštovanja.

Temeljni raziskovalni projekt ***J6-8265 Oživljanje kozmične pravičnosti: poetika feminilnega*** (1.5.2017-30.4.2020, član projektne skupine). Osnovna ideja tega projekta temelji na novi interpretaciji Sofoklejeve Antigone in njenega etiškega dejanja. Kot opozarja ena glavnih filozofinj našega časa, Luce Irigaray (2013), ni lahko v okviru naše kulture razkriti pomena Antigone. Ta naloga namreč zahteva, da vstopimo v poponoma drugačen vzorec mišljenja ter etike, kot smo ga podedovali od predhodnikov. Z drugimi besedami, potrebujemo nov način mišljenja v teologiji, religiologiji in etiki, kot tudi vpeljavo novih medkulturnih in medreligijskih aspektov.

Temeljni raziskovalni projekt ***J6-9393 Medreligijski dialog - temelj za sožitje različnosti v luči migracij in begunske krize*** (1.7.2018-30.6.2021, član projektne skupine). Temeljno izhodišče raziskovalnega projekta je bilo vprašanje pomembnosti kultiviranja aktivnega, iskrenega medreligijskega dialoga, ki prepoznava in razbija negativne stereotipne predstave in predsodke, dviguje raven strpnosti, spoštovanja in krepi medsebojno razumevanje tako v vsakdanjem življenju posameznikov različnih veroizpovedi in duhovnosti kot tudi na hierarhični institucionalni religijski ravni.

Projekt/študijski modul Jean Monnet ***Evropska identiteta in integracija: Med izročilom in skupno dialoško prihodnostjo*** (ERUDIT European Identity and Integration: Between Tradition and a Common Dialogic Future; štev. **542870-LLP-1-2013-1-SI-AJM-MO**; raziskovalec v projektu): v okviru projekta in študijskega modula, ki se je ukvarjal z vprašanji identitete in integracije EU, je B. Žalec raziskoval vprašanje evropskega državljanstva in vrlin. Rdeča nit je predstavljalo dokazovanje trditve, da je solidarni personalizem (SP) prava pot evropskega razvoja in da je kršenje SP v obliki takšnega ali drugačnega instrumentalizma za Evropo oz. EU izredno škodljivo, lahko celo usodno. Vrlinska etika je sestavni del SP, zato poudarek na vrlinah naravno izhaja iz takega izhodišča. V središču pozornosti so državljanske vrline, ki so potrebne za delovanje EU, njeno integracijo in razcvet.

Mednarodni raziskovalni projekt ***Religions and Values: Central and Eastern European Research Network*** (**FP6 CIT5-CT-2006-028899,** 1.1.2007–31.12.2009; raziskovalec v projektu): kot raziskovalec je bil aktivno vključen v mednarodno raziskovalno mrežo za raziskovanje odnosa religije in vrednot v Srednji in Vzhodni Evropi, imenovano REVACERN (sodelovalo je več kot petnajst uglednih znanstvenih ustanov iz Avstrije, Bolgarije, Hrvaške, Češke, Madžarske, Poljske , Slovenija), kjer je raziskoval vrednotni pluralizem, predvsem z vidika teorije državljanstva (vloga religije pri gojenju državljanskih vrlin in prakse, ki so potrebne za sodobne liberalne pluralistične demokracije).

**Bojan Žalec, PhD, Associate Professor and Research Professor**

born March 15, 1966 in Ljubljana

**Education**

1999-PhD in Science (Philosophy), Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

1996-Master of Science (Philosophy), Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana (one year as a postgraduate student of philosophy at the Institute for philosophy at University in Würzburg; Prof. Wilhelm Baumgartner from Würzburg was a co-supervisor at his MA degree)

1992-Degree in Philosophy (A) and Sociology (B), Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

Academic title: PhD, Scientific Councillor/Research Professor

**Employment/managing positions**

Since 2004 he is employed at the Faculty of Theology in Ljubljana, where he is also a head of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Ethics. In 2012 he was elected to the title of associate professor and in 2015 to the title of scientific councilor/research professor.

2005–2007: President of the Slovenian Philosophical Society

Other leading/managing functions: Head of Basic Research Project “Religion as a Factor of Ethics and Intercultural Dialogue” (2014-2017); Head of the Jean Monnet project/module (2017-2020), Head/Chair of Program and Organization Committees of several international scientific conferences attended by important international researchers (including Felix Unger, Ulrich Beck, Tomáš Halík, Wolfgang Palaver, Dietmar Mieth, Rudolf Haller, Lieven Boeve, Santiago Sia, Josef Niewiadomski, Didier Pollefeyt and Peter Hünermann).

**Research/publications**

Bojan Žalec is the author of more than 165 scientific publications. He is the sole author of 60 original scientific papers (all together 64 papers), 6 scientific monographs and dozens of parts of scientific monographs in various languages published by the most prestigious scientific journals with high impact factors (*Acta Analytica, Anthropological Notebooks, Synthesis Philosophica, Filozofska istraživanja, Bogoslovni vestnik, Filozofia, European Journal of Science and Theology, Annales: Series Historia et Sociologia, XLinguae, Historia ecclesiastica*) and in prominent scientific publishers. He is a (co)editor of numerous academic monographs and other publications, of which 13 were published abroad (Lit publishing house). For 10 years he was the editor-in-chief of an important social sciences and humanities oriented book series Claritas as part of the Student publishing house in Ljubljana (The edition published works of highest quality from the area of humanities and social science, for instance works of C. S. Lewis, Ch. Taylor, L. Strauss, S. Kierkegaard, J. Maritain, M. Komar, H. Arendt, L. Siedentop, J. H. H. Weiler, L. Wittgenstein, Z. Bauman, M. Novak, A. MacIntyre, Th. Luckmann, J. Juhant, H. McCabe, R. Brague and others). When he was the editor in chief, 45 books appeared in the series. He has translated in Slovene important philosophical works from German and English (for instance Franz Brentano’s *Kategorienlehre* and Charles Taylor’s *The Malaise of Modernity* (2000)). He has participated in several scientific programs and projects and dozens of scientific conferences (as a lecturer) at home and abroad. As a visiting lecturer he lectured at several universities in different European countries, it has been a guest lecturer at the University of Zagreb (2007) and a visiting researcher at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw (2014). He is a member of the editorial boards of various book series and scientific journals. He acts as a reviewer for several journals and is an evaluator for EU projects.

**Scientific ranking:** According to the quantitative evaluation ranking (A1) of the Slovenian Research Agency, he holds the third place among all registered researchers in the area of humanities in general for the period of 2015-2020 (<https://www.sicris.si/public/jqm/rsr_top.aspx?lang=slv&opt=3&subopt=3&opdescr=&code1=6&code2=&code3=&eval_type=A1_Score&top_numbers=10> , 29.10.2020)

**Scientific monographs**

*Genocide, totalitarianism and multiculturalism: perspectives in the light of solidary personalism*. Zürich; Berlin: Lit, 2015.

*Človek, morala in umetnost: uvod v filozofsko antropologijo in etiko* [*Man, Morality, and Art: Introduction to Philosophical Anthropology and Ethics*]. Ljubljana: Teološka fakulteta, 2010. Croatian translation 2019.

*Doseganje dobrega* [*Reaching of Good*]. Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 2005.

*Samopodoba med motivacijo in tekmovalnostjo: interdisciplinarni pristop* [*Selfimage between Motivation and Competitiveness: An Interdisciplinary Approach*]. Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 2004. (with co-authors)

*Spisi o Vebru* [*Essays on Veber*]. Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 2002.

*Reprezentacije: od pojavov k stvarnosti* [*Representations: From Phenomena to Reality*]. Ljubljana: Študentska založba, 1998.

**Young researchers**

Phd supervisor and young researcher mentor to Ana Martinjak Ratej, a young researcher (MR) at the Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana, which in 2015 successfully completed MR training and doctoral studies. Academic mentor to Barbara Simonič, a young researcher at the Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana, which in 2009 successfully completed MR training and doctoral studies and is now employed as an associate professor at TEOF UL.

**Commitees/Awards**

Since 2018 he has been a regular member - class of humanities - of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (residence in Salzburg);

Committee of the Republic of Slovenia for the Awarding of Prizes and Recognitions for Outstanding Achievements in Scientific Research and Development Activity (since 2020);

2012: ARRS Award for exceptional achievement in the field of humanities (theology);

2009: coordinator of an international group of eminent scientists from Europe and the USA (prof. Benjamin Barber) "Task Force" for intercultural dialogue at the Centre for European Perspective;

member of the Central European Research Institute of Søren Kierkegaard in Ljubljana;

member of the Expert Council of the Institute of Janez Evangelist Krek in Ljubljana;

2005-2007: Member of the Expert Council for the Humanities of the Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology;

Slovenian member of the group at UNESCO for popularization of philosophy;

memberships: Slovenian Philosophical Society; Society for Analytical Philosophy and Theory of Science; Slovenian Anthropological Society; Society for Cognitive Science; European Society of Catholic Theology; Vereinigung für katholische Sozialethik in Mitteleuropa.

**Research projects**

Basic research project ***J6-6851 SRA Religion as a factor of ethics and intercultural dialogue*** (2014-2017, **project leader**, ARRS founding): The central problem of the research was the role of religion as a factor of morality and intercultural dialogue. The project began with a thesis that ethics of (i) solidary personalism and (ii) dialogic universalism is the ethics, which can be an appropriate basis of inter-culturality. The former claims that every person is (epistemically and ethically) transcendent, while the latter defends respect for uniqueness and individuality and at the same time harbors a belief that all people have something in common and that dialogue and solidarity are sensible choices. Solidary personalism and dialogic universalism form an intellectual horizon which grounds this. The relationship between religion, morality, and intercul. dialogue must thus be investigated within aspects of human relationships, including answers to ultimate questions, concerning the meaning, interpersonal empathy, dialogue and respect for human transcendence (otherness). Christianity and other religions stress the importance of dialogic openness, which reveals human vulnerability, dependence on others and on deeper foundations.

Jean Monnet project/module: ***Challenges for the European Union: Identity, Values, and Dialogue*** (586843-EPP-1-2017; 2017-2020; **project leader**). The project is going to develop and implement a comprehensive introductory and multidisciplinary study module on the topics of EU, its institutions, its role in the global world and its main challenges, all this backed up with research and academic collaboration activities between researchers form three countries.

Research Programme: ***Ethical-Religious Grounds and Perspectives of the Society and the Religious Studies in Context of Education and Violence*** (P6-0269;2004-2020, researcher). Religions and worldviews play a crucial role in the lives of individuals and society. In the modern era the role of religion was replaced by the 'scientific worldview' and assigned the label of societal problem (violence?). However, sociologists have again confirmed religion’s social significance. The intertwining of ideological frameworks has led to uncertainty, ideation of fundamental concepts, conflicts, violence, wars and revolutions, and left unhealed wounds in nations and global society. The basic intention of this research is to methodologically verify the origins of the violence of ideologies, worldviews and religions, assess from the point of view of ideas their responsibility for the disputes and investigate the possibilities for a transformative healing of memory on an individual and collective level. The goal is to create a culture of peace, cooperation, coexistence, a sustainable society and the elimination of the consequences of conflict and injustice.

#### Basic research project *J5-1790 Holistic approach to business and human rights: a normative reform of Slovenian and international legal order* (2019-2022, researcher): From the point of view of theoretical and ethical normative reflection, the goal is to be able to design, plan and establish an appropriate framework of supranational or global justice, which will go beyond traditional concepts and recognize the dynamics of a changing world, identifying basic pillars of business and human rights. The development of the framework of global ethics will in particular be followed by the recognition that the main challenges (including the ethical challenges) that we face are global in nature and require a mutual response (H. Küng, P. Singer, R. Audi, M. Nussbaum, A. Sen, KA Appiah, S. Benhabib et al.). This will enable the use of this wider framework also with other issues in the field of global justice, such as environmental issues, community membership, and others. At the same time, this framework will allow the use and operationalization at the normative level, both at national and international level. The research project will critically investigate the shortcomings of the current frameworks in domestic legal systems, with the emphasis on the Slovenian legal order in order to develop a holistic theoretical and normative models for improving regulation of business and human rights.

Basic research project ***J6-7325 The Return of the Religious in Postmodern Thought as a Challenge for Theology*** (2015-2018, researcher): In a time of a postmodern and post-secular return of the religious on both the individual and societal levels, this joint Slovenian-Austrian research project aimed to be an original contribution towards building a new platform of dialogue between postmodern thinking and theology. Its goal was an identification and analysis of theologically relevant topoi, which this project explored in context of postmodern thought.

***J6-8265 Reanimating Cosmic Justice: The Poetics of the Feminine*** (2017-2020, research team member). The project deals with a new interpretation of Antigone and her radical ethical act. In the first part of this project, Antigone is compared with Savitri from the Mahabharata and Mary as represented in contemporary feminist thinking and theology. They are being analysed as three guardians of sacred cosmic orders and orders of femininity and related to the logic of unwritten/cosmic/divine laws. The second part of the project is dealing with the new culture of shame and responsibility towards others as related to the divine, cosmic and unwritten ethical laws.

***J6-9393 Interreligious Dialogue: A Basis for Coexisting Diversity in the Light of Migration and Refugee Crisis*** (2018-2021, research team member). This project deals with the question of the importance of cultivation of an active, sincere interreligious dialogue, in the context of contemporary migrations, that recognizes and breaks down negative stereotypes and prejudices, raises the level of tolerance, respect and strengthens mutual understanding both in the everyday life of individuals of different religions and spiritualities as well as at the hierarchical institutional religious levels.

***Jean Monnet module: European identity and integration: Between tradition and a common dialogic future***  (ERUDITE; no. 542870-LLP-1-2013-1-SK-AJM-MO, researcher). As part of this project and study module, which focused on issues of identity and EU integration, Žalec examined the issue of European citizenship and virtues. The central thread was to prove the claim that solidarity personalism (SP) is the right path for European development and that the violation of SP in the form of instrumentalism in EU is extremely harmful, even fatal.

***FP6 CIT5-CT-2006-028899 Religions and Values in Central and Eastern European Research Network*** (2007–2009), researcher: As a researcher, Bojan Žalec was actively included in an international research network for researching the (relation between) religion and values in Central and Eastern Europe called REVACERN (more than fifteen reputable scientific institutions), where he researched on value pluralism, mainly from the aspect of the theory of citizenship (the role of religion in cultivating civic virtues, and praxis needed for the functioning of (modern liberal pluralistic) democracies).