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## Education & Qualifications

<b>PhD Candidate (Psychology) The MARCS Institute</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2016 – 2019<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Master of Psychology</b> University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Psychology Average score 9.67 (out of 10)	<b>2010 – 2012</b>
<b>Bachelor of Psychology</b> University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Psychology Average Score 9.16 (out of 10)	<b>2007 – 2010</b>

## Teaching:

<b>Cognitive Processes</b> Western Sydney University, School of Social Science and Psychology	<b>July-November 2019</b>
<b>Second Language Acquisition</b> Western Sydney University, School of Humanities and Communication Arts	<b>July-November 2019</b>
<b>Developmental Psychology</b> Western Sydney University, School of Social Science and Psychology	<b>February-June 2019</b>
<b>Developmental Psychology</b> Western Sydney University, School of Social Science and Psychology	<b>February-June 2018</b>

## Employment:

<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> IRCN BabyLab, University of Tokyo	<b>July 2020-up to date</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Thesis submitted for examination on 25-11-2019, officially graduated in September 2020

**The MARCS Institute BabyLab Coordinator**  
Western Sydney University

**November 2019-April 2020**

## Grants & Awards:

<b>The MARCS Writing Fellowship</b> \$7000 for publishing research papers from PhD thesis	<b>March-May 2020</b>
<b>The HEARing CRC Travel Grant</b> \$5000 for attending the Workshop on Infant Language Development (WILD) 2019, Potsdam, Germany	<b>June 2019</b>
<b>The MARCS Institute Travel Grant</b> \$3000 travel grant for visiting Basque Center on Cognition, Brain, and Language (BCBL), Spain	<b>June 2019</b>
<b>The MARCS Institute Travel Grant</b> \$2000 travel grant for attending ABC 2018 Singapore	<b>October 2018</b>
<b>The MARCS Institute Travel Grant</b> \$4000 travel grant for attending ICIS 2018 Philadelphia, USA	<b>June/July 2018</b>
<b>WSU Postgraduate Research Award</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2016 – 2019</b>
<b>HEARing CRC Top-Up Award</b> HEARing CRC	<b>2016 – 2019</b>
<b>"Dick Smith Foods" \$5000 relocation scholarship</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>MA Scholarship</b> Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia	<b>2010 – 2012</b>
<b>Bachelor Scholarship</b> Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia	<b>2007 – 2010</b>

## Workshops:

<b>Giving High Quality Presentations at a Distance</b> IRCN, University of Tokyo	<b>2021</b>
<b>Functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS)</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2018</b>
<b>Data Analysis and Visualization with R</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2017</b>
<b>R workshop</b> ICIS 2017 pre-conference workshop	<b>2017</b>

<b>The Developing Lexicon: Representations and Processing Workshop</b> Macquarie University	<b>2017</b>
<b>MARCS Stats Workshop</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2016</b>
<b>Resilient Researcher Workshop</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2016</b>
<b>Presenting Your Research with Confidence</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2016</b>
<b>Literature Review Skills</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2016</b>
<b>Social Media, Doctoral Studies and wider community</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2016</b>

## Conference Presentations:

Lovcevic I., Kalashnikova M., Burnham, D., (2020). Acoustic Features of Infant-directed Speech to Infants with Hearing Loss. Oral Presentation at “Perspectives on Language in Children with Hearing Loss Workshop”, online, August 2020.

Lovcevic I., Kalashnikova M., Burnham, D., (2020). Acoustic Features of Infant-directed Speech to Infants with Hearing Loss and Infants with Normal Hearing – longitudinal study”. Poster presented at “International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS) 2020), online, July 2020.

Lovcevic I., Soderstrom, P., Kalashnikova M., Mahajan Y., Burnham, D., (2019). Neural Processing of *Hyper-* and *Hypo-*Articulated Vowels in Infant-Directed Speech. Oral Presentation at “Workshop on Infant Language Development (WILD). Potsdam, Germany, June 2019.

Lovcevic I., Kalashnikova M., Burnham, D., (2018). The Role of Vowel Hyperarticulation in Infant-Directed Speech in Infants' Lexical Processing. Oral Presentation at “Asian-Pacific Baby Lab Constellation Conference (ABC), Singapore, October 2018.

Lovcevic I., Kalashnikova M., Burnham, D., (2018). Acoustic features of Infant-Directed Speech to Infants with Hearing Impairment and Infants with Normal Hearing. Poster presented at “International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS) 2018), Philadelphia, USA, June 2018.

Lovcevic I., Kalashnikova M., Burnham, D., Mahajan Y., (2017). Role of Infant-Directed Speech in Language Development of Babies with Hearing-Impairment. Poster presented at “MARCS BabyLab: Developmental Speech and Language Research at Western Sydney University” , July 2017.

Lovcevic I., Kalashnikova M., Burnham, D., Mahajan Y., (2016). Language Development in Babies with Hearing-Impairment. Poster presented at HEARing CRC Symposium, Macquarie University, October 2016.

Lovcevic, I. (2013). Simultaneous Effects of inflectional Paradigms and Classes on Processing of Adjectives in Serbian Language. Oral Presentation at „Empirical studies in psychology 2013 – EIP13“, Belgrade, Serbia.

## Community Engagement:

<b>“Women in Academia” podcast</b> Producer and host	<b>2020-</b>
<b>Kotoboo team member</b> Part of “Language at Home” team	<b>2020-</b>
<b>I-PAC team member</b> Professional Academic Development	<b>2020-</b>
<b>Pregnancy, Babies &amp; Children’s Expo</b> Research Promotion and Participant Recruitment	<b>2019</b>
<b>BabyTime talk- Oral Presentation on Importance of Infant-Directed Speech</b> Penrith City Library, Sydney	<b>2018</b>
<b>Coordinator of the SLAM (Speech and Language Group at the MARCS) meetings</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Organiser of New South Wales (NSW) Baby Circle Academic Meeting</b> Western Sydney University	<b>2017</b>
<b>The Child and Family Hub, Bankstown, Sydney</b> Community visit and talk on bilingualism	<b>2017</b>
<b>Science in the Wild-Sydney Science Festival 2017</b> Science Promotion	<b>2017</b>
<b>BabyTime talk- Oral Presentation on Importance of Infant-Directed Speech</b> Penrith City Library, Sydney	<b>2017</b>
<b>The Essential Baby &amp; Toddler Show</b> Research Promotion and Participant Recruitment	<b>2017</b>
<b>Pregnancy, Babies &amp; Children’s Expo</b> Research Promotion and Participant Recruitment	<b>2017</b>
<b>The Essential Baby &amp; Toddler Show</b> Research Promotion and Participant Recruitment	<b>2016</b>

## Project Participation:

**9. March – 16. March 2014.**

Participant in „International Development Youth Forum“, Tokyo, Japan.

**23. May – 30. May 2014.**

Participant on training course „Be aware of your rights“, Ulcinj, Montenegro

**22. March – 30. March 2014.**

Participant in training course „Tools for advocacy and lobbying for active citizenship“ Brcko, Bosnia and Hercegovina.

**July – December 2013.**

Coordinator on project „Through knowledge to the health“ implemented in „Association for helping mentally challenged persons of the city of Novi Sad“.

**18. November – 26. November 2013.**

Participant on training course „Animate your community“ Nicosia, Cyprus.

**5. November – 12. November 2013.**

Participant on training course „Effective measure for inclusion of Youth and their preparation for the labour market trough engagement in CSO's“, Bar, Montenegro.

**28. July – 18. August 2013.**

Participant in Youth Exchange „Eurocamp 2013“ in Magdeburg, Germany.

**February – April 2013.**

Volunteer on the project „Powerful stories in fight against gender stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination“ implemented in elementary school „Sonja Marinkovic“ in Novi Sad, Serbia.

**December 2012. – March 2013.**

Volunteer on the project „Stop the hate do not hesitate“ funded by European Youth Foundation and Council of Europe.

**July 2012. – January 2013.**

Student of on-line mentoring project „Online Serbia“ provided by Organization „Iserbia“.

**November 2012. – September 2013.**

Peer educator on project „Prevention of drug abuse“ funded by the City of Novi Sad.

**September 2011. – December 2011.**

Peer educator on project „I know to keep my health, what about you?“ implemented in the school for children with intellectual disabilities „Milan Petrovic“ in Novi Sad, Serbia.

**November – December 2011.**

Field researcher on project „Indicators and models of harmonizing business's and family's roles“ funded by Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Serbia.

**September 2011.**

Field researcher on project „Strengthening social cohesion through the development of non-discriminatory policies for children who live and/or work on the street“ funded by the European Union within the program „Support to civil society“.

## Volunteering:

**May – September 2011.**

Volunteer at the „Center for War Trauma“ at Novi Sad as a counsellor.

**September 2012. – may 2016.**

Volunteer at the „Association for helping mentally challenged persons of the city of Novi Sad“.

## Memberships:

**Association for Psychological Science** **2016 – present**

**Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) International Youth Group** **2015 – present**

## Personal Blog:

Irena's Book Blog: <http://munduslibrium.com/>

## Language Skills:

**Serbian** – mother tongue

**English** – IELTS overall score 7.5

**Japanese** – beginner

**Spanish** – intermediate

## Computer Skills and Competences:

Windows OS, Mac OS, MS Office, SPSS, Praat, Python, R, Word Spotter, CLAN, MATLAB.

## References:

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