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## AREAS OF INTEREST | EXPERTISE

I work at the intersection of socio-cultural anthropology and archaeology. My interdisciplinary research explores the socio-political organization of non-state societies in Aegean and Anatolian prehistory from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives. Based on a qualitative, controlled comparison of archaeological and ethnographic material, I seek to uncover shared patterns and draw new insights into prehistoric social organization. My research interests comprise household and socio-political organization, kinship, gender, and cross-cultural perspectives.

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria, 2021. Thesis Title: *Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin*. Adviser: Prof. Dr. Andre Gingrich.
- M.A. Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria, 2015.
- B.A. Department for Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2012.

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023–2026 Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois and Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Vienna, Austria, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellow
- 2021–2023 Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Postdoctoral Researcher, Vienna, Austria

- 2020–2021 University of Art and Design Linz, International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK), Junior Fellow, Vienna, Austria
- 2016–2020 University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Research Fellow, Vienna, Austria

### VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023–2025 University of Illinois Chicago, Anthropology, Visiting Scholar, Chicago, Illinois
- 2023 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department 'Anthropology of Economic Experimentation', Visiting Researcher, Halle/Saale, Germany (1 month)
- 2021 Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens, Visiting Researcher, Athens, Greece (3 months)
- 2019 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department 'Resilience and Transformation in Eurasia', Halle/Saale, Germany (6 months)
- 2010/11 Yeditepe University, Anthropology Department, ERASMUS Exchange Student, Istanbul, Turkey.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

Cveček, Sabina

- 2022 *Çukuriçi Höyük 4: Household economics in the Early Bronze Age Aegean*, Oriental and European Archaeology 25, Austrian Academy of Sciences Press.  
<https://doi.org/10.1553/978OEAW87332> (324 pages)

#### Refereed Journal Articles

Cveček, Sabina

- 2023 No Place Like Home for Metalworkers: Household-based Metal Production at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük and Beyond, *History and Anthropology*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02757206.2023.2248169>

Cveček, Sabina and Christoph Schwall

- 2022 Ghost Children: Delayed Personhood and Culture-Specific Models of Infancy in Western Anatolia, *Prähistorische Zeitschrift* 97(2), 544–570. <https://doi.org/10.1515/pz2022-2044>

Cveček, Sabina

- 2020 Throwing their Weights around? Anthropological Perspectives on Commodity and Gift Exchange at the Dawn of the Early Bronze Age in Western Anatolia, *Ägypten und Levante/Egypt and the Levant* 30, 283–300. <http://doi.org/10.1553/AEundL30s283>

## Book Chapters

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs

- 2021 A View from Çukuriçi: Multiple, Co-Existing Models of Socio-Political Organization in Early Bronze Age Western Anatolia. In: Akkaş, I.; Karakoç, M. (Eds.), *Anadolu'da Ethnoarkeoloji Araştırmaları: Prehistorik Dönem'den Günümüze Kadar. Ethnoarchaeological Studies in Anatolia: From the Prehistoric Period to the Present*; Istanbul: Duruk Publishing, 466–496.

## Conference Proceedings

Cveček, Sabina and Stephanie Emra

- 2021 Rhythms of Seasonal 'Taskscapes' at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük, In: Rom, I.; Turner, D.; Filioglou, D.; Slim, F.; Beld, Y. van den (Eds.), *Breaking Boundaries: Connecting the Aegean Bronze Age: Proceedings of the 3rd Scapecon Conference*, TMA Supplement 2. *The Tijdschrift voor Mediterrane Archeologie (Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology)*, 42–49.

## Book Reviews

Cveček, Sabina

- 2018 Antweiler, C. 2016: Our common denominator: human universals revisited' New York: Berghahn Books. *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* 26(2): 269-270.  
<http://doi.org/10.1111/1469-8676.12498>

## Manuscripts under Review

Cveček, Sabina

Why kinship still needs anthropologists in the 21st century, *Anthropology Today*.

Cveček, Sabina

Enthroned, Dethroned, Rethroned: The Multiple Lives of Matrilineal Kinship in Aegean Prehistory, *Archaeological Dialogues*.

Cveček, Sabina

Kinship in Socio-Cultural Anthropology Today: A Short Introduction. In: Souvatzi, S.; Ensor, B. (Eds.), *Prehistoric Kinship: Contemporary Perspectives in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology*, Cambridge University Press.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs (eds.)

The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices. *Anthropos* (special issue).

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs

*Introduction: The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices* In: Cveček, S., Horejs, B. (eds.), *The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices. Anthropos*.

## Publications in News Media

Cveček, Sabina

- 2023      Bronzezeitliche Haushalte aus sozialanthropologischer Sicht/Bronze Age households from a socio-anthropological point of view, [Der Standard](#), March 10, 2023 (an Austrian daily newspaper published in Vienna).

Cveček, Sabina

- 2021      Metalworking as a household activity at the Early Bronze Age site of Çukuriçi Höyük, IFK\_Now, 6–7, January 2021 (International Research Center for Cultural Studies, Insitute newsletter in hard copy).

Cveček, Sabina

- 2021      Magische Schmiedekunst: Die Rolle der Frauen/Magic Forging: The Role of Women, [ORF-Science](#), January 17, 2021 (Science blog of the Austrian national public broadcaster).

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023      City of Vienna, Austria, [Promotion Award for Culture and Science](#), Vienna, Austria (4,000€)
- 2022      Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, London, United Kingdom, Elected Fellow
- 2021      University of Vienna, Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS), Vienna, Austria, [Best PhD Thesis](#)/sowi:doc Award (1,500€)

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (approx. 916,000.00 € of third-party funding until 10/2023)

- 2023      European Commission, [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellowship](#), project application: “[X-KIN](#): Exploring patterns of prehistoric kinship from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives” (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 294,284.64)
- 2023      Austrian Academy of Sciences, [APART-GSK Postdoctoral Fellowship](#), project application: “(Un)Related: Contextualizing Neolithic non-biological relations from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives” (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 328,000 – declined due to MSCA Global Fellowship)
- 2023      Gerda Henkel Foundation, [Gerda Henkel Stiftung Forschungstipendium](#), project application: "So close, yet so far: Contextualizing non-biological relations in Anatolian and Balkan Neolithic from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives" (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 55,200)
- 2023      City of Vienna, MA 7, [City of Vienna Grant](#), project application: “Three Karls in Hindo-Kush: Retrieving Vienna-based legacy from shadows of the past” (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 5,000)
- 2022      Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Holzhausen Legat Grant](#), project application: “Toxicity 5,000 years ago: The (un)making of toxic homes at Çukuriçi Höyük, Turkey” (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 6,000)
- 2022      Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Open Access Fund](#) (€ 4,153.26)
- 2021      University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Printing Costs (1,000€)

- 2020 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Post-DocTrack Fellowship](#) (85076), project application: “Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin”, (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 38,000)
- 2020 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Athens Fellowship](#), project application: “Re-exploring matrilineal societies in Aegean prehistory” (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 6,500)
- 2020 University of Ljubljana, [Tumova Fellowship](#), (€ 4,500)
- 2020 International Research Center for Cultural Studies, [IFK Junior Fellowship](#), Vienna (€ 40,000 – declined after 5 months due to Post-DocTrack Fellowship)
- 2020 Austrian Research Foundation (ÖFG), [Travel Grant](#), (€ 500)
- 2018 Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeaD), [Marietta Blau Grant](#), project application: „Early Bronze Age Maritime Networks: Elite or non-elite exchange“, (PI: S. Cveček) (€ 12,000)
- 2016 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [DOC-team Fellowship](#) (70291), project application: “The Role of Households at the Dawn of the Bronze Age: Contextualizing Social Organization” (PI: S. Cveček, Sabina; Emra, Stephanie; Röcklinger, Maria, and Constanze Moser), (€ 114,000)
- 2016 University of Ljubljana, [Knafljeva Fellowship](#) (€ 4,320)
- 2013 University of Vienna, [Research Grant](#) for M.A. fieldwork (€ 3,000)

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2023 *Descent through Socio-Cultural Anthropological Eyes: Capturing the “Social” in Kinship Models*, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Archaeogenetics, July 27, 2023, Leipzig, Germany
- 2023 *From Households to Society: Zooarchaeological and Cross-Cultural Perspectives at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük* (with Stephanie Emra), University of Cologne, Department of Prehistoric Archaeology, January 12, 2023, Cologne, Germany
- 2021 *Metalworkers’ Homes: Food, Arsenic-Copper, and Knowledge Sharing*, International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK), University of Art and Design Linz, January 18, 2023, Vienna, Austria

#### CONFERENCES

##### Conference/Workshop Organized

- 2018 *Household Archaeology in Old World Prehistory: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, OREA – Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, International Workshop, Workshop co-organizer (7 international speakers), November 21–23, Vienna, Austria

## Panels Organized

- 2024 *Kinship Trouble: Traversing Interdisciplinary Boundaries between Archaeology, Archaeogenetics, and Socio-cultural Anthropology*. American Institute of Archaeology (AIA) Annual Meeting 2024, January 4–7, Chicago, IL, United States. Workshop co-organizer (6 international speakers, 2 co-organizers).
- 2023 *Reconstructing Kinship Practices in Archaeology: Materiality, Socio-cultural Anthropology, and Archaeogenetics*. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 2023, November 15–19, Toronto, Canada. Panel organizer and chair (6 international speakers, 1 discussant),
- 2022 *The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices*. ), VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 26–30, Vienna, Austria. Panel co-organizer (6 international speakers).
- 2018 *Theorizing social change: social organization, complexity, and inequality*. VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 19–21, Vienna, Austria. Panel co-organizer (3 speakers, 1 discussant)

## Papers Presented

- 2024 *How Socio-Cultural Anthropology can engage with Prehistoric Kinship*, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting, 2024, January 4–7, Chicago, IL, United States.
- 2023 *X-KIN: Exploring Patterns of Prehistoric Kinship from Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives*, American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 2023, November 15–19, Toronto, Canada.
- 2023 *Kinship from Cross-Cultural Perspectives: A Mixed Methods Approach to the Seemingly Quantitative Issue*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting 2023, August 30–September 2, Belfast, United Kingdom.
- 2023 *Matrilineal/Patrilineal: Diversities within a Single Kinship Model*, Kiel Conference 2023 – Scales of Social, Environmental and Cultural Change in Past Societies, March 13–18, Kiel, Germany.
- 2022 *Egalitarian, Hierarchical, or Heterarchical Society? Competition and Sharing at the Dawn of the Bronze Age in Western Anatolia*, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Annual Meeting 2022, July 26–29, Belfast, United Kingdom.
- 2022 *Çukuriçi Höyük: Household economics in the Early Bronze Age Aegean*, WAC-9: World Archaeology Congress, July 3–8, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2022 *Kinship and Relatedness in Socio-Cultural Anthropology: Yesterday and Today*, WAC-9: World Archaeology Congress, July 3–8, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2022 *Homes in the Making at the Dawn of Accountancy and Metrology in western Anatolia* (with Barbara Horejs), Notes from Home: An International Virtual Conference on the History and Archaeology of the Home, June 16, New Castle, United Kingdom (virtual).
- 2021 *Tiny world and Neolithic society: New insight from the house model of Platia Magoula Zarkou/Western Thessaly, Greece*, (with Eva Alram-Stern), European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) 2021, September 6–11, Kiel, Germany (virtual).

- 2021 *Mr. or Mrs. Smith? Metalworking as Gendered Craft in (pre)History?*, SIEF 2021: International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, June 19–24, Helsinki, Finland, (virtual).
- 2021 *Ghost Children: Fluid Identities of Children in Prehistoric western Anatolia*, (with Christoph Schwall), Theoretical Archaeology Group, TAG-Turkey III, May 6–9, Ankara, Turkey (virtual).
- 2020 *Negotiation and Interaction in EBA Çukuriçi Höyük: Differing Solutions to Competing 'Scapes' with the Beginning of Rising Inequality* (with Stephanie Emra.), No (E)Scape? Relational Archaeology in the Aegean Bronze Age, September 22, 29, and October 6, Groningen, Netherlands (virtual).
- 2020 *Toxic Households: Arsenical Copper Production at the Centre of the House*, Royal Anthropological Institute, Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future, September 14–18, London, United Kingdom (virtual).
- 2018 *Social Dynamics at the Dawn of the Bronze Age: Archaeo-anthropological Insights from Western Anatolia* (with Maria Röcklinger), VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 19–21, Vienna, Austria.
- 2017 *Eastern Mediterranean Households in the Early Bronze Age*, Roots of Europe: Language, Culture, and Migration, Summer School, July 24–August 6, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2017 *Two EBA Trade Models between Anatolia and Aegean in late Early and Middle Bronze Age: Some Analyses of Finds through Cross-Cultural Comparison*, Graduate Archaeology at Oxford Conference, March 10–11, Oxford, United Kingdom.

#### **Discussant**

- 2021 *Architecture, Art and Symbols: Morality in Prehistoric Societies*, Society and Morality in Eurasia: from Prehistory to the Present Day, *Discussant*, July 7–9, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (virtual).
- 2019 *Final Discussion*, Autumn School of the International Max Planck Research School for the Anthropology, Archaeology, and History of Eurasia (IMPRS ANARCHIE), 4<sup>th</sup> cohort: Representing Domination, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, November 14–15, Halle/Saale, Germany.

#### **CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS (at host institutions)**

- 2019 *Coppersmiths, Homes, and Economies at the Dawn of the 'long 3rd Millennium BCE' in Western Anatolia*, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Departmental Seminar led by Prof. Dr. Chris Hann, June 19, 2019, Halle/Saale, Germany.
- 2019 *Room 18: The Evidence of Socio-Political Centralization at Çukuriçi Höyük from Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives*, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Department for Prehistoric Archaeology and Archaeology of the Middle Ages, Colloquium led by Prof. Dr. François Bertemes, May 21, 2019, Halle/Saale, Germany.
- 2018 *Households at the Dawn of the Bronze Age* (with Stephanie Emra, Maria Röcklinger, Constanze Moser), OREA – Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of

Sciences, Research Group Meeting led by Prof. Dr. Barbara Horejs, May 15, 2023, Vienna, Austria.

- 2016 *Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin*, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Departmental Seminar, October 20, 2016, Vienna, Austria.

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Advisory board meeting at the Institute for the Oriental and European Archaeology, Vienna (with Stephanie Emra, Constanze Moser, and Maria Röcklinger)
- 2017 Austrian Academy of Sciences, Award Ceremony, Vienna (with Stephanie Emra, Constanze Moser, and Maria Röcklinger)

### OUTREACH

- 2023 [Book presentation](#), Metallurgen, Seefahrer und Händler vor 5000 Jahren: Präsentation der neuen Abschlusspublikationen zu den Grabungen auf dem Çukuriçi Höyük/Metallurgists, seafarers and traders 5000 years ago: Presentation of the new final publications on the excavations at the Çukuriçi Höyük, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- 2023 [Science Slam](#), Rising Voices – Social Scientists on Stage: Celebration of the sowi:doc Awards 2022 and Semester Closing of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 [Sowi:Doc Award Acceptance Speech](#), Rising Voices – Social Science Interventions on Controversial Topics, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

### MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2021 Interview for the Slovakian National Radio, Studio World reportage, and a [podcast](#).

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020 University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Graduate Course, Guest Lecture, *Prehistoric Households and Social Inequality: Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives* in Tijo Salverda's seminar *(In)equality: A critical investigation*

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Library Research at the MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (1 month)
- 2021 Library Research at the Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens, Greece, research visit to Neolithic and Early Bronze Age sites in mainland Greece and Cyclades (3 months)
- 2019 Research visit to the Bronze Age and Neolithic sites in South-Eastern Anatolia, Turkey (1 month)



- 2019 Library Research at the MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (6 months)
- 2018 Archaeological fieldwork at the Austrian Archaeological Institute in Selçuk, Turkey, research visit to Çukuriçi Höyük and other Early Bronze Age regional sites (3 months)
- 2017 Archaeological fieldwork at the Diachronic Museum in Larissa, Greece, research visit to Platia Magoula Zarkou and other Early Bronze Age and Neolithic regional sites (1 month)
- 2013 Ethnographic fieldwork in New Delhi, a basis for MA thesis (6 months)
- 2010 Ethnographic fieldwork in Rameswaram, India, a basis for a seminar paper (1 month)

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- 2023 [Peers4Careers Accountability Programme](#), Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft, Vienna, Austria (6 months)
- 2023 [Project Management Training](#), University of Graz, Vienna, Austria (296 hours, certificate)
- 2022 [Fit4Funding virtual course](#), The Austrian Research Promotion Agency, Vienna, Austria (30 hours)
- 2021 [HRAF Summer Institute for Cross-Cultural Anthropological Research](#), HRAF – Human Relations Area Files at Yale University, USA (90 hours)
- 2017 [Summer School](#), *Roots of Europe: Language, culture and migrations, an interdisciplinary summer school in archaeology, ancient genetics, linguistics, and socio-cultural anthropology*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (80 hours)

#### **LANGUAGES**

Slovenian: native speaker

English: excellent reading, speaking, writing

German: excellent reading, excellent speaking, good writing

Serbo-Croatian: excellent reading, very good speaking, good writing

Hindi: basic reading, speaking, writing

#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- 2023–2026 Co-chair of the Archaeology and Gender in Europe (AGE) network of the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (since)**

- 2023 SAA – Society for American Archaeology, Member
- 2023 AIA – American Institute of Archaeology, Member
- 2022 RAI – Royal Anthropological Institute, Elected Fellow
- 2021 AAA – American Association of Anthropologists, Member
- 2021 EAA – European Association of Archaeologists, Member
- 2020 SIEF – International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Member
- 2016 EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists, Member

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Mentee, ASciNA – Austrian Scientists & Scholars in North America, [Mentoring Programme](#). Mentor: Prof. Dr. Walter Scheidel, Department of Classics, Stanford University, USA
- 2023 Mentee, European Archaeological Association, [Early Career Archaeologists Mentoring Programme](#). Mentor: Prof. Dr. Anna Wessman, Department of Cultural History, University of Bergen, Norway
- 2022 Mentee, Mentoring Programme of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Mentor: Em. Prof. Dr. Brigitte Mazohl, University of Innsbruck, Institute for Historical Sciences and European Ethnology
- 2022 Mentor, [Mentoring Programme of the University of Ljubljana](#). Mentees: Eva Poklukar, Gašper Raušl, Besjana Rrahmani, B.Aa and M.A. students in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana